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# FEC Increases Contribution Limits for 2019-2020

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The Federal Election Commission has [announced contribution limits](#) for 2019-2020. The new “per election” limits are effective for the 2019-2020 election cycle (November 7, 2018 – November 3, 2020), and the calendar year limits are effective January 1, 2019.

The FEC increased the amount an individual can contribute to a candidate to **\$2,800 per election**, up from \$2,700. Because the primary and general count as separate elections, individuals may give **\$5,600** per candidate per cycle.

The limit on contributions from individuals to national party committees also increased from \$33,900 to **\$35,500 per year**. This increase also affects the limit on contributions to additional specialized accounts of the party committees, which were first allowed through [legislation passed](#) in 2014. Each of these accounts can receive contributions that are **triple** the amount that can be given to the main party account, or **\$106,500** 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 2019 and 2020:

### An individual may contribute to ...

Federal Candidates	\$2,800	per election
National party committees — main account	\$35,500	per year
National party committees — convention account (RNC and DNC only)	\$106,500	per year
National party committees — party building account	\$106,500	per year
National party committees — legal fund account	\$106,500	per year
State or local party committees' federal accounts	\$10,000	per year
Federal PACs	\$5,000	per year

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