



# The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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## CANDIDATE PACKET CHECKLIST

|  | Initials | Date  | <u>OFFICE USE ONLY</u>                            |
|--|----------|-------|---|
| <b>Declaration of Candidacy</b>                      | _____    | _____ | Returned forms<br>Staff initials _____ Date _____ |
| <b>Consent form</b>                                  | _____    | _____ | _____   |
| <b>Candidate Financial Disclosure Step 1 &amp; 2</b> | _____    | _____ | N/A N/A   |
| <b>Campaign Financial Disclosure Statement</b>       | _____    | _____ | _____   |
| <b>Absent Voter Ballot Application</b>               | _____    | _____ | _____   |
| <b>\$100 Application Fee</b>                         | _____    | _____ | _____   |
| <b>200 Word Essay and photo</b>                      | _____    | _____ | _____   |

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have received a full Candidate packet for  
Print Name

the 2026 GTB Election on this day \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Candidate:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am declaring candidacy for  
the office of \_\_\_\_\_ on this date, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My Tribal Identification (TID) number is: GTB # \_\_\_\_\_.

I certify that I have resided within the six (6) county service area of ANTRIM, BENZIE, CHARLEVOIX, GRAND TRAVERSE, LEELANAU, and MANISTEE, for the six-month period preceding the Primary election date of March 31, 2026.

ADDRESS:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

I further certify that I have not been convicted of any felony within the preceding ten (10) years of the Primary Election Date of March 31, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(initial)

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

VERIFIED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Election Board Support Staff

## **BACKGROUND CHECK CONSENT FORM**

### **Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians**

**Pursuant to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians Tribal Constitution, Article VII, Section 4(c), this form is being used to gather pertinent information needed to perform a routine felony record background check on all tribal election candidates. Failure to complete it will be cause to disqualify a candidate.**

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH NAME OR NAMES PREVIOUSLY USED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER AND STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER ADDRESSES IN LAST 7 YEARS AND DATES OF RESIDENCY AT EACH:

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I AUTHORIZE THE GRAND TRAVERSE BAND ELECTION BOARD TO UTILIZE THE ABOVE INFORMATION FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF CHECKING MY CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION TO VERIFY MY ELIGIBILITY FOR CANDIDACY.

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CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

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DATE

# **CANDIDATE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

## **Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians**

### **Step 1. Maintaining Appropriate Records:**

- a. Candidates are responsible for keeping a record of the total amount or value of all funds and “in-kind” contributions received from GTB Tribal members (including the Candidate’s own funds) in support of his/her campaign for elected office.
- b. Candidates are responsible for keeping a record of the amount of any campaign contributions (including the estimated value of any “in-kind” contributions) received from any person/entity who is not a Grand Traverse Band Tribal member, including the name of the person or entity making such contribution.

**NOTES:** See Article XIII(3) of the Election Regulations for a definition of “in-kind” contributions. For the purposes of this statement, contributions from non-Tribal members includes money or “in-kind” contributions received by the Candidate from non-Tribal member spouses, members of other Indian tribes, non-Indian persons, or any business entity. Candidates may not attempt to avoid the obligation to report contributions received from non-Tribal members by knowingly utilizing GTB members to “pass through” funds or “in-kind” contributions from non-Tribal members with the purpose and intent that the funds/“in-kind” items be directed to support the Candidate’s campaign activities.

**Step 2. Reporting Campaign Finances:** Within five (5) business days after the date of the General Election, all candidates (from both the Primary and General Election) must deliver this Financial Disclosure Statement to the Election Board.

**NOTE:** Financial Disclosure Statements are public documents and may be made available for inspection or copying by Grand Traverse Band members upon request. The candidate must sign the Financial Disclosure Statement and deliver the Statement to the Election Board by one of the following methods:

- (a) Place the Financial Disclosure Statement in an envelope addressed to the address below, and place the necessary postage upon the return envelope and deposit it in the United States mail, or with another public postage service, express mail service, parcel post service, or common carrier to:

GTB Election Board  
c/o Grand Traverse Band Membership Office  
2605 N West Bay Shore Dr.  
Peshawbestown, MI 49682-9275

- (b) Deliver the Financial Disclosure Statement personally to the office of the Tribal Membership Office.

# **CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

## **Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians**

## Report for the Primary Election

Candidate name: \_\_\_\_\_

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Total amount of Candidates own funds expended in connection with Candidates own campaign:  | \$ |
| Estimated value of "in-kind" contributions from Candidates own resources expended in support of Candidates campaign:               | \$ |
| Total amount of funds (i.e. cash; check, etc.) received from Grand Traverse Band Tribal members in support of Candidates campaign: | \$ |
| Total amount of "in-kind" contributions received from Grand Traverse Band Tribal members in support of Candidates campaign:        | \$ |

Cash or "in-kind" contributions received directly or indirectly from non-Tribal members in support of Candidates campaign:  None  Yes, see below

**Amount/Value of Contribution**      **Description of "In-Kind" Contribution**      **Person/Entity Making Contribution**

(Attach extra sheets if necessary)

## CERTIFICATION

I declare that the statements in this Campaign Financial Disclosure Statement are true.

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Signature

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Date

**WARNING**

**It is a violation of the GTB Election Regulations to knowingly makes a false statement in this Campaign Financial Disclosure Statement, of an infraction of the GTB Election Regulations and may be subject to criminal penalties and other sanctions imposed by the GTB Election Board. Failure to file this statement within five (5) business days after the date of the General Election may result in the imposition of penalties of \$25.00/day. Any candidate who fails to file this Campaign Financial Disclosure Statement will not be permitted to take the Oath of Office and will forfeit their right to take office.**

# **CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

## **Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians**

## Report for the General Election

Candidate name: \_\_\_\_\_

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Total amount of candidate's own funds expended in connection with candidate's own campaign:   | \$ |
| Estimated value of "in-kind" contributions from candidate's own resources expended in support of candidate's campaign:              | \$ |
| Total amount of funds (i.e. cash; check, etc.) received from Grand Traverse Band Tribal members in support of candidate's campaign: | \$ |
| Total amount of "in-kind" contributions received from Grand Traverse Band Tribal members in support of candidate's campaign:        | \$ |

Cash or "in-kind" contributions received directly or indirectly from non-Tribal members in support of candidate's campaign:  None  Yes, see below

| Amount/Value of Contribution | Description of "In-Kind" Contribution | Person/Entity Making Contribution |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
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(Attach extra sheets if necessary)

## **CERTIFICATION**

I declare that the statements in this Campaign Financial Disclosure Statement are true.

**Signature**

Date

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**CANDIDATE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION**  
**Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians**

**Application for Absentee Ballot for:**

Primary Election to be held March 31, 2026

General Election to be held May 5, 2026.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Tribal ID number \_\_\_\_\_, am a qualified, registered voter in \_\_\_\_\_ County, and I hereby apply for an official absentee ballot for the election(s) requested in this application. I am declaring candidacy for the office of \_\_\_\_\_.

Send an Absent Voter Ballot to me at: \_\_\_\_\_

My address is: \_\_\_\_\_

I declare that the statements in this Candidate Absentee Ballot Application are true.

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Signature of Candidate

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Date

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**WARNING**

A person making a false statement in this Absentee Ballot Application is guilty of violation of the GTB Election Regulations. It is a violation of the GTB Election Regulations for a person other than those listed in the instructions to return, offer to return, agree to return, or solicit to return your Absentee Ballot Application to the Tribal Enrollment Office located at 2601 N West Bay Shore Dr., Peshawbestown, MI 49682-9275 and/or PO Box 238 Suttons Bay, MI 49682

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