

For: FSA State and County Office Employees

Reminder of American Indian Tribe Member COC Voter Eligibility

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1 Voter Eligibility

A Purpose

This notice:

- provides a reminder of COC voter eligibility for members of American Indian tribes holding agricultural land
- obsoletes Notice AO-1513 to remove the requirement that voters reside in the LAA in which they participate or cooperate.

B Who Can Vote

Agricultural producers of legal voting age may be eligible to vote if they participate or cooperate in any FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm may also be eligible to vote.

Every member of an American Indian tribe is considered a landowner if the land in question is tribally owned or held in trust for the tribe by the United States. Members of American Indian tribes holding agricultural land are eligible to vote if all other voting requirements are met. Those voting requirements include the following:

- participate or cooperate in FSA programs
- legal voting age (or independently conducts farming operations if under age).

For additional information, see the FSA Fact Sheet on COC Election located at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/coc_eligibility_2011.pdf.

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