

Kaitlynn Leach

for Secretary



Aanii, Bay Mills!

My name is Kaitlynn Leach, though many of you know me as Katie Schofield. I am honored to announce my candidacy for Secretary in the 2025 Bay Mills Tribal Election.

I am the daughter of Bill and Cheri (Green) Schofield and the granddaughter of Scooby and Tweek Schofield (Parish). Bay Mills has been my permanent home since 2009. After graduating from Brimley High School in 2011, I began my higher education journey at Bay Mills Community College, where I earned Medical Office and Health Science Certificates. I went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Community Development: Health Sciences and later an MBA with a concentration in Business Data Analytics from Central Michigan University.

For more than a decade, I've had the privilege of serving our community in many roles. I began as a Fun Card Host at Bay Mills Resort (2013), then worked as a Health and Medical Records Technician at Bay Mills Health Center (2014–2018), and spent seven years as a Receptionist and Administrative Assistant at Bay Mills Housing Authority (2016–2023). Today, I serve as an Embedded Student Success Specialist and Adjunct Instructor at Bay Mills Community College. These experiences have given me valuable insight into Tribal operations and the needs of our members.

Many of you have shared your concerns and hopes with me, and those conversations are the foundation of my decision to run. With our community growing and the resort expansion on the horizon, now is the time to strengthen our systems and prepare for the future. I am committed to transparency, accountability, and thoughtful planning that reflects the values of our people. The community I envision includes one that:

- Supports homeownership opportunities
- Promotes fairness in hiring and housing
- Improves communication by leveraging digital tools and platforms
- Invests in training and technology across departments
- Expands community services, including utility access and clean-up efforts

With unity and forward vision, I believe we can create lasting progress for Bay Mills. Miigwech for your time, your trust, and your continued commitment to our community as I humbly ask for your support in the 2025 election for Tribal Secretary.

