

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ELECTION BOARD



**NATIONAL
COUNCIL
CAMPAIGN
INFORMATION**

ELECTION BOARD MISSION STATEMENT

It is the purpose of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board to maintain the highest level of integrity in conducting the Muscogee (Creek) Nation elections according to the Election Codes Title 19, of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation code and enforce the election codes in a responsible, impartial, and unbiased manner. Also to, inform all enrolled registered voters of elections and promote voter registration throughout the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's eight districts, as well as to the absentee voters outside the Muscogee (Creek) Nation boundaries..



MCN ELECTION BOARD & STAFF

Walter Pigeon - Board Member

Eugenia Tiger - Board Member

Nolen Robinson - Board Member

Selina Jayne-Dornan - Board Member

Nelson Harjo Jr - Manager

Sam Marshall - Supervisor

Maranda Coon - Staff

Amber Brinkley - Staff

Rachel Hart - Staff

ELECTION BOARD OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

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Facebook: Muscogee Creek Nation Election Office

**2021
MCN PRIMARY ELECTION
FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL SEAT B**

Primary Election (Early Voting) : Wednesday - September 15th, 2021

Thursday - September 16th, 2021

Primary Election Day: Saturday - September 18th, 2021

ALL VOTING TIMES ARE FROM 7 AM - 7PM EACH DAY

2021
MCN GENERAL (RUN OFF) ELECTION
FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL SEAT B

General Election (Early Voting) : Wednesday - November 3, 2021
 Thursday - November 4, 2021

 General Election Day: Saturday - November 6, 2021

ALL VOTING TIMES ARE FROM 7 AM - 7PM EACH DAY

QUALIFICATIONS TO FILE YOUR CANDIDACY FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL SEATS

- At least 18 years of age at the time of filing
- At least one fourth (1/4) or more of Creek by Blood
- Have been a registered voter for the MCN Tribal Elections at least 6 months prior to filing
- Principal Residency must be in the MCN District for at least one full calendar year upon filing for office
- No felony convictions within the past 10 years at the time of filing
- Submit the non-refundable filing fee of five hundred dollars (\$500) at the time of filing

DOCUMENTS NEEDED WHEN FILING FOR OFFICE

- Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizenship card or citizenship verification statement
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation voter's card
- Cashier's check, certified check, or money order made out to:
MCN Election Board in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00)
- Proof of residency (details on next slide)

PROOF OF RESIDENCY

Three (3) of the following documents will be required to establish residency. All documentation must display the same residence:

- Copy of previous year's income tax return or statement
- Homestead exemption or copy of previous year's property tax
- For renters - A notarized copy of the rental agreement from the owner or landlord with contact information for either the owner or landlord
- Utility bill statement establishing service at the residency for at least a year
- One of the following: Citizenship Card, State Issued Driver's License, State Issued ID, Muscogee (Creek) Voter's Card
- Schedule "A" printout from Muscogee (Creek) Nation Realty Department

EMPLOYEES OF MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION THAT FILE FOR CANDIDACY

Upon filing their candidacy for office, employees of Muscogee (Creek) Nation must file for a leave of absence from their agency, department, or program. Employees have the option to use annual leave or compensation time they may have accrued during this leave of absence period.

Employees must report back to work the first working day after Election Day if the employee does not advance past the Primary Election.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING

INTRODUCTION



**CANDIDATES ARE
REQUIRED TO
SUBMIT CAMPAIGN
FINANCE
DISCLOSURE
STATEMENTS**

THE FOLLOWING IS A SHORT
INTRODUCTION TO THE RULES REGARDING
CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING. FOR AN
EXACT WORDING OF THE CAMPAIGN
FINANCE CODE, PLEASE SEE MCNCA TITLE
19, CHAPTER 15 ENTITLED: CAMPAIGN
FINANCE CODE

CAMPAIGN FINANCING DEFINITIONS

Declaration of Candidacy - When an individual files for elective office, announces their candidacy through a publication or webpage of general circulation, by news media announcement, or upon commencement of fundraising activities, whichever comes first.

Candidate – A person who has declared his or her candidacy for elective office by any means described in the definition of ‘Declaration of Candidacy’.

Campaign Contribution – Is a contribution in money, goods, or services to a candidate to whom it is offered or given with the intent that it be used in connection with a campaign for elective office.

