

BAY MILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility requirements are derived from the Bay Mills Indian Community's Constitution and Bylaws, Article III - Membership, as amended by Amendment II, August 7, 1959.

To be eligible for membership with Bay Mills Indian Community you must have an ancestor who is listed as a Sault Ste. Marie band member on the 1910 Durant Roll. The 1910 Durant Roll is "A Census Roll of all persons and their descendants who were on the roll of Ottawa and Chippewa Tribes of Michigan in 1870, and living on March 4, 1907." The Durant Roll lists the historical bands of Michigan Chippewas and Ottawas including the Sault Ste. Marie, Mackinac, Traverse, and Grand River band of Indians native to the Eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan, not the present day Sault Ste. Marie Band of Chippewa Indians. Article III of the Bay Mills Indian Community's Constitution, as amended by Amendment II, August 7, 1959, lists the criteria for membership with Bay Mills Indian Community. Bay Mills does not allow members to be enrolled as a member of any other tribe or group of Indians. If you are applying for membership with Bay Mills and are enrolled elsewhere, you must request a relinquishment form from the Enrollment Department and submit the completed notarized form along with your Bay Mills enrollment application. The relinquishment will not be processed until Bay Mills takes formal action approving you for membership.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM

All applicants must complete Section A of the Application for Enrollment form.

Each applicant must fill out one of the Sections B - H. When you find a section under which you qualify as outlined below, follow the instructions in the section, sign, date and return the application along with the requested documents to the Tribal office. If you are not sure which ancestors are on the 1910 Durant Roll, complete the family tree as accurately as possible and return it to the Enrollment Department for review. Be sure to include an address or phone number at which you can be contacted.

If you are listed on the 1910 Durant Roll as a member of the Sault Ste. Marie band of Indians, complete Section B.

If you were residing on the Bay Mills Reservation on October 8, 1936 and have an ancestor who is listed on the 1910 Durant Roll as a member of the Sault Ste. Marie band of Indians, complete Section C.

If you were approved by a majority vote of the General Tribal Council before August 7, 1959 and such action had been approved by the Secretary of the Interior, complete Section D.

If you were born between October 8, 1936 and August 7, 1959 and both of your parents were recognized members of the Bay Mills Indian Community, complete Section E.

If you were born between October 8, 1936 and August 7, 1959 and one of your parents was a recognized member of the Bay Mills Indian Community and residing on the Bay Mills Reservation at the time of your birth, complete Section F.

If the applicant is less than one year of age and is at least ¼ Indian blood of the Sault Ste. Marie band of Chippewa Indians, complete Section G.

If you are a descendant of a person listed on the 1910 Durant Roll as a member of the Sault Ste. Marie band of Chippewa Indians, complete Section H.

SECTION A

Name of applicant _____ Male Female

Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____

Address _____
STREET CITY STATE/PROVINCE ZIP

Home Phone (_____) _____ Work Phone (_____) _____

Is father a member of an Indian tribe? Yes No If yes, state tribe _____

Is mother a member of an Indian tribe? Yes No If yes, state tribe _____

Are you enrolled with any other Tribe or group of Indians? Yes No If you answered yes, before Bay Mills will take action on your application, you must submit a notarized relinquishment form.

SECTION B

I am listed on the 1910 Durant Roll as a member of the Sault Ste. Marie band of Chippewas.
Yes No

Required documents: State or county issued birth certificate for the applicant.

Am. II, Art. III, Sec.1(a)

SECTION C

I am a descendant of a person listed on the 1910 Durant roll as a member of the Sault Ste. Marie band of Chippewas, and I was residing on the Bay Mills Reservation on October 8, 1936.

Yes No

Required documents: State or county issued birth certificates for applicant and all descendants back to the 1910 Durant Roll. If applicant's residence at birth was not Bay Mills, evidence of residence in 1936 is required.

Am. II, Art. III, Sec. 1(b)

SECTION D

I was approved at a General Tribal Council before August 7, 1959.

Yes No

Required Documents: Proof of the meeting in which you were approved.

Am. II, Art. III, Sec. 1 (c)

SECTION E

I was born between October 8, 1936 and August 7, 1959 and one of my parents was a member of Bay Mills Indian Community residing on the Bay Mills Reservation at the time of my birth.

Yes No

Required documents: A state or county issued birth certificate for the applicant.

Am. II, Art. III, Sec. 1 (d)

SECTION F

I was born between October 8, 1936 and August 7, 1959 and one of my parents was a member of Bay Mills Indian Community residing on the Bay Mills Reservation at the time of my birth.

Yes No

Required documents: A state or county issued birth certificate for the applicant indicating member parent's residence as Bay Mills.

Am. II, Art. III, Sec. 1 (d)

SECTION G

The applicant is less than one year of age and is at least ¼ Indian blood of the Sault Ste. Marie band of Chippewas.

Yes No

Required documents: Completed application submitted and signed by parent or legal guardian. State or county issued birth certificate for the applicant. Additional documentation may be necessary to verify blood quantum.

Additional requirements: Approval of the Executive Council.

Am. II, Art. III, Sec. 2

SECTION H

I am a descendant of a person listed on the 1910 Durant Roll as a member of the Sault Ste. Marie band of Chippewa Indians.

Yes No

Required documents: State or county issued birth certificate for the applicant and all ancestors who trace back to the 1910 Durant Roll. Additional requirements: General Tribal Council approval. Approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Am. II, Art. III, Sec. 3

By order of the General Tribal Council all applicants for adoption must provide a written reason as to why you wish to become a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community. (Parents of applicants under the age of 16 may complete this portion.) No adoption will be processed without a written reason provided. Please provide reason on next page, additional pages may be used if necessary.

(Section H continued)

Signature of person submitting application

Date

Action of the Executive Council:

On the _____ day of _____ 20____, the Executive Council of Bay Mills Indian community finds that the applicant (**DOES / DOES NOT**) meet the requirements of and has provided the necessary documentation for:

- Amendment II, Article III, Section 1 (a)
- Amendment II, Article III, Section 1 (b)
- Amendment II, Article III, Section 1 (c)
- Amendment II, Article III, Section 1 (d)
- Amendment II, Article III, Section 2

Action of the General Tribal Council: Amendment II, Article III, Section 3

On the _____ day of _____ 20____, the General Tribal Council of Bay Mills Indian Community (**APPROVES / DISAPPROVES**) the adoption of the applicant as a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community

Tribal Chairman

Tribal Secretary

Action of the Secretary of the Interior:

APPROVED DISAPPROVED

Signature _____ Date _____