



2026 LITTLE SHELL TRIBAL ELECTION Candidate Guidelines

The Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana ("Little Shell Tribe") announces Saturday, November 14, 2026, as the Little Shell Tribal Election Day. Voting will take place for three At-Large Tribal Councilmember positions. The At-Large Tribal Councilmember positions are two-year terms. 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 April 2, 2026*) and all 2026 Little Shell Tribal Election Materials. Prospective candidates are responsible for submitting all required material no later than Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 5:00pm MT. For all questions, please email LSTElections@lstribe.org.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must currently enrolled member, in good standing, of the Little Shell Tribe.
- Must establish permanent residency in the State of Montana on or before November 14, 2025.
- Must attend at least 5 Little Shell Quarterly Meetings in the last two years (between September 15, 2024 to September 15, 2026).
- Must be 25 years or older by November 14, 2026, 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 20 years.

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO APPLY FOR CANDIDACY

Applications must be submitted by Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 5:00pm MT.

Absolutely no late applications will be accepted after the deadline.

Each application must include the following documents and items:

- ☐ Completed 2026 Little Shell Tribal Election Application for Candidacy
- ☐ Letter of Interest to the Election Committee
- ☐ Personal Biography Statement (*a one to two paragraph statement to be used by the Election Committee for any public promotion of election candidates.*)
- ☐ Resume
- ☐ Photo Identification (*Little Shell or State ID, 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 government-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.



2026 LITTLE SHELL TRIBAL ELECTION Timeline

Sunday, August 16, 2026.....Notice of Elections Published

Candidate application is Open

Voters may Request an Absentee Ballot.

Tuesday, September 15, 2026.....Applications for Candidacy Closes at 5:00 PM MT

Saturday, October 17, 2026.....Publication of Approved Candidate List (*Election Committee may publish the Approved Candidate List sooner than this date*).

Candidates may start to campaign on the date of publication of Approved Candidate List.

Saturday, October 31, 2026.....Last Day Voters may Request an Absentee Ballot – Requests must be received by 5:00 PM MT

Saturday, November 14, 2026.....Election Day Polls Open from 10:00am MT to 5:00pm MT



2026 LITTLE SHELL TRIBAL ELECTION 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 April 2, 2026*) and the 2026 Candidate Guidelines. Prospective candidates are responsible for submitting completed applications with all required documents. *Incomplete applications will not be processed.*

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 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@lstribes.org

Fax: (406) 315-2401

For all questions, please email LSTElections@lstribes.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

Select only one Council position you are filing for:

☐ At-Large Councilmember (*three open positions*)

RESIDENCY

Did you establish permanent residency in the State of Montana on or before November 14, 2025?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Prospective candidates are required to provide proof that they were a permanent resident in the State of Montana on or before November 14, 2025 by providing one of the following: MT voter registration, MT driver's license, MT resident hunting license, utility bill with candidate's name, or other government-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 15, 2024 to September 15, 2026). 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

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

CONVICTION OF A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR INVOLVING DISHONESTY

In the past twenty (20) 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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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: _____



2026 LITTLE SHELL TRIBAL ELECTION

Prospective Candidate

Background Check Authorization Form

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 2026 Little Shell Tribal Election 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.

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 20 years.

List any other NAMES you have used during the previous 20 years.