

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

State/District officials file with:
John Thurston, Secretary of State
500 Woodlane Street
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone (501) 682-5070
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Calendar year covered 2026
(Note: Filing covers the previous calendar year)

For assistance in completing
this form contact:
Arkansas Ethics Commission
Phone (501) 324-9600
Toll Free (800) 422-7773

Is this an amendment? Yes No

Please provide complete information. If the information requested in a particular section does not apply to you, indicate such by noting "Not Applicable" in that section. Do not leave any part of this form blank. If additional space is needed, you may attach the information to this document. Do not file this form with the Arkansas Ethics Commission.

SECTION 1- NAME AND ADDRESS

Name Benton, Brandie Kay
(Last) (First) (Middle)
Address 864 South Moore Rd., Hot Springs, AR 71913
(Street or P.O. Box Number) (City) (State) (Zip Code)
Phone 5010-815-3958

Spouse's name Benton, Donald Gene
(Last) (First) (Middle)

All names under which you and/or your spouse do business: _____

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SECTION 2- REASON FOR FILING

- Public Official _____
(office held) **Arkansas Secretary of State**
- Candidate _____
(office sought)
- District Judge _____
(name of district)
- City Attorney _____
(name of city)
- State Government: Agency Head/Department Director/Division Director ADE/DESE Assistant Commissioner Ed Effect & Lic
(name of agency/department/division)
- Chief of Staff or Chief Deputy _____
(name of Constitutional Officer, Senate, or House of Representatives)
- Public appointee to State Board or Commission _____
(name of board/commission)
- School Board member _____
(name of school district)
- Candidate for school board _____
(name of school district)
- Public or Charter School Superintendent _____
(name of school district/school)
- Executive Director of Education Service Cooperative _____
(name of cooperative)
- Advertising and Promotion Commission member _____
(name of advertising and promotion commission)
- Research Park Authority Board member under A.C.A. § 14-144-201 et seq. _____
(name of research park authority board)

SECTION 2- REASON FOR FILING (continued)

- Appointee to one of the following municipal, county or regional boards or commissions (list name of board or commission):
 - Planning board or commission _____
 - Airport board or commission _____
 - Water or Sewer board or commission _____
 - Utility board or commission _____
 - Civil Service commission _____

SECTION 3- SOURCE OF INCOME

List each employer and/or each other source of income from which you, your spouse, or any other person for the use or benefit of you or your spouse receives gross income amounting to more than \$1,000. (You are not required to disclose the individual items of income that constitute a portion of the gross income of the business or profession from which you or you spouse derives income. For example: accountants, attorneys, farmers, contractors, etc. do not have to list their individual clients.) If you receive gross income exceeding \$1,000 from at least one source, the answer N/A is not correct.

a) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500
Virtual Arkansas

(name of employer or source of income)
101 Bulldog Drive · Plumerville, Arkansas 72127

(address)
Brandie Benton

(name under which income received)

Provide a brief description of the nature of the services for which the compensation was received _____
Employed full time January- August, 2025 - Served as Deputy Superintendent; no longer employed

b) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500
National Council for the Social Studies

(name of employer or source of income)
1100. Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

(address)
Brandie Benton

(name under which income received)

Provide a brief description of the nature of the services for which the compensation was received _____
Received a stipend for coordinating SPA reports; no longer employed

c) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500
Once Upon a Time Vacations

(name of employer or source of income)
20927 S Amber Willow Trl, Cypress, Texas 77433

(address)
Brandie Benton

(name under which income received)

Provide a brief description of the nature of the services for which the compensation was received _____
Work part time as a travel advisor for commission only

a) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500

Lake Hamilton School District

205 Wolf Street, Pearcy, AR 71964

Donald Benton (spouse)

Provide a brief description of the nature of the services for which the compensation was received

Teacher

b) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500

White River Services
050 White Drive, Batesville, AR 72501

Donald Benton (spouse)

Provide a brief description of the nature of the services for which the compensation was received: **Account Executive**

c) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500

Varsity Tutor
101 S. Hanley Rd., Suite 300, St. Louis, MO 63105

Donald Benton (spouse)

