

Running for political office is expensive.

**Rising campaign costs:**

require candidates to conduct extensive fund-raising activities.

limit opportunities to run for public office.

give an advantage of wealthy individuals who run for office.

encourage the development of political action committees (PAC"s).

**Campaign finance reform**

Rising campaign costs have led to efforts to reform campaign finance laws.

Limits exist on the amount individuals may contribute to political candidates and campaigns.

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the political process at the local, state, and national levels of government by:  
d) examining the role of campaign contributions and costs.