



# The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Of Michigan

GAMING COMMISSION

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**To:** All Class I Gaming License Applicants  
**From:** Brian Chippeway – Gaming Commission Chairperson *BCC*  
**CC:** Tribal Council, file  
**Date:** November 26, 2025  
**Re:** Class I Gaming License Application

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In accordance with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Gaming Code section **3.5 Classes of Gaming:**

*3.5.1 "Class I Gaming" means social gaming solely for prizes of minimal value or traditional forms of Indian gaming engaged by individuals as part of or in connection with tribal ceremonies or celebration.*

Approval from the Gaming Commission **MUST** be obtained prior to selling of raffle tickets or drawings of any kind.

If you are having multiple drawings or raffles, each one **MUST** have a separate Class I License Application.

To be considered complete, the Class I Gaming License Application **MUST** include a full disclosure of all prizes along with the fair market value of each prize.

All persons whose Class I's events that overlap or occur during a gathering, convention or community events such as; SCIT Pow Wow, Community Meetings, SCIT Developmental Events, etc. Must **FIRST** obtain permission from the respected event coordinator before the Gaming Commission will approve a Class I Gaming License. This written approval must be indicated by the signature on the bottom of the application or Gaming Commission will not approve your Class I until such approval has been submitted to the Commission.

Please note that Class I Gaming Licenses are only valid within the boundaries of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's reservation. If your event does not occur within the reservation boundaries then you must obtain a license from the State of Michigan to hold your raffle. Any tax paperwork required by IRS Standards is the responsibility of the person or committee applying for the license.

If you have any further questions regarding a Class I Gaming License please contact the Gaming Commission at (989) – 775 – 5700 and a Gaming Commissioner will assist you.



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## **Class I Gaming License Application**

Company/Organization:	
Contact Name:	
Contact Email:	Contact Phone: (     )     -

Is this for a Department within the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe? ☐ Yes ☐ No

*If you checked yes, you **must** complete the Tribal Council Approved Fundraising Policy. If this is **not** for a Tribal Department, approval from the Business Regulations Department and Gaming Commission are all that are required.*

Date & Time of Event:	Type of Event:
Location of Event:	
Rules of Play:	
List of Prizes – (Including Fair Market Value)	
Where do the Proceeds/Funds Go?	

<b>Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe – Department Approvals</b>			
Tribal Business Regulation	Signature:	Approve/Deny	Date:
Gaming Commission	Commissioner's Initials: BChippeway:                      SPelcher:                      AJackson:                      ZHinmon:		
Committee/ Department	Approval Signature:		

If your Raffle/Drawing is to be held during an event such as the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe "Pow Wow"; "Community Meeting" or another gathering/convention – **YOU MUST HAVE WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM THE EVENT/COMMITTEE GIVING THEIR APPROVAL AND THIS APPROVAL MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE CLASS I APPLICATION. Class I Licenses are only valid within the boundaries of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Reservation.**