Provide a brief description of the nature of the services for which the compensation was received: **Consultant**

c) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500

Arkansas Teacher Retirement
1400 West Third Street, Little Rock, AR 72201

Donald Benton (spouse)

Provide a brief description of the nature of the services for which the compensation was received: **Retirement Payments**

SECTION 10- AWARDS

If you are an employee of a public school district, the Arkansas School for the Blind, the Arkansas School for the Deaf, the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts, a university, a college, a technical college, a technical institute, a comprehensive life-long learning center, or a community college, the law requires you to disclose each monetary or other award over one hundred dollars (\$100) which you have received in recognition of your contributions to education. The information disclosed with respect to each such award should include the source, date, description, and a reasonable estimate of the fair market value.

a) _____
(description of award)

_____ (date) _____ (fair market value)

_____ (source of award)

b) _____
(description of award)

_____ (date) _____ (fair market value)

_____ (source of award)

c) _____
(description of award)

_____ (date) _____ (fair market value)

_____ (source of award)

d) _____
(description of award)

_____ (date) _____ (fair market value)

_____ (source of award)

SECTION 11- NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCES OF PAYMENT

List each nongovernmental source of payment of your expenses for food, lodging, or travel which bears a relationship to your office when you appear in your official capacity when the expenses incurred exceed \$150.

a) _____
(name of person or organization paying expense)

_____ (business address)

_____ (date of expense) \$ _____ (amount of expense)

_____ (nature of expenditure)

b) _____
(name of person or organization paying expense)

_____ (business address)

_____ (date of expense) \$ _____ (amount of expense)

_____ (nature of expenditure)

SECTION 14- SIGNATURE

I certify under penalty of false swearing that the above information is true and correct.

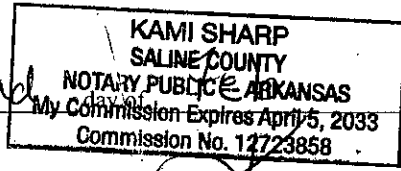
Digitally signed by Brandie. Benton
(ADE)
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Brandie Benton (ADE)
Signature

STATE OF ARKANSAS

COUNTY OF Saline } ss

Subscribed and sworn before me this 2nd day of April, 202026.



Notary Public

(Legible Notary Seal)

My commission expires: 2033

Note: If faxed, notary seal must be legible (i.e., either stamped or raised and inked) and the original must follow within ten (10) days pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-703(b)(3).

IMPORTANT

Where to file:

- State or district candidates/public servants file with the Secretary of State.
- Appointees to state boards/commissions file with the Secretary of State.
- County, township, and school district candidates/public servants file with the county clerk.
- Municipal candidates/public servants file with the city clerk or recorder, as the case may be.
- City attorneys file with the city clerk of the municipality in which they serve.
- District judges file with the Secretary of State.
- Members of regional boards or commissions file with the county clerk of the county in which they reside.

General Information:

- * The Statement of Financial Interest should be filed by January 31 of each year.
- * The filing covers the previous calendar year.
- * Candidates for elective office shall file the Statement of Financial Interest for the previous calendar year on the first Monday following the close of the period to file as a candidate for elective office unless already filed by January 31. In addition, if the party filing period ends before January 1 of the year of the general election, candidates for elective office shall file a Statement of Financial Interest for the previous calendar year by no later than January 31 of the year of the general election.
- * Agency heads, department directors, and division directors of state government shall file the Statement of Financial Interest within thirty (30) days of appointment or employment unless already filed by January 31.
- * Appointees to state boards or commissions shall file the Statement of Financial Interest within thirty (30) days after appointment unless already filed by January 31.
- * If a person is included in any category listed above for any part of a calendar year, that person shall file a Statement of Financial Interest covering that period of time regardless of whether they have left their office or position as of the date the statement is due.

Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-403 provides that, upon conviction, any person who violates any provision of subchapter 4, 6, 7, or 8 of chapter 8, Title 21 of the Arkansas Code is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. The culpable mental state required shall be a purposeful violation.
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