



## 2025 LITTLE SHELL TRIBAL SPECIAL ELECTIONS Candidate Guidelines

The Little Shell Tribal Election Committee announces Saturday, March 22, 2025, as the Little Shell Tribal Election Day. Voting will take place for one At-Large Tribal Councilmember position. 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 2025 Little Shell Tribal Election Materials. Prospective candidates are responsible for submitting all required material no later than February 14, 2025 at 11:59pm MT.

For all questions, please email [LSTelections@lstribe.org](mailto: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 March 22, 2024.
- Must have attended at least 5 Little Shell Quarterly Meetings in the last two years (from January 3, 2023 to February 14, 2025).
- 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 Friday, February 14, 2025 at 11:59pm MT. Absolutely no late applications will be accepted after the deadline.**

**Each application must include the following documents and items:**

- Completed 2025 Little Shell Tribal Special 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.



## 2025 LITTLE SHELL TRIBAL SPECIAL ELECTIONS Timeline

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Friday, January 24, 2025.....Notice of Elections

Application for Candidacy Opens

Voters may Request an Absentee Ballot

Friday, February 14, 2025.....Applications for Candidacy Closes at 11:59 PM MT

TBD.....Publication of Approved Candidate List – Election Committee will publish the list as soon as all candidates have had their background checks completed.

Candidates may start to campaign on the date of publication.

Monday, March 17, 2025.....Last Day Voters may Request an Absentee Ballot – closes at 5:00 PM MT

**Saturday, March 22, 2025.....Election Day – Polls Open from 10:00am to 5:00pm MT**

Thursday, March 27, 2025.....Election Results Certified by the Election Committee



# 2025 LITTLE SHELL TRIBAL SPECIAL 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 2025 Special Election Guidelines. Prospective candidates are responsible for submitting completed applications with all required documents. *Incomplete applications will not be processed.*

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025 at 11:59 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](mailto:LSTElections@lstribe.org)

Fax: (406) 315-2401

For all questions, please email [LSTElections@lstribe.org](mailto: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 March 22, 2024?

Yes

No

Prospective candidates are required to provide proof that they were a permanent resident in the State of Montana on or before March 22, 2024 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 January 3, 2023 to February 14, 2025). List the dates of the quarterly meetings you have attended in the last two years:

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## 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 (*Jan. 3, 2023 to Feb. 14, 2025*).
- 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.

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## 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

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Date

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## ELECTION COMMITTEE USE ONLY

RECEIVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



# 2025 LITTLE SHELL TRIBAL SPECIAL ELECTIONS

## Prospective Candidate

### Background Check Authorization Form

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I hereby authorize the **Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana (“LST”)** to conduct an investigation of my personal background and qualifications. I have been given notice and understand that in conjunction with the submission of my 2025 Little Shell Tribal Special Elections Prospective Candidate Application, LST will use the services of an outside company to obtain a background check. I understand that the background check report may contain information that includes, but is not limited to, my social security number, full name, date of birth, addresses, criminal records, public court records, and other civil court matters.

I agree, authorize, and consent to the release and disclosure of any and all information obtained by this authorized background check report to the **Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana Election Committee**. I certify that all statements made by me and contained anywhere herein are true. I agree that a copy of this document by fax or other electronic means shall be as valid as the original.

By my signature below, I authorize law enforcement agencies, information service bureaus, record/data repositories, courts (tribal, federal, state and local), motor vehicle records agencies, the military, and other individuals and sources to furnish any and all information on me that is requested.

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Signature	Date	Social Security Number
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First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
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Driver’s License Number	State of License	Date of Birth
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Current Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
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List any other CITIES AND STATES in which you have lived during the previous 10 years.

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List any other NAMES you have used during the previous 10 years.