

This document applies only to contributions made directly to a candidate's election campaign under the [Municipal Elections Act, 1996](#). The Act contains separate and distinct rules governing registrations, spending, and payments related to third party advertising, which are addressed under separate provisions of the Act (see Orillia informational form "Information for Contributors – TPA").

**Who may contribute**

88.8 (3) Only the following persons may make contributions:

1. An individual who is normally resident in Ontario.
2. Subject to subsection (5), the candidate and his or her spouse.

**Who cannot contribute**

88.8 (4) For greater certainty, and without limiting the generality of subsection (3), the following persons and entities shall not make a contribution:

1. A federal political party registered under the Canada Elections Act (Canada) or any federal constituency association or registered candidate at a federal election endorsed by that party.
2. A provincial political party, constituency association, registered candidate or leadership contestant registered under the Election Finances Act.
3. A corporation that carries on business in Ontario.
4. A trade union that holds bargaining rights for employees in Ontario.
5. The Crown in right of Canada or Ontario, a municipality or a local board.

**Non-resident candidate, spouse**

88.8 (5) If not normally resident in Ontario, a candidate and his or her spouse may make contributions only to the candidate's election campaign.

**Who may accept contribution**

88.8 (6) A contribution may be accepted only by a candidate or an individual acting under the candidate's direction.

**Contributors**

88.8 (7) A contribution may be accepted only from a person or entity that is entitled to make a contribution.

**Contributions exceeding \$25**

88.8 (8) A contribution of money that exceeds \$25 shall not be contributed in the form of cash and shall be contributed in a manner that associates the contributor's name and account with the payment or by a money order signed by the contributor.

**Exception re making information public**

88.8 (9) For greater certainty, if a municipality or local board makes information available to the public on a website or in another electronic format, the provision of the information does not constitute a contribution to a candidate.

**Same**

88.8 (10) Without limiting the generality of subsection (9), the information referred to in that subsection includes the following:

1. The phone number and email address provided by the candidate in the nomination filed under section 33.
2. A hyperlink to the candidate's website.

**Maximum contributions to candidates**

88.9 (1) A contributor shall not make contributions exceeding a total of \$1,200 to any one candidate in an election.

**More than one office**

88.9 (2) If a person is a candidate for more than one office, a contributor's total contributions to him or her in respect of all the offices shall not exceed \$1,200.

**Exception, mayor of City of Toronto**

88.9 (3) Despite subsections (1) and (2), for the purposes of those subsections the maximum total contribution that a contributor may make to a candidate for the office of mayor of the City of Toronto is \$2,500.

**Multiple candidates**

88.9 (4) A contributor shall not make contributions exceeding a total of \$5,000 to two or more candidates for office on the same council or local board.

**Exception, candidates and spouses**

88.9 (5) This section does not apply to contributions made to a candidate's own election campaign by the candidate or his or her spouse.

**Fund-raising for candidates**

88.10 (1) A fund-raising function shall not be held for a person who is not a candidate.

**Same**

88.10 (2) A fund-raising function for a candidate shall not be held outside the candidate's election campaign period described in section 88.24.