

# Federal Contribution Limits 2011-2012

Contributors	Recipients				Biennial Limit
	Federal candidates or candidate committees	National party committees	State, district & local party committees <sup>3</sup>	PACs	
<b>Individual<sup>1</sup></b>	\$2,500 per election <sup>2</sup>	\$30,800 per year	\$10,000 per year	\$5,000 per year	\$117,000 overall biennial limit: <sup>4</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$46,200 to all candidates</li> <li>\$70,800 to all PACs and parties (only \$46,200 of the \$70,800 amount may go to PACs and state/local parties)</li> </ul>
<b>PAC (multicandidate)</b>	\$5,000 per election <sup>2</sup>	\$15,000 per year	\$5,000 per year	\$5,000 per year	None
<b>PAC (not multicandidate)</b>	\$2,500 per election <sup>2</sup>	\$30,800 per year	\$10,000 per year	\$5,000 per year	None

- Spouses have separate contribution limits. However, if a contribution is made on a joint account where only one spouse signs the check, the contributed amount will be allocated in full to the signer. If the spouses intend that the check be allocated between the two of them, each spouse must sign the check or accompany the contribution with written instructions (a letter, note, or donor card). If both spouses sign the check or other writing but do not specify how their contribution should be allocated, the contributed amount will be allocated equally between them.
- The limit on contributions to federal candidates or candidate committees is a per election limit. For purposes of contribution limits, primary, general, special, and run-off elections are each considered separate elections. To avoid inadvertently making an excessive contribution, contributors should specify in an accompanying letter, note, or donor card the election for which the contribution is intended.
- The limits in this column apply to contributions to the federal accounts of state and local party committees. Also, the limit is shared by all state and local party committees for a particular party in a single state. When making a contribution to a state or local party committee, it is important to determine in advance, and specify through written instructions to the recipient committee, whether the contribution is intended for the party's federal or non-federal account. Different limits may apply to contributions to non-federal accounts.
- The biennial limit applies to total individual contributions made between January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2012.

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