Guardian Ad Litem Questionnaire

Candidate: _______________________________________ Date______________________

Ho-Chunk Nation Rules for Guardian Ad Litem, Rule II(c): “Before an applicant is approved by the Court for inclusion on a panel of guardians ad litem maintained by the Clerk of Court: (2) the applicant shall be interviewed.”

1) Why do you want to become a GAL? What duties and responsibilities do you anticipate needing to perform?

2) Do you possess any attributes that you believe make you uniquely qualified to be a GAL?

3) How would you attempt to gain the trust of wary parents?

4) Do you believe that a mother should be considered for physical placement over a father?

5) How would you attempt to establish a bond with an apprehensive child?

6) How would you attempt to communicate difficult legal concepts or case status to a child?
7) How would you try to impart a sense of fairness of the system to a non-native party who might feel reluctant in a foreign setting?

8) Do you difficulty meeting project deadlines?

9) Would you have any difficulty attending required court hearings and conducting timely investigations?

10) Do you anticipate having adequate extra time to give priority to assigned cases?

11) Have you ever had any direct or indirect involvement with a juvenile matter in either state or tribal court?

12) Is there anything about your background that would cause others to think you could not preform the functions of a GAL fairly and equitably?

13) Do you understand and recognize the need for absolute confidentiality in the proceeding? Why?

14) What entails a conflict of interest from your perspective?

15) How did you learn about the GAL program?