

Enrollment Department

2076 Shunk Road, Sault MI 49783



Semi-Annual Review Presentation

January – June 2026

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We offer many different services:

1. Card Renewals
2. Enrollment of persons who are direct lineal descendants of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians as outlined in the Membership Code.
3. Process Relinquishment requests. (A relinquishment is a voluntary procedure sought by the member to give up their membership with the Tribe.)
4. Process Blood Quantum Certifications
5. Process Tuition Waivers
6. Process Family Tree Charts
7. Process Statements of Membership
8. Process Affidavits for Tribal Court and/or Anishnaabek Community and Family Services.
9. Process Funeral Assistance Forms
10. Genealogy Research
11. Process Indian Preference Forms (BIA 4432 Form)
12. Register eligible members for Tribal Elections
13. Update Tribal Member information (address, name change, etc.)
14. Petition Courts to obtain adoption information.
15. Process the annual Elder Dividend Surveys and Checks
16. Act for disenrollment for members enrolled erroneously
17. Process Eagle Feather Permits
18. Process Requests for Copy of File



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- **New Enrollment Fees**

The following fees were implemented on January 5, 2026:

	<u>OLD FEE</u>	<u>NEW FEE</u>
• Card Renewal	\$5.00	\$10.00
• Blood Quantum Certification:	\$15.00	\$25.00
• Copy of File	\$5.00	\$10.00
• New Application Fee:	\$25.00	\$50.00
• Replacement of Lost/Stolen Card:	\$20.00	\$20.00 (unchanged)
• Tuition Waiver Processing:	\$15.00	\$15.00 (unchanged)



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Service/Category	# of Members
Blood Quantum Certification	50
Tuition Waiver Certification	148
Card Renewals	2625
Files Completed	400
Veteran ID Cards	0
New Enrollments Age 0-1 Year Old	199
New Enrollments Age 2-5 Years Old	58
New Enrollments Age 6-10 Years Old	65
New Enrollments Age 11-18 Years Old	87
New Enrollments Age 19-59 Years Old	174
New Enrollments Age 60+ Years Old	246
Total New Enrollments	830
Relinquishments	0
Disenrollments	1



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Relevant Statistics/Tribal Members Served:

- Total Membership Count: 53,456
- Total Membership In **Service Area**: **15,956**
 - **Chippewa County: 7,715**
 - **Mackinac County: 2,723**
 - **Luce County: 634**
 - **Schoolcraft County: 1,272**
 - **Delta County: 1,672**
 - **Alger County: 620**
 - **Marquette County: 1,320**
 - **Emmet County: 687**
 - **Cheboygan County: 1,185**
 - **Charlevoix County: 240**
 - **Presque Isle County: 143**
- Total Membership in Michigan: 34,957
- Total Membership in Upper Michigan: 16,508
- Total Membership in Lower Michigan: 18,449
- Total Membership age 18+: 40,094

Additional Counties in Northern Lower Michigan per Board Request

***These numbers grow on a daily basis. These statistics are based on numbers as of June 30, 2026**



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- **Open Enrollment**

- Per Board directive, elders were prioritized to be enrolled first. We finished the backlog of elder applications in mid-June.
- There are 96 elder applications that are pending, which means they have already been reviewed but are missing some information that is necessary to complete them. We will continue to prioritize elder applications as they come in, or as information is submitted, but for the most part, we have gone back to processing the applications in numerical order where we left off.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total # Elders</u>
Enrolled as of 2/1/2024:	4436	1080
Completed Adult Applications:	2181	1080
Pending Adult Applications:	3199	96**
Denied Applications:	284	143
Canceled or Deceased:	<u>74</u>	<u>17</u>
Number of Applications Received as of 06/30/26:	5738	1336



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Open Enrollment Continued...

Total New Enrollment Breakdown by Bands (02/01/2024 - 06/30/2026)

Sault Ste. Marie	1138
Mackinac	267
Garden River	529
Traverse	<u>102</u>
Total	4436



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- **Membership Files Scanning Project**

- There are 34,764 files scanned into the system. This is a time consuming task and needs to be done accurately. Each document scanned needs to be indexed afterwards. Some of the files may have only 5 documents to scan, while others may have 30 or more.
- All the Enrollment Coordinators have a scanner at their desk. Each will help scan the back-logged files, while one scans the newly enrolled membership files.



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- **Elder Dividend Project**
 - We have been working with the IT department in developing a portal for the elders to use to apply for their 2026 Elder Dividend. The portal will be located on the main page of the Tribe's website. We have advertised the new project in the Tribal Newspaper, Tribal FaceBook page, and the Tribal Website. The portal will be available online between August 1st and October 1st. Those who choose not to use the portal will be mailed an elder form in late October. The portal was developed to save money and time. Eventually in the future we hope to switch over to using only the portal for the annual payment.



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Upcoming Projects/Events Page

- **Enhanced Tribal Cards**
 - We have received the Scope of Work and needed to reach out to the printer vendor for further inquiries regarding compatibility at the Tribal gas stations along with some other issues. We have been collecting the information and will make a presentation to the Board in the near future to see if we still want to pursue this project.



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- **Budget**

- The FY2026 is currently on track and slightly underspent. A budget modification was submitted on June 22. This budget mod will allow for the elimination of the Enrollment Clerk position and replace it with another Enrollment Coordinator. The mod will also decrease Tribal Support dollars by \$66,758.49 and increase Other Revenue by \$21,000. This is scheduled to be heard by the Board on July 7.