

2026 OSAGE NATION PRINCIPAL CHIEF CANDIDATE FILING PACKET



2026 GENERAL ELECTION
JUNE 1, 2026

FILING DATES

November 3rd – 7th

November 10th

November 12th & 13th

ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS

Osage Nation Constitution, Article VII, Section 3, Qualifications

Enrolled members of the Osage Nation, who are at least thirty-five (35) years of age on that date of the election, who have never been convicted of a felony, are eligible to become a candidate for the office of Principal Chief of the Osage Nation.

Osage Nation Constitution, Article VII, Section 4, Disqualifications

The Principal Chief shall not hold any other office or position of profit under the Osage Nation nor hold any office, be it elected or appointed, under any other tribal government or state, county or federal government. A person shall be disqualified to hold the Office of Principal Chief after serving five (5) full terms in that position, plus any initial partial term fulfilled as the result of a vacancy.

Osage Nation Code, Title 12, Chapter 5, Section 5-101, Qualifications for Principal Chief and Assistant Principal Chief

Any enrolled member, who is at least thirty-five (35) years of age on the date of the election and has never been convicted of a felony, is eligible to become a candidate for the office of Principal Chief or Assistant Principal Chief of the Osage Nation.

Osage Nation Code, Title 12, Chapter 5, Section 5-104, Disqualifications – Executive

A. Pursuant to the Constitution, Article VII, Section 4, the Principal Chief and the Assistant Principal Chief shall not hold any other office or position of profit under the Osage Nation nor hold any office, be it elected or appointed, under any other tribal government or any state, county, or federal government. For the purposes of this section, “office” is defined as an elected or appointed position of trust or authority, where the person elected or appointed carries out some portion of a government’s sovereign powers.

- I. Any candidate for Principal Chief or Assistant Principal Chief shall not be certified as a candidate for office if a felony conviction appears on a certified court record.

HOW TO FILE

- ✦ Candidates are required to appear in person to submit their Declaration of Candidacy between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm during the candidate filing period prescribed by Osage Nation law for this election.
- ✦ The Declaration of Candidacy form submitted must bear the candidate's original signature, which shall be witnessed by a  Election notary.
- ✦ **Early, late, or incomplete submissions cannot be accepted.**
- ✦ Declaration of Candidacy forms cannot be accepted by email, fax, or mail.

FILING FEE

The Declaration of Candidacy shall be accompanied by a cashier's check or money order payable to Osage Nation Elections in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500).

CANDIDATE'S NAME

The candidate's name that appears on the ballot will be the same as their first name, last name, and suffix listed on their government-issued photo identification; however, a candidate may use their nickname in place of their first name.

CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNT

Prior to filing for office, candidates are required to establish a separate bank account to be used for campaign purposes only in the name of the candidate or the candidate's campaign. Proof of the bank account is required to be provided at the time of filing and must show the account name and number.

- ✦ All campaign donations shall be deposited into this account, including the candidate's personal funds used for campaign purposes.
- ✦ All expenditures used for campaign purposes shall be spent from this account.
- ✦ Failure to use this account for any and all donations and expenditures shall result in a \$125 fine.

WHERE TO FILE

The Declaration of Candidacy, accompanied by the filing fee and required documentation, must be filed in person at the  Elections Office located at 813 Grandview Ave. (West entrance) in Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

**ALL FORMS INCLUDED AFTER THIS PAGE ARE
REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED WHEN FILING**

2026 OSAGE NATION PRINCIPAL CHIEF DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY



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FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)

NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT (The name that appears on the ballot will be the same as the first name, last name, and suffix listed on the government-issued photo identification provided; however, a nickname may be used in place of the first name.)

MAILING ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

DRIVER'S LICENSE # SOCIAL SECURITY #

BIRTHDATE MEMBERSHIP # EMAIL ADDRESS CELL PHONE #

FELONY CONVICTION STATUS

Have you ever been convicted of, or do you have an ongoing prosecution for a felony? ☐ YES ☐ NO
If yes, please explain.

Have you ever had any felony charges filed against you be expunged from your record? ☐ YES ☐ NO
If yes, please explain.

I, the undersigned, swear or affirm that the information provided in this Osage Nation Principal Chief Declaration of Candidacy is true and correct, that I have read the Candidate Eligibility and Qualifications, that I am fully qualified to become a candidate for the office of Osage Nation Principal Chief, and that I will be fully qualified to hold said office, if elected. Furthermore, I understand that the information provided on this form will remain confidential with the exception of the information labeled as public, a background check will be processed with this information, and if any information is false and a felony conviction is found, I forfeit my declaration as a candidate and the filing fee.

✦ FORM IS REQUIRED TO BE SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF A 4/2/20 ELECTIONS NOTARY ✦

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

State of OK
County of OSAGE

Signed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of _____, 20____ by

(Candidate Name)_____.

Signature of Notarial Officer

2026 OSAGE NATION CANDIDATE RELEASE OF INFORMATION



2026 Osage Nation Elections receives requests for contact information throughout the campaign period for candidates. In addition to giving out this information by request, we post the information to our website to allow for equal access.

