

2nd release 2022 (November)

The Cherokee Nation Election Commission will be conducting the 2023 General Election of the Cherokee Nation on Saturday June 03, 2023. The Tribal Council Seats open for office are Chief, Deputy Chief, Districts 1, 3, 6, 8, 12, 13, 14, and one At-Large Council seat. Cherokee Citizens interested in running for office may pick up a Candidate packet beginning on December 01, 2022. The filing period for candidates will begin at 8:00 A.M. on February 06, 2023 and will continue through February 09, 2023 ending at 5:00 P.M. Candidates must file their declaration of candidacy in person at the Election Commission Office: 17763 South Muskogee Ave. Tahlequah Oklahoma.

The Cherokee Nation Election Commission will begin accepting Absentee Ballot request forms on January 02, 2023 through April 10. 2023. The Absentee Ballot request forms will be available from the Election Commission Office and online at <https://election.cherokee.org>

The closing date of Voter Registration Applications will be March 31, 2023. Voter Registration Applications will be available from the Election Commission Office and online at <https://election.cherokee.org> If a voter has changed their address, name, or any other information, they will need to submit a new Voter Registration Application to update their records. The Elections in 2023 will be Chief, Deputy Chief and district elections and you must reside at an address located within that district of the Council seat.

Persons who are Citizens of the Cherokee Nation and at least 18 years of age prior to or on the Election Day may apply to become a registered voter. Provided that Tribal Citizens that are seventeen (17) years old and can show that their birthdate is prior to the date of the election shall be allowed to register to vote.

The exception is “*New applicants under the age of 25 who reside outside the boundaries may select to register at-large or in a district of your choice; but this selection must be made at the time of your signing of this Voter Registration Form.*” It is very important to check your voter registration information that the Election Commission has on file for you establishing your district assignment for voting purposes.

The Cherokee Nation Election Commission office hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. The office is located 17763 S. Muskogee Ave, Tahlequah, OK 74464. The mailing address is P.O. Box 1188, Tahlequah,

OK 74465. You can reach us by phone at 918.458.5899 or toll free at 800.353.2895, by fax at 918.458.6101, or e-mail at election-commission@cherokee.org.