

Federal Election Contribution Limits

Effective March 2005

DONOR	RECIPIENT				
	Candidate ¹	PAC	State/Local Party	National Party Committees	Special Limits
Individual²	\$2,100/election	\$5,000/year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · \$10,000/year to each state/local party committee relative to federal elections (if permitted by state law) · Subject to state limits for state/local elections 	\$26,700/year total to all national party committees, subject to the special limits	\$101,400/cycle aggregate limit to all candidates and committees as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Up to \$40,000/cycle to all candidates · Up to \$61,400/cycle to all national parties and PACs
PAC	\$5,000/election	\$5,000/year	\$5,000/year	\$15,000/year	No overall aggregate limits
Corporations/ Labor Unions	Prohibited	Prohibited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · \$10,000/year to each state/local party committee relative to federal elections (if permitted by state law) · Subject to state limits for state/local elections 	Prohibited	
State/Local Party	\$5,000/election	\$5,000/year	Unlimited transfers	Unlimited transfers of hard money	No overall aggregate limits
National Party Committees³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · \$5,000/election to House candidates · \$37,300/cycle to Senate candidates 	\$5,000/year	Unlimited transfers of hard money	Unlimited transfers of hard money	No overall aggregate limits

¹ Individual contribution limits are increased when a candidate's opponent spends personal funds above specified thresholds. Senate candidates are limited to self financing of \$150,000 plus 4 cents times the voting age population of the state. House candidates are limited to self-financing of \$350,000. When these thresholds are breached, individual contribution limits increase three-fold or more, depending on the level of self financing.

² Individual contribution limits to federal candidates and national party committees, and the national party committees contribution limit to Senate candidates, are indexed for inflation. No other contribution limits are adjusted for inflation.

³ National, state and local party committees are also permitted to make "coordinated party expenditures" in support of federal candidates. These coordinated expenditures do not count against the contribution limits. Coordinated party expenditures are subject to varying limits based on population and level of office.

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