CANDIDATE NAME

Provide any or all contact information below for public release:

MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
CELL PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS		

By signing below, I authorize 2026 Osage Nation Elections to release the contact information provided above.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

2026 OSAGE NATION CAMPAIGN MANAGER OR COMMITTEE AUTHORIZATION



CANDIDATE NAME

☐ No campaign manager or committee designated.

----- OR -----

☐ I hereby designate a campaign manager or committee.

CANDIDATE HEREBY SWEARS AND AFFIRMS THAT:

1. I am the candidate seeking elected office;
2. All financial activity related to my campaign, including my own, will be disclosed by the following authorized individual or committee who I designate as my Campaign Manager;
3. The designation of a Campaign Manager does not relieve me of any personal responsibility under the Constitution, Election Law, or Election Policies and Procedures;
4. It is my duty as the candidate to ensure my Campaign Manager follows the same election laws, rules and regulations, and policies and procedures that are applicable to me as a candidate;
5. I take full responsibility for any documentation and communication submitted to OSAGE Elections on my behalf by my designated Campaign Manager; and
6. This designation ends at the completion of all reporting requirements in this election year, or until I expressly terminate the designation in writing to OSAGE Elections, whichever occurs first in time.

CAMPAIGN MANAGER INFORMATION (ALL FIELDS REQUIRED)

NAME (First and Last)

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

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CELL PHONE #

EMAIL ADDRESS

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✦ FORM IS REQUIRED TO BE SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF A OSAGE ELECTIONS NOTARY ✦

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

State of OK
County of OSAGE

Signed and sworn to before me on this ____ day of _____, 20__ by

(Candidate Name)_____.

Signature of Notarial Officer

FOR QUESTIONS: EMAIL: electionoffice@osagenation-nsn.gov CALL: 877-560-5286 or 918-287-5286

2026 OSAGE NATION CANDIDATE VOTER REGISTRY REQUEST



The cost for **ONE** Osage Voter Registry list is included in the filing fee for candidates. Any additional list requests need to be made using the *ᏊᏚᏚᏚ* Elections Voter Registry Request form.

CANDIDATE NAME

REQUEST DATE

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☐ **No Request**

- ✦ By marking this option, you are choosing not to request a list at the time of filing, but may submit a list request at a later date.
- ✦ A supplemental form will be given to you at the time of filing so that you may still request one list at no cost.

----- OR -----

ONLY MARK ONE OPTION

- ☐ **All Voters**
- ☐ **New Voters since the last General Election**
- ☐ **Voters of State: Oklahoma**
- ☐ **Voters of State: SPECIFY:** _____
- ☐ **Combined Election Voters** *Not split into Absentee & In Person; Does not name the election(s) voted in.*
- ☐ **Absentee Voters**

Election Voters *Split into Absentee & In Person*

- ☐ **2024 General** ☐ **2020 General** ☐ **2016 General**
- ☐ **2022 General** ☐ **2018 General** ☐ **2014 General**
- ☐ **2022 Primary** ☐ **2017 Special** ☐ **2014 Primary**
- ☐ **Other**
DESCRIBE: _____

By signing below, I understand and acknowledge the following:

- The requested list contains only the names and address of registered voters, and those participating in the Privacy Program have been removed.
- I am entitled to this information as an Osage Voter.
- I will use this list only for political purposes and not for commercial purposes.
- Sharing or distributing the list or any sub-lists is strictly prohibited, except when used directly for my campaign.
- The use of this list is prohibited after one year from the date of this request and is subject to punishment by law.
- Any complaints regarding misuse of this list will be referred to the Osage Nation Attorney General's Office.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

2026 OSAGE NATION CANDIDATE FILING CHECKLIST



CANDIDATE NAME

ALL DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO FILE. IF INCOMPLETE, DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

- ☐ Proof of Osage Nation membership
- ☐ Government-issued photo identification
- ☐ Proof of campaign bank account showing the account name and number
- ☐ Declaration of Candidacy form
- ☐ Release of Information form
- ☐ Campaign Manager or Committee Authorization form
- ☐ Voter Registry Request form
- ☐ \$500 filing fee (Please make cashier's checks or money orders payable to Osage Nation Elections.)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

SUBMITTED BY CANDIDATE (Check first three before accepting filing forms:

- ☐ Membership card
- ☐ Government-issued photo identification
- ☐ Proof of campaign bank account showing the account name and number
- ☐ Declaration of Candidacy form
- ☐ Release of Information form
- ☐ Campaign Manager or Committee Authorization form
- ☐ Voter Registry Request form
- ☐ \$500 filing fee

Cashier's Check/Money Order #

Receipt #

GIVEN TO CANDIDATE:

- ☐ Receipt for filing fee
- ☐ Copy of filing packet
- ☐ If the Voter Registry Request form is marked **"No Request"**, Candidate Voter Registry Request form

RECEIVED (Date & Initial):