



The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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CANDIDATE PACKET CHECKLIST

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

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 october 13, 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 october 13, 2026.

(initial)

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE: _____

VERIFIED BY: _____ DATE: _____

Election Board Support Staff

BACKGROUND CHECK CONSENT FORM

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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.

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:

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.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

DATE

CANDIDATE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

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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.

Signature

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

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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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Attach extra sheets if necessary)

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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 October 13, 2026

☐ General Election to be held December 8 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.

Signature of Candidate

Date

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
