

## **Chitimacha Tribal Election Board**

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Board Member Name	Position	Telephone #:
Lacey Fonesca	Chairman	(337) 578-8785
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Gwen Murray	Board Member	(337) 578-9995
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS - MARCH 2025

Notice of 2025 Chitimacha Tribal Election	
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Blank Absentee Ballot Request Form	
Return envelope to send in your completed Absentee Ballot Request	

# NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Chitimacha Tribal Election Board hereby gives notice of the Annual Tribal Election to be held on:		
SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025		
Positions available are as follows:		
Chairman	1 seat	
Vice-Chairman	1 seat	
Board of Education Members	2 seats	
"Applications for Office Seats will be accepted from the First Monday in April through the First Friday in April during regular hours of operation for Tribal Administration."		
Applications for Office Seats will be accepted on these dates	April 7 - April 11 2025	
Tribal Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 7:30 am – 5:00 pm, Friday: 7:30 am to 11:30 am		

Interested Applicants may contact any Election Board Member to set up an appointment to file. There will be a \$25.00 filing fee due at the time of filing for candidacy. Picture of applicant will be taken at time of filing. Please make payment in the form of Cash, Check or Money Order payable to the: Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana THE APPLICATION DEADLINE WILL NOT BE EXTENDED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

## VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Any member wishing to register to vote may do so by contacting an Election Board Member. To be eligible to vote in the June 14<sup>th</sup> election, you must be registered by

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025 by 5:00 PM

Any person registering to vote must have a valid form of identification, including **non-expired** issue date of the identification card. All forms of identification must be Federal, State, or Tribal issued and must contain a proper photo and signature identical to that of the registered voter.

Please be advised, if you are turning 18 years of age on May 24th, the Election Board will only accept your registration on the Voter Registration Deadline date. **<u>NO EXCEPTIONS!</u>** 

## ABSENTEE VOTING

Absentee Voting will begin on:

**SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025** 

Polling Place for Absentee Voting will be located at "The Old Trading Post"

#### CHITIMACHA TRIBAL COMMUNITY CENTER

116 Chitimacha Loop, Charenton, LA 70523

## ELECTION DAY INFORMATION

Annual Election Day:

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

Poll Hours: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Polling Place for Election Day Voting will be located at "The Old Trading Post"

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Please remember that in order to cast a vote in the election, **you must** have a valid form of identification, including **non-expired issue date** of the identification card. All forms of identification must be Federal, State, or Tribal Issued and must contain proper photo and signature identical to that of the registered voter.

### <u>ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM</u> <u>INSTRUCTIONS:</u>

Greetings Tribal Member:

As per the newly revised Title X—Rules and Regulations of the Chitimacha Tribal Election Board Ordinance, approved by the Chitimacha Tribal Council on March 03, 2016, Section 803, pg. 36 states:

"Persons requesting an absentee ballot must fax, email, mail, or hand deliver a completed Absentee Ballot Request Form to the Chitimacha Tribal Election Board such that the Chitimacha Tribal Election Board receives it no later than the close of business on the third Monday in May."

The absentee ballot request form is located on the next page, of this notice. If you are looking to request an absentee ballot to be sent to you via United States Postal Services on the day the absentee voting polls open, you must submit this form to the Chitimacha Tribal Election Board no later than Monday, May 19, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.

Otherwise, you will be required to come to the designated absentee voting polling place to cast your vote. Be reminded that, "No person shall request absentee ballots for any other person(s)."

Only those voters who will not be present on the date of the election can receive an absentee ballot. All others will be required to cast their ballot at the designated polling place. Persons who are handicapped or illiterate may have someone assist them in the voting process. However, each absentee ballot must be completed according to the enclosed instructions.

Ballots that do not conform to these instructions will be considered spoiled and not counted. In order for the absentee ballot to be accepted, it must be accompanied with an Affidavit and a copy of a valid identification, including an unexpired driver's license, tribal identification, or passport." The absentee ballots and instructions will be mailed to you once the absentee voting polls open on Saturday, May 24, 2025.

Please fill out the blank absentee ballot request form located on the next page and send it back to the Chitimacha Tribal Election Board office. Should you need assistance or have any questions regarding this absentee ballot request form, feel free to contact any Chitimacha Tribal Election Board Member.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Chitimacha Tribal Election Board