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FEC Increases Contribution Limits to Party Committees, Leaves Candidate Limits the Same

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The Federal Election Commission has [announced contribution limits](#) for the 2017-2018 election cycle. The new limits are effective January 1, 2017.

The FEC did not change the limit on the amount an individual can contribute to a candidate, leaving the limit at **\$2,700** per election. Because the primary and general count as separate elections, individuals may give **\$5,400** per candidate per cycle.

The limit on contributions from individuals to national party committees has increased from \$33,400 to **\$33,900**. This increase also affects the limit on contributions to additional specialized accounts of the party committees, which were first allowed through [legislation passed](#) at the beginning of the last election cycle. Each of these accounts can receive contributions that are **triple** the amount that can be given to the main party account, or **\$101,700** per account per year. These accounts can be used to pay for expenses related to presidential nominating conventions, headquarters buildings of the party, and election recounts, contests, and other legal proceedings.

The following chart shows more details on the limits for individuals in 2017 and 2018:

An individual may contribute to:

Federal Candidates	\$2,700	per election
National party committees—main account	\$33,900	per year
National party committees—convention account (RNC and DNC only)	\$101,700	per year
National party committees—party building account	\$101,700	per year
National party committees—legal fund account	\$101,700	per year
State or local party committees' federal accounts	\$10,000	per year
Federal PACs	\$5,000	per year

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