



# Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

## Election Board

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Title: Election Candidate Insert Policy

#### **POLICY OBJECTIVE**

Candidates for elected office shall have an opportunity to participate in an insert that will be distributed to Biskinik recipients of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma via mailing with a copy of the Biskinik prior to each Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma general election. The intent of this policy is for each candidate to share with the members of the Choctaw Nation their information and goals prior to the tribal election in which they seek office.

#### **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all valid candidates running for an elected position of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

#### **ELECTION CANDIDATE INSERT POLICY**

- 1.0 Election-Prior to each general election, each candidate shall have an opportunity to submit information regarding their campaign for an elected position of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.
- 2.0 Insert-The Candidate insert shall be printed in color and shall be included in either the May or June mailing of the Biskinik preceding each general election. Each Candidate shall be allocated the same sized space and such space shall be limited to the requirements as set forth below in this policy.
- 3.0 Photo-A Candidate may submit one headshot photograph to be included in the insert. Such photograph will be cropped to one column. Candidate must submit an original photo no smaller than 4 inches by 6 inches and no larger than 5 inches by 7 inches.
- 4.0 Information-Each candidate may submit information to be published in the insert. Such information be submitted as follows:
  - a) Must be no more than five hundred words;
  - b) May contain information regarding the candidate's goals, his/her biographical



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information, the position the candidate is seeking election of, contact information; social media and/or candidate's website information;

c) Must not violate any applicable law or any legal right of a person or entity, including but not limited to, trademarks, copyrights, false advertising, criminal acts;

d) Must not contain personal attacks or statements denigrating another person's character either directly or implicitly;

e) Must not contain unsubstantiated claims or statements that make claims the truth of which cannot be independently verified;

5.0 Edit-Information submitted will **NOT** be printed as is. The Election Board reserves the right to delete any submitted information that is found to be in violation of this policy. The Election Board will provide an editor or staff member to assist a candidate in finalizing their insert information. All candidate information shall be finalized no later than twenty-four hours after the candidate filing period of a general election closes;

6.0 Timing-Candidate insert information shall be submitted to the Election Board prior to close of the filing period of a general election. The candidate's photo must be submitted at this time in addition to any content. Each candidate shall provide contact information that will be used by the Election Board to work with candidate to finalize their insert section;

7.0 Cost-There shall be no additional charges or fees to candidate to participate in the insert;

8.0 Print Order-The candidate information placement in the insert shall be organized in the following order:

a) By position running for:

(1) Candidates for Chief shall be printed first;

(a) Alphabetical by last name;

(2) Candidates for Tribal Council shall be printed second;

(a) In numerical order by District Number;

(b) Then alphabetical by last name;

9.0 Default Information-In the event a candidate chooses not to submit information and/or a photo to be included in the Candidate Insert, such candidate's name, contact information and position they are running for shall automatically be included in the insert.

10.0 No Opponent-In the event a candidate does not draw an opponent for their



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position in the tribal election, the candidate who did file shall have his/her insert information included in the insert publication.

- 11.0 The Election Board will not be responsible for, nor will they facilitate, taking any photo for a Candidate's insert.