In-Kind Contribution – Is any contribution of a good or service rather than a money donation. In-Kind contributions shall be reported as such, and the report shall include the name of the donor, donor’s address, donor’s occupation, and the fair market value of the good or service contributed.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

CANDIDATES WILL BE PROVIDED BLANK CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS FROM THE ELECTION BOARD OFFICE. ADDITIONAL COPIES MAY BE REQUESTED

CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE ELECTION BOARD OFFICE BY THE FOLLOWING DEADLINES NO LATER THAN 5:00PM CST FOR EACH DEADLINE:

- July 26, 2021 – 1st report due for individuals who declare their candidacies prior to July 19, 2021.
- August 5, 2021 – 2nd report due for the month of July 2021.
- September 5, 2021 – 3rd report due for the month of August 2021.
- October 5, 2021 – 4th report due for the month of September 2021.
- November 5, 2021 – 5th report due for the month of October 2021. (If you are a candidate in the General Election)
- December 5, 2021 – 6th report due for the month of November 2021. (If you are a candidate in the General Election)

REPORTING CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS

- CANDIDATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPORT DIRECT MONETARY AND/OR IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS OF OVER \$100.00 ACCEPTED BY THEIR CAMPAIGNS FROM INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS, OR BUSINESS ENTITIES. THIS AMOUNT SHALL INCLUDE CONTRIBUTIONS ACCEPTED IN LUMP SUMS OR BY ACCUMULATIVE TOTALS
- CANDIDATES MAY NOT ACCEPT DIRECT MONETARY AND/OR IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS, OR BUSINESS ENTITIES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000.00. THIS AMOUNT SHALL INCLUDE CONTRIBUTIONS ACCEPTED IN LUMP SUMS OR BY ACCUMULATIVE TOTALS
- CANDIDATES WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO REPORT ANY PERSONAL FUNDS USED DURING THEIR CAMPAIGN
- IF THE CANDIDATE DECLARES THAT THEY HAVE NOT ACCEPTED ANY MONETARY OR IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR A REPORTING PERIOD, THAT CANDIDATE WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN AND SUBMIT A DISCLOSURE STATEMENT DECLARING \$0.00 ACCEPTED FOR THAT REPORTING PERIOD
- CANDIDATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPORT ALL CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES USED FROM CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUNDRAISERS/CAMPAIGN EVENTS

- CANDIDATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPORT ALL CAMPAIGN FUNDS IN EXCESS OF \$100.00 GARNERED FROM CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISERS OR DURING CAMPAIGN EVENTS
- CONTRIBUTION REPORTING STANDARDS WILL APPLY IF THE CANDIDATE ACCEPTS ANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO HELP HOST OR PERFORM THE FUNDRAISER OR EVENT
- CONTRIBUTION REPORTING STANDARDS WILL APPLY IF THE CANDIDATE ACCEPTS DIRECT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS, OR BUSINESS ENTITIES DURING THE CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER OR EVENT
- CANDIDATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPORT ALL CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES USED FROM CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING FUNDS AND/OR EVENTS

CERTIFIED VOTER LISTING

THE ELECTION BOARD WILL PROVIDE ALL CANDIDATES WITH A CERTIFIED LISTING OF CITIZENS WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TRIBAL ELECTIONS.

PER *NCA 15-219*, A VOTER HAS THE RIGHT TO WITHHOLD HIS OR HER NAME AND ADDRESS FROM APPEARING ON ANY OFFICIAL VOTER LISTING PROVIDED BY THE ELECTION BOARD.

CANDIDATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE NAMES TO THE ELECTION BOARD OFFICE IN ADVANCE, OF INDIVIDUALS THAT WILL BE AUTHORIZED BY THE CANDIDATE TO RETRIEVE VOTER LISTINGS OR OTHER ITEMS ON BEHALF OF THE SAID CANDIDATE.

