

WINNEBAGO TRIBE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT APPROVED

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska is pleased to announce that in the recent Secretarial Election, Winnebago tribal members voted overwhelmingly to amend the Winnebago Tribal Constitution.

The amendment inserts the following language as Article II, Section 4 of the Winnebago Tribal Constitution:

“Beginning on the date this amendment is approved by the Secretary of the Interior, no person aged twenty-five (25) or older may apply for enrollment with the Winnebago Tribe if that person was previously enrolled in another federally recognized Indian tribe.”

Effective September 1, 2026, this amendment prohibits any individual (1) 25 years or older and (2) previously enrolled in another federally recognized Tribe from applying for enrollment in the Winnebago Tribe.

The amendment does not make any changes to blood quantum requirements for enrollment with the Winnebago Tribe.

In total, 303 ballots were cast in the Secretarial Election, including 226 (74.5%) ballots for, 74 (24.4%) ballots against, and 3 (1%) ballots spoiled.

The Secretarial Election results were officially approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on September 1, 2026. It was conducted via a mail-in vote open to all Winnebago tribal members. Election results were certified by a Secretarial Election Board made up of Winnebago tribal members and Bureau of Indian Affairs officials.