

LTBB Election Board Nonimination Application Form - SECTION 3
CANDIDATE STATEMENT (Limit to 1 page)
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Aanii, my name is Alicia Alvarado. My motivation to run for tribal council was a powerful sense of obligation, which I can only believe was the spirit of my grandmother Janet Shomin guiding me. I have support from all of my family which means more to me than they know!

Raised in Petoskey MI, I participated in ceremonies, youth programs, cultural events, and activities (such as Anishinaabemowin restoration, sacred medicine cultivation, and beading). I have spent a great majority of my youth learning how to preserve and safeguard our revered traditional way of life from my family, elders, medicine people, and tribal leadership.

My experiences in life have taught me to deal with difficult situations, maintain composure and reason. A quality that is required while making decisions that could result in undesirable results.

Currently, I am enrolled as a college student and am close to finishing my Arts & Science associate's degree. Following this, I will complete my Arts & Science bachelor's degree. I have a lot of faith that I can overcome any obstacle in my path. Running for tribal council is not something I've decided to do on a whim. As a child, I was always confident that I would contribute to our tribe's advancement. Stories about my grandmother's strength have always been told to me, and I have always been inspired to be on the council just as she was. I've grown into an adult but I'm still a little Anishinaabe girl running around with big dreams and even bigger aspirations.

As a lifelong member of this tribe, I am deeply invested in its well-being and am committed to driving positive change. I firmly believe that collective decision-making, fueled by honesty and transparency, is essential to our tribe's success. As a leader, I pledge to uphold these values, prioritize the needs of our people, and foster open communication. I encourage all members to share their concerns, regardless of differing opinions, and collaborate towards solutions. I am eager to contribute my ideas and energy to drive progress. While acknowledging past divisions, I remain committed to impartial decision-making.

I am driven by a desire to move beyond unfulfilled promises and stagnant growth. Notably, since I was a child, our per capita income has stayed constant, highlighting the necessity of strong leadership and significant advancement. In my opinion, our people must have access to reasonably priced housing. I am aware of the progress we are making in providing more affordable apartments, but I remain strong in my position on this matter. Additionally, I think that all tribal people should have access to health care. Among these key concerns, I will always prioritize our people's best interests while making decisions on these important matters.

I am requesting your vote in exchange for a trustworthy member of the tribal council.

**LTBB Election Board Nomination Application Form - SECTION 2
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Alicia Mony Alvarado

Petitioner's Name As It Should Appear On The Ballot

Muskegon Michigan

City & State of Residency

1. Work Experience:

Viking Group. Caledonia MI - Team Lead/Assembler June 2022 to July 2023

Hemp Regulatory Board. LTBB February 2021- February 2024

Amway Grand Plaza. Grand Rapids MI - Server Supervisor May 2018 to March 2022

Finish Line. Grand Rapids MI - Sales Trainer July 2015 to August 2018

2. Educational Background:

Highschool diploma 2015

Currently attending college working toward a degree.

3. Traditional Cultural Experience/Knowledge, and/or Other Training, Certificates:

Knowledge of traditional teachings, practices and traditions burial. Carrier of an abalone shell and eagle feathers.

4. Volunteer Experience, Special Skills and Abilities:

Volunteered at a mobile food pantry handing out boxes of food and at a church handing out breakfast. ● Problem-solving, Time management, Adaptability, Leadership, Creativity, Critical thinking.

5. Awards, Honors Received (cultural/colonial):

Dean's list 2024

6. Describe Current and/or Previous Elected or Appointed Positions Held at LTBB or in Any Other Capacity, Government, or Organization (dates, titles, etc):

Hemp Regulatory Board 2021-2024: Secretary

7. If applicable, describe anticipated Campaign Information in Detail (Campaign Address, Email, Website, Social Media, Campaign Plan, Any Endorsements, etc):

To be determined.