

**MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS - GENERAL ELECTION**  
**RULES FOR APPLICATION FOR CHALLENGER CREDENTIALS - (N.J.S.A. Title 19 - Election - Chapters 7)**

**DEADLINE DATE FOR FILING APPLICATIONS: October 19, 2021**

Applications for challenger credentials must be filed with the Monmouth County Board of Elections, 300 Halls Mill Road, Freehold, New Jersey, **and NO LATER** than the **second Tuesday** preceding any election.

**ABSOLUTELY NO APPLICATION** for such credentials will be accepted after the deadline date. Early filing is recommended to avoid errors and delays caused by last minute application.

**WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED?**

No person shall be appointed who is not a **registered voter** in Monmouth County. No challenger shall serve in any district other than the one to which that challenger has been appointed. **(A challenger does not have to reside in the district or municipality in which that challenger has been designated to serve).**

**PERMITS TO CHALLENGER:**

Such permits (credentials) are issued by the Monmouth County Board of Elections. Challengers must file credentials with the district election board before being permitted to sit the polling place. These credentials may be revoked and others issued in their stead at any time up to and including the day of election. However, such changes must be effected **AT THE OFFICE** of the Monmouth County Board of Elections.

**BADGE:**

Every challenger must wear a badge furnished by the County Board of Elections.

**NUMBER OF CHALLENGERS PERMITTED PER CANDIDATE:**

Each candidate who has filed a petition is permitted two (2) challengers per district. The candidate's name and the office for which the candidate has been nominated **MUST APPEAR** on the application, and the candidate's signature is required on same. **PLEASE NOTE**, although two credentials are issued, only one challenger for each candidate may be present at any one time. **A CANDIDATE WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THE BALLOT, DOES NOT NEED TO APPLY FOR A CHALLENGER CREDENTIAL FOR HIM/HERSELF. Candidates are automatically a challenger and DO NOT NEED A CREDENTIAL.**

**MULTIPLE CREDENTIALS:**

Multiple credentials can be used to permit one person to enter more than one polling place. This is **NOT IN ADDITION** to the restriction of two (2) challengers per candidate per district. It is recommended, however, that no more than two sets of multiple credentials be issued per municipality.

**PUBLIC QUESTION:**

A candidate's challenger form cannot be used to apply for challenger credentials under Public Questions. Organizations applying for those credentials should use appropriate forms. These forms are available at your Municipal Clerk and the County Board of Elections.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Application for challenger credentials must be in writing, giving the correct name, address, and the district in which the challenger is to serve, also the correct district in which that person resides.

**THE NAME AND ADDRESS MUST BE PRINTED EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS IN THE REGISTRY BOOK. INCORRECT INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF A CHALLENGER.**

**ALL CHALLENGERS SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH THEIR DUTIES ON ELECTION DAY**