

What will I do to improve participation in this year's elections?

What I can do to improve my participation in this year's election is to attend more meet and greets of candidates running for a seat in the office. These meet and greets are often held within my communities and neighboring communities so I feel that it is important for me to attend more of them and learn about each candidate. I can utilize my social media to receive updates of upcoming events held by candidates. This will ensure that I am well prepared to attend an event. I also can draft questions in advance that I can ask the candidates which I have never done before. This would improve my participation as I can use these questions on specific issues that impact my community and the people. By drafting questions beforehand and keeping a candidates input on the questions is important. This helps put a pressure on how these candidates will address the issues and to see if they are aware of them in the first place. It is important to vote for leaders and candidates who understand how the communities are being affect today, like education, housing, water, low jobs, and other economic factors that are affecting the people. Leaders and candidate must know how they will handle those issues and stand up for their people and not hide around in secrecy. Another way I can improve my participation in this year's election by volunteering for a candidate I feel who is making a difference, and I can even volunteer at my local chapter house on election day by helping the chapter members. I think by volunteering for a particular candidate of interests can help their voices be heard. One thing I have already done was two meetings that were held on social media through a live stream on the Navajo Nation Presidential Forum. I am glad that I have attended those two live streams to see how all were running for Navajo Nation president. I think it is important for everyone to attend those live streams because we need to get to know those candidates, what they know, and what

they do not know. The candidates' responses to questions and how they present themselves will later affect the people who vote for them.

What will I do to encourage my community's participation in this year's elections?

As a future leader, it is up to me and other future leaders to ensure we actively working to promote voter participation. As a future leaders and advocate, it is important to do so by providing my community with the tools they need to navigate the system of voting. It is often thought that engaging voters goes as far as getting them registered, but they simply are not true. Maintaining enthusiasm in the run-up to the election is just as important, and there are a variety of things I can do to ensure my community members remain engaged. The tools I would introduce is providing state-specific deadline reminders, giving out information to help my community vote, informing voters on their ballot options, promoting early voting, being prepared, linking the election to the future of issues to impacts the community and nation, and making election day extra special for everyone. By providing deadline reminders and giving out information early is critical because this avoids confusion and ensures my community will be aware of any news and everything running smoothly. It is also critical that I keep my community informed of ballot options such as by mail, early in-person and on election day as many members do not have reliable transportation and due to high gases prices, that is currently affecting our nation. Linking the election to the future of an issue that is likely to impact the community is also important as this can encourage my members to get out, vote, and make a difference to promote or protect an issue they care about. Lastly, I can make election day extra special for everyone by treating it as a holiday and encourage my community to celebrate democracy. These are tools I can use to encourage my community's participation in this year's election by ensuring the voice

of all citizens are reflected throughout the democratic process and ensuring we are all in this together.