



Instructions for Membership

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All sections of the Membership application must be completed. You must show your relationship to an enrolled Member(s) of the Osage Nation. If any required documentation is missing from your application, your application is considered incomplete and will be mailed back to you. Applications must be mailed in or delivered in person so that we can verify the applicant's original state issued birth certificate.

1. If the applicant does not have a CDIB card, the applicant must submit a CDIB application with their Membership application. The CDIB application must be processed first. If the applicant is a minor, the parent or legal guardian must sign the application.
 2. We will need to see the applicant's original state issued birth certificate. Copies will not be accepted. All original birth certificates will be returned certified mail.
 3. We do not accept hospital, county, or city birth certificates. We only accept state issued birth certificates that are signed by the state registrar. Birth certificates must have state seal and state file number. Birth certificates may be attained from the State Bureau of Vital States Department of the state where the person was born.
 4. Will need a copy of the applicant's parent's Marriage License or Divorce Decree if applicable.
 5. We will need a copy of the applicant's social security card. (Copies only. Please do not send in original social security card).
 6. If the parents are not married at the time of the applicant's birth and the father is the Osage Parent and is listed on the applicant's birth certificate we need one of the following:
 - Acknowledgement of Paternity filed in a Tribal Court.
 - Paternity Acknowledgement filed in a State Court.
 - Paternity Acknowledgement filed in an Office of Vital Statistics or other state agencies authorized by law to receive Acknowledgement of Paternity in the state where the person was born.
 - We will also accept a finale court order that contains findings in establishing paternity. The court issuing the order must have jurisdiction in a paternity determination, child support case, paternal rights termination, adoption or other judicial proceedings in which the paternity is necessary. All of the requested documents must be originals. Copies will not be accepted.
 - A final Decision of an Administrative Law Judge in and Indian Probate proceeding filed un 43 C.F.R. Part 4
- If the Father is the Osage Parent but is **not** listed on the birth certificate, we will need the following:

- DNA or Genetic Marker Test (obtained at the requester's sole expense), confirming the probability that the father through whom Indian blood is claimed, is the natural father of the applicant to be no less than 95%, DNA or Genetic Marker results must be presented **in conjunction with the final Court Order establishing paternity.**

7. In circumstances of adoption we will need the following:

- A. A CDIB and Membership card cannot be issued to a non-Osage child that are adopted by an Osage member.
- B. An original or certified reproduction of the State Issued Replacement Birth Certificate due to adoption showing the adoptive parents and a certified copy of the Final decree of Adoption establishing the identity of the natural parents.
- C. If the Final Decree of Adoption is not available or does not establish the adoptee's relationship to the relevant natural parent(s), then one or more of the following documents should be submitted:
 - I. Documents from the Court under the Indian Child Welfare act, 25 U.S.C 1951 that adequately identify the adoptee's natural parent(s);
 - II. A certified copy of a document that identifies the adoptee and the adoptee's natural parent(s), filed with the Court in the adoption case, such as a Consent to Adoption, a Consent to Termination of Parental Rights, or an Order Terminating Parental Rights;
 - III. Any statement, letter or other document provided and executed by an official of the court that entered the Final Decree, upon request of the adoptee, which identifies the adoptee, the adoptee's natural parents and the tribal affiliation of the adoptee's natural parents and the tribal affiliation of the adoptee's natural parent(s), as authorized by the Indian Child Welfare act, 25 U.S.C 1917; or
 - IV. A certified copy of a document that identifies that adoptee by his/her original name that was filed with the court in the adoption case together with one of the following:
 - i. An original or certified reproduction of the state-issued birth record established at the adoptee's birth; or
 - ii. A hospital Birth Certificate listing the names of the adoptee's natural parents.