

Federal Election Contribution Limits

Effective 2011-2012

DONOR	RECIPIENT				
	Candidate	PAC (multicandidate)	State/Local Party	National Party Committees	Special Limits
Individual²	\$2,500/election	\$5,000/year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · \$10,000/year to affiliated state/local party committees combined for federal election activity · Subject to state limits for state/local elections 	\$30,800/year to each national party committee, subject to the special limits	\$117,000/biennial (two year) aggregate limit to all candidates and committees as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Up to \$46,200/cycle to all federal candidates · Up to \$70,800/cycle to all parties and PACs for federal election activity
PAC (multicandidate)	\$5,000/election	\$5,000/year	\$5,000/year (combined limit)	\$15,000/year	No overall aggregate limits
Corporations/ Labor Unions	Prohibited	Prohibited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · \$10,000/year to affiliated state/local party committees combined for restricted federal election activity (if permitted by state law) · Subject to state limits for state/local elections 	Prohibited	
State/Local Party	\$5,000/election (combined limit)	\$5,000/year (combined limit)	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 · \$43,100/cycle to Senate candidates 	\$5,000/year	Unlimited transfers of hard money	Unlimited transfers of hard money	No overall aggregate limits
Authorized candidate campaign committee	\$2,000/election	\$5,000/year	Unlimited transfers	Unlimited transfers	No overall aggregate limits

² Individual contribution limits to federal candidates and national party committees, and the national party committee's 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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