

Candidate Requirements

Constitution: ARTICLE XIV – QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES

Each prospective candidate must be:

- (a) An enrolled member of the tribe.
- (b) An eligible voter for purposes of voting in tribal elections.
- (c) At least twenty-one (21) years of age on the date of the election for which he desires to be a candidate.
- (d) Physically reside within the following Oklahoma counties: Cleveland, Pottawatomie, Oklahoma, McClain, Garvin, Pontotoc, Seminole, Lincoln, or Okfuskee.
 - According to Resolution No. EC-2023-01:
The term “physically reside” shall be defined as “having and/or holding a residence or home for a period of at least one year, which is fit for occupancy and receiving current and verified postal mail, such residence verified by documentation in the form of a current year-to-year lease, deed, current tax receipt and/or tax record”.
- (e) In cases where a prospective candidate has been convicted of a felony, such person shall not be eligible for consideration as a candidate until at least five (5) years have passed following completion of the penalty for such conviction(s).
- (f) Not more than one (1) member of an immediate family shall be a candidate for election to the same tribal elective body. Provisions shall be set forth in the Election Ordinance to deal with such concept.

Specific/Additional Qualifications:

Must have a High School Diploma or GED.

According to Resolution EC-2023-02:
High School Diploma or GED, or Higher Education Degree, including Associates, Bachelor’s or Post Graduate degree, or an Original Certified copy of a Higher Education Transcript indicating a high school diploma or GED as a pre-requisite to college enrollment.