



2024 LITTLE SHELL TRIBAL ELECTIONS Candidate Guidelines

The Little Shell Tribal Election Committee announces Saturday, November 9, 2024, as the Little Shell Tribal Election Day. Voting will take place for all Tribal Council positions including Chairman, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, and three At-Large Tribal Councilmember positions. We encourage all eligible and enrolled Little Shell Tribal members to consider running for office.

Little Shell tribal members interested in applying for candidacy are encouraged to read the Little Shell Tribal Election Code (*as amended on August 3, 2023*) and all 2024 Little Shell Tribal Election Materials. Prospective candidates are responsible for submitting all required material no later than September 10, 2024 at 5:00pm MT.

For all questions, please email LSTElections@lstribe.org.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a currently enrolled member of the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana.
- Must have established permanent residency in the State of Montana on or before November 9, 2023.
- Must have attended at least 5 Little Shell Quarterly Meetings in the last two years (from September 10, 2022 to September 10, 2024).
- Must be 30 years or older by the date of the tribal election to run for a Tribal Executive position.
- Must be 25 years or older by the date of the tribal election to run for a Tribal Councilmember position.
- Must possess at least a high school diploma or a general equivalent degree.
- Must not have been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving either dishonesty or an act of moral turpitude within the past 10 years.

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO APPLY FOR CANDIDACY

Applications must be submitted by Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 5:00pm. Absolutely no late applications will be accepted after the deadline.

Each application must include the following documents and items:

- Completed 2024 Little Shell Tribal Elections Application for Candidacy
- Letter of Interest to the Election Committee
- Personal Biography Statement (*at least two paragraphs but not more than two pages*)
- Resume
- Photo Identification (*Little Shell ID, state-issued driver's license, passport, or other government issued ID*)
- Proof of Montana Residency (*MT voter registration, MT driver's license, MT resident hunting license, utility bill with candidate's name, or state-issued documents*)
- Proof of a high school diploma or general equivalent degree
- Completed Candidate Background Check Authorization Form
- Payment of Candidate filing fee of \$200.00 via check, money order or cash. Checks or money orders must be made out to "Little Shell Tribe" and include "LST Election" and Candidate's name in the memo line. The filing fee is non-refundable.



2024 LITTLE SHELL TRIBAL ELECTIONS Election Timeline

Sunday, August 11, 2024.....Notice of Elections Published

Applications for Candidacy Available

Saturday, August 24, 2024.....Absentee Request Form Available to Voters.

Tuesday, September 10, 2024.....Applications for Candidacy Closes at 5:00 PM MT

Saturday, September 28, 2024.....Publication of Approved Candidate List

Candidates may Start Campaigning

Monday, November 4, 2024.....Last Day Voters may Submit an Absentee Request Form

Saturday, November 9, 2024.....Election Day – In-Person Polls are Open from 10:00am MT to 5:00pm MT at 615 Central Ave. West, Great Falls, MT 59404. Absentee Ballots must be Received by 5:00pm MT.

Thursday, November 14, 2024.....Election Results Certified by the Election Committee



2024 LITTLE SHELL TRIBAL ELECTIONS

Application For Candidacy

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Little Shell tribal members interested in applying for candidacy are encouraged to read the Little Shell Tribal Election Code (*as amended on August 3, 2023*) and the 2024 Special Election Guidelines. Prospective candidates are responsible for submitting completed applications with all required documents. *Incomplete applications will not be processed.*

APPLICATION DEADLINE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 at 5:00 PM MT

ABSOLUTELY NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE

Submit Applications by:

Mail or Hand Deliver to:

LST Election Committee
511 Central Avenue West
Great Falls, MT 59404

E-Mail: LSTelections@lstribe.org

Fax: (406) 315-2401

For all questions, please email LSTelections@lstribe.org or call (406) 315-2400.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____
First Middle Last Date of Birth

Little Shell Enrollment Number _____

Social Security Number _____

Are you dual enrolled in any other federally recognized tribe, state recognized tribe, or Canadian band?

Yes

No

Phone No. _____

E-Mail Address _____

Mailing Address _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Permanent Address _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

COUNCIL POSITION

List the vacant Council position you are filing for (*candidates may only select one position*):

RESIDENCY

Did you establish permanent residency in the State of Montana on or before November 9, 2023?

Yes

No

Prospective candidates are required to provide proof that they were a permanent resident in the State of Montana on or before November 9, 2023 by providing one of the following: MT voter registration, MT driver's license, MT resident hunting license, utility bill with candidate's name, or state-issued documents.

List Document(s) Attached to this Application that Prove Residency: _____

TRIBAL PARTICIPATION

Candidates must have attended at least five (5) Little Shell Quarterly Meetings in the last two years (from September 10, 2022 to September 10, 2024). Please provide the dates of the quarterly meetings you attended:

EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

Have you received a high school diploma or a general equivalent degree?

Yes

No

	Location	City, State	Year Obtained
High School			
General Equivalent Degree			

CONVICTION OF A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR INVOLVING DISHONESTY

In the past ten years, have you been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving either dishonesty or an act of moral turpitude?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain the conviction(s) and the date of the conviction(s): _____

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- Proof of Montana Residency (*MT voter registration, MT driver's license, MT resident hunting license, utility bill with candidate's name, or state-issued documents*)
- Attended 5 Little Shell Quarterly Meetings during the last two years (*Sept. 10, 2022 to Sept. 10, 2024*).
- Proof of a high school diploma or general equivalent degree
- Completed Candidate Background Check Authorization Form
- Payment of Candidate filing fee of \$200.00 via check, money order or cash. Checks or money orders must be made out to "Little Shell Tribe" and include "LST Election" and Candidate's name in the memo line. The filing fee is non-refundable.

CERTIFICATION

I, _____ (PRINT NAME), CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS ACCURATE AND COMPLETE. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF ANY FALSE INFORMATION, OMISSIONS, OR MISREPRESENTATIONS ARE DISCOVERED, MY APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY MAY BE DENIED. I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE FULLY READ AND WILL ABIDE BY THE LITTLE SHELL TRIBAL CONSTITUTION AND THE LITTLE SHELL TRIBAL ELECTION CODE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE ELECTION COMMITTEE IS EMPOWERED TO FULLY ENFORCE THE LITTLE SHELL ELECTION CODE AND MAY DISQUALIFY MY CANDIDACY OR PUBLICLY REPRIMAND ME IF I DO NOT ABIDE BY THE LITTLE SHELL ELECTION CODE.

Signature of Applicant

Date

ELECTION COMMITTEE USE ONLY

RECEIVED BY: _____

DATE: _____

