

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

You can file your Nomination Papers with either the Chief Electoral Officer or any Regional Returning Officer. This must be done during the stated nomination period.

Nominations Open: 9:00 am on April 19th, 2025 Nominations Close: 2:00 pm on April 24th, 2025

Once your Nomination Papers are filed, they become a public document, and any person can request to look at them.

Part 1: Information About the Candidate

- Complete Name
- Name to appear on the Ballot
- o Address
- Phone Number
- o Email Address
- Date of Birth
- Optional: MN-S Election Website Profile

In addition, to providing your full name on the Nomination Papers, you must print your name **exactly** the way you would like it to appear on the ballot. DO NOT include Mr., Mrs., Hon., Dr., Sr., or other titles before or after your name.

Attach a copy of a Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) criminal record check document proving that you have:

- o Not committed an offence in relation to elections within the previous ten (10) years.
- o Not committed an indictable offence within the previous five (5) years.

Your CPIC must be dated within the last six months, prior to nomination closure.

Nomination Papers must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100 CDN. Only certified cheque or money order payable to Métis Nation-Saskatchewan will be accepted.

Part 2: The Candidate's Oath / Affirmation

- The Candidate must take an Oath / Affirmation that they are qualified to be a Candidate.
- The Candidate must agree to be nominated.
- The Candidate must sign the Oath / Affirmation in the presence of a Witness who
 is an eligible voter.



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Part 3: Five (5) Eligible Voters Must Sign to Nominate the Candidate.

- Each Nominator must complete a Nomination page.
- Each Nominator's signature must be witnessed, by someone who observes them signing the form.
- All Nominators and Witnesses must be eligible voters.
- All Nominators and Witnesses will provide their name, address, and signature.
- A minimum of five (5) Nominators are required.
- Regional Representative Candidates must have Nominators from within their region, and the Witnesses can be any eligible voter.
- The Candidate cannot be a Witness to any signature in the Nomination Papers.

Part 4: Declaration of Collector of Nomination Paper Information.

- This page must be completed by the person collecting the information for the Nomination Papers.
- Complete either Section I or Section II.
 - o Section I if a Candidate has collected the required Nominators and Witnesses.
 - Section II if someone other than the Candidate has collected the required Nominators and Witnesses.
- The Collector's signature must be Witnessed by an eligible voter.

Part 5: Optional Candidate Profile.

In an effort to improve communication on who is running as a candidate in this election, an *optional* Profile for the <u>www.mnselection.ca</u> website can be completed. A Profile can include Candidate's Picture (on a plain white background), short biography or vision statement, and other information (as outlined in the Guide for Candidates MN-S 402).

No MN-S Logos or Vote for signs in the picture are permitted. The Chief Electoral Officer reserves the right to request amendments prior to publishing on the website.

Part 6: Receipt for Deposit.

- Each Candidate must pay a \$100 deposit when they file their Nomination Papers.
- Payment must be made with either certified cheque or money order payable to Métis Nation-Saskatchewan.
- o The Chief Electoral Officer, or their delegate, will sign and issue a receipt.
- A copy of the receipt is provided to the Candidate for the deposit.
- Deposits are not refundable.
- Deposits are not a guarantee of a Nomination being approved. It is proof that the Nomination Papers and payment were submitted and received.