CONTESTS OF CANDIDACY

ONLY CANDIDATES MAY CONTEST ANOTHER CANDIDATE'S CAPACITY TO SEEK OFFICE

CONTESTS MUST BE FILED BY FRIDAY, JULY 23RD NO LATER THAN 5:00PM

AT THE TIME A CONTEST IS FILED, THE CONTESTOR MUST PRESENT A NON-REFUNDABLE FEE OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) IN THE FORM OF A CASHIER'S CHECK, CERTIFIED CHECK, OR MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO MCN ELECTION BOARD

CONTESTING THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION

ONLY CANDIDATES MAY CONTEST THE RESULTS OF A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION

CONTESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTION BOARD NO LATER THAN:

- PRIMARY ELECTION- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021 BY 5:00PM***
- GENERAL ELECTION- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2021 BY 5:00PM***

AT THE TIME A CONTEST IS FILED, THE CONTESTOR MUST PRESENT A NON-REFUNDABLE FEE OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) FOR EACH DISTRICT AFFECTED BY THE SAID CONTEST IN THE FORM OF A CASHIER'S CHECK, CERTIFIED CHECK, OR MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO *MCN ELECTION BOARD*

WATCHER RULES & REGULATIONS

CANDIDATES MUST SUBMIT WATCHER NAME TO THE ELECTION BOARD MANAGER NO LATER THAN 5:00PM ON:

- PRIMARY ELECTION- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021**
- GENERAL ELECTION- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021**

WATCHERS ARE REQUIRED TO BE ONSITE AT THE PRECINCT LOCATION PRIOR TO 7:00 A.M. WATCHERS FOR THE ABSENTEE COUNT ROOM ARE REQUIRED TO BE ONSITE NO LATER THAN 10:00 A.M.

WATCHERS MUST ADHERE TO MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ELECTION LAWS BY SUBMITTING TO AN OATH

WATCHERS SHALL BE LIMITED TO OBSERVATION ONLY AND MAY MAKE ONLY WRITTEN OBJECTIONS THAT THEY WILL FORWARD TO PRECINCT INSPECTORS OR ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS

WATCHERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO REMAIN STATIONED AT THE PRECINCT SITE OR IN THE ABSENTEE COUNT ROOM FOR THE SAME HOURS AS THE PRECINCT WORKERS OR ABSENTEE WORKERS

WATCHERS SERVE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS AND WILL NOT BE COMPENSATED BY THE ELECTION BOARD

TITLE 19

CAMPAIGNING REGULATIONS

DURING ELECTION DAYS DO NOT PLACE CAMPAIGN SIGNS OR CAMPAIGN LITERATURE WITHIN 300 FEET OF THE PRECINCT/POLLING SITE DURING THE ELECTION.

YOU CANNOT BRIBE SOMEONE TO VOTE OR YOU COULD BE FOUND GUILTY OF A FELONY

YOU CANNOT BRIBE A CAMPAIGN OPPONENT TO WITHDRAW THEIR CANDIDACY OR YOU COULD BE FOUND GUILTY OF A FELONY

YOU CANNOT ACCEPT A BRIBE FROM A CAMPAIGN OPPONENT TO WITHDRAW YOUR CANDIDACY OR YOU COULD BE FOUND GUILTY OF A FELONY

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DISCOURAGE OR PREVENT A CITIZEN FROM REGISTERING TO VOTE OR YOU COULD BE FOUND GUILTY OF A FELONY

ANONYMOUS CAMPAIGN LITERATURE

INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE ALLOWED TO PUBLISH LITERATURE OR COMMUNICATION DESIGNED TO EITHER PROMOTE OR ENDORSE A CANDIDATE OR QUESTION ON THE BALLOT, LIKEWISE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE ALLOWED TO PUBLISH LITERATURE OR COMMUNICATION DESIGNED TO INJURE OR OPPOSE A CANDIDATE OR QUESTION ON THE BALLOT AS LONG AS THE AUTHOR OF SUCH PUBLICATION NAME AND ADDRESS APPEAR IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE ON THE LITERATURE OR COMMUNICATION AND IN THE CASE OF AN ORGANIZATION, THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF AT LEAST TWO (2) OFFICERS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

ANONYMOUS CAMPAIGN LITERATURE

CANDIDATES MAY NOT USE THEIR PERSONAL SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT OR WEBSITE FOR CAMPAIGNING PURPOSES.

CANDIDATES MUST CREATE A SEPARATE CAMPAIGN SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT, PAGE, OR WEBSITE.

TITLE 37 CHAPTER 6 CAMPAIGNING REGULATIONS

CANNOT USE TRIBAL EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, OR PROPERTY FOR YOUR CAMPAIGN OR YOU COULD BE FOUND GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR

EMPLOYEES OF MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CANNOT HELP CANDIDATES WITH THEIR CAMPAIGN WHILE THE EMPLOYEE IS BEING COMPENSATED FOR THEIR TIME BY MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OR THE EMPLOYEE COULD BE FOUND GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR

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