

Navajo Election Administration

Qualifications for Land Board Candidates

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1. Must be a registered voter of the Chapter which the candidate seeks to represent and be on the census roll of the Navajo Nation.
2. Must be at least 21 years of age at the time of filing.
3. Must not have been convicted of a felony within the last five (5) years.
4. Must not have been convicted of any misdemeanor in any court involving crimes of deceit, untruthfulness and dishonesty, including but not limited to extortion, embezzlement, bribery, perjury, forgery, fraud, misrepresentation, false pretense, theft, conversion, or misuse of Navajo Nation funds and property, and crimes involving the welfare of children, child abuse, child neglect, aggravated assault and aggravated battery within five (5) years preceding the date of the elections. Must not have been found in violation by a trial court or the Ethics and Rules Committee of the Navajo Nation Council of the Navajo Ethics in Government or Election Laws.
5. Must be knowledgeable in the maintenance and management of livestock operations.
6. Must be able to speak the Navajo language fluently, and to read and write the English language.
7. Must own transportation for use in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of a Land Board member.
8. Must have a valid driver's license.
9. Must have experience with and knowledge of the complex land status in the Eastern Navajo Area as well as being familiar with the land use policies and procedures of the Navajo Nation and federal and state governments.
10. Must not, if elected, serve in any other Navajo Nation elective offices, with the exception of the office(s) of school board(s). An elected official may run for Land Board if his or her elected office expires prior to his or her taking office as a Land Board member.
11. Shall maintain the qualifications of respective office throughout the term of such office.
12. Shall not be certified as qualified for any public office of the Navajo Nation if he or she has not completely satisfied or otherwise has failed to fully comply with any order of any entity, including administrative hearing bodies and courts of the Navajo Nation, authorized to impose sanctions or penalties for violations of the Navajo Nation Ethics in Government Law.