

Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood Card Application for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Is applicant adopted? Yes ___ No ___

If answer is yes, list natural parents. See instructions on 2nd page in case of adoption.

***Please follow Indian bloodlines only**

****If parent of applicant already has CDIB card, do not go back any further in the lineage.**

Applicant Name _____

Date of Birth _____

City & State of Birth _____

Social Security Number _____
(Copy of card must be provided)

Telephone Number _____

Email _____

****If parent was born after 1907, no roll number needs to be provided**

X _____
Signature of applicant, or parent or guardian of minor
(Indicate relationship, if other than applicant)

**ALL CDIB Applications Must be signed.
CDIB Cards WILL NOT be issued without a signature.**

CDIB () YES () NO
Paternal Grandfather:

Tribe: _____
Date of Birth _____
Date of Death _____

CDIB () YES () NO
Paternal Grandmother:

Tribe: _____
Date of Birth _____
Date of Death _____

CDIB () YES () NO
Maternal Grandfather:

Tribe: _____
Date of Birth _____
Date of Death _____

CDIB () YES () NO
Maternal Grandmother:

Tribe: _____
Date of Birth _____
Date of Death _____

Paternal Great-Grandfather:

Tribe & Roll # _____
Date of Birth _____ Death _____
Paternal Great-Grandmother:

Tribe & Roll # _____
Date of Birth _____ Death _____

Paternal Great-Grandfather:

Tribe & Roll # _____
Date of Birth _____ Death _____
Paternal Great-Grandmother:

Tribe & Roll # _____
Date of Birth _____ Death _____

Maternal Great-Grandfather:

Tribe & Roll # _____
Date of Birth _____ Death _____
Maternal Great-Grandmother:

Tribe & Roll # _____
Date of Birth _____ Death _____

Maternal Great-Grandfather:

Tribe & Roll # _____
Date of Birth _____ Death _____
Maternal Great-Grandmother:

Tribe & Roll # _____
Date of Birth _____ Death _____

Please read this ENTIRE page for important information regarding the CDIB application requirements

CERTIFICATE OF DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD

The application for Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) must be completed showing your DIRECT lineage to an original enrollee on the Final Choctaw Dawes Rolls, registered with a blood quantum. (Please use both married and maiden names for females).

The DAWES COMMISSION ROLL BOOK, the FINAL ROLL of the Five Civilized Tribes, which is used for establishing CDIB, was compiled primarily during the years of 1899-1906. Anyone who died before 1899 or was born after March 4, 1906 DOES NOT HAVE A ROLL NUMBER.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO PROCESS APPLICATION

1. A **COPY** of the state certified (full form) birth certificate (both sides) is required for each applicant. If anyone in your immediate family or your direct lineage has been issued a CDIB card previously, the required birth/death certificates may already be on file in the CDIB office. However, if you have received a letter requesting documentation, then we have already researched and do not have them on file. If no one in your direct lineage has ever been issued a CDIB, you will need to provide **COPIES** of the state certified full form birth/death certificates (both sides) for each person in your lineage back to the enrollee.
2. Delayed birth/death certificates and computerized/electronic birth certificates require additional supporting documentation. All applicants need to complete the sworn statement affidavit (see Sworn Statement Affidavit faq).
3. If you are adopted, you must trace your Choctaw blood through your natural (biological) parent(s). We will need a **COPY** of your **state certified full form birth certificate (after adoption)** and a **copy of the adoption decree**. If the adoption decree does not show the natural parent(s), you will **also** need to submit one of the following: (1) A copy of your birth certificate before adoption, showing natural parent(s) name(s) or (2) a **copy of the Petition to adopt**, that specifically names your natural (biological) parent(s). Additional documentation may be required.
4. **DO NOT** go online to obtain a state birth certificate as it may result in acquiring the wrong form.
5. Provide a copy of the Social Security card for each applicant.

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- ✓ All applications must be accompanied by the required state certified birth/death certificates.
 - ✓ The state issued birth/death certificate must show full parentage and must be signed by the state registrar.
 - ✓ All birth certificates must display a state file number.



**WE DO NOT ACCEPT HOSPITAL, CITY, COUNTY
OR STATE SHORT FORM BIRTH CERTIFICATES.**

Mail completed applications and required documents to:

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
CDIB office
P.O. Box 1210
Durant, OK 74702

**Questions? Call toll free (800) 522-6170
or(580)924-8280
Fax: (580) 920-7001**



Application for:

Tribal Membership

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 1210, Durant, OK 74702
Phone: (580) 924-8280 or (800) 522-6170 ext. 4030
Fax: (580) 920-7001

Email: cdib-membership@choctawnation.com

Please complete one for ALL applicants. If under 16 years of age, a parent or guardian will need to sign. If 16 years of age and older, the applicant will need to sign for himself/herself. When a member reaches the age of 18 years, he/she will be considered eligible to register to vote with the Voter Registration Department.

First Name (please print) Middle Last Maiden (cards always issued in maiden name)

Physical Address Mailing Address, if different City

State ZIP Code County Phone Number

Birthday Sex Social Security Number (must be provided)

Email: _____

I certify that the information given in this application is true. I am eligible to be a member of the Choctaw Nation as defined in the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. I understand that false or erroneous information can cause loss of membership. I am not a member of another tribe, nor am I registered to vote with another tribe.

Check box if you need a NEW Photo ID card. If you would like an updated Photo ID or do not have a photo on file already, please attach a wallet-sized head shot (similar to a passport photo, not a reproduction from a copy machine).

Check box if this is an address change only. If you just want to update your address and do not need a new Tribal Membership card or photo ID.

Signature (indicate relationship, if other than applicant)

Date

FOR DEPT. USE ONLY Approved: Yes No Date approved: _____ Approved by: _____

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SWORN STATEMENT AFFIDAVIT

I, _____, do solemnly swear that I am the natural mother of
Mother (full maiden name, as it appears on birth certificate)

_____ whose date of birth is _____; and that
Child (full name, as it appears on birth certificate)

_____ is the natural father of my child. This birth occurred in
Father (full name, as it appears on birth certificate)

(City and state)

Signature of natural father

Printed name

Mailing address

Physical address

H: _____ C: _____
Phone number

Subscribed and sworn to me
this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary: _____
commission expires: _____
Commission No: _____

Signature of natural mother

Printed name

Mailing address

Physical address

H: _____ C: _____
Phone number

Subscribed and sworn to me
this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary: _____
commission expires: _____
Commission No: _____

Whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device or material fact, or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations, or makes or uses false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years or both.

June 25, 1948, C. 645, 62 Stat. 749.

Sworn Statement Affidavit

Frequently Requested Information

What is a Sworn Statement Affidavit (SSA)? A Sworn Statement Affidavit is used as a supporting document to birth certificates that require additional verification.

Why is an SSA needed? The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) requires the state full form birth certificate, however, some states do not issue them any longer. BIA regulations state that a sworn statement affidavit is now required as a supporting document for some birth certificates. ex. Computerized and Birth Abroad, there may be others not listed here.

Is there a certain way to fill out the top portion? Please take care when filling out the top five spaces of the SSA, they need to be written exactly as they are entered on the birth certificate. Please make sure that the mother's maiden last name is used instead of her married last name.

Who is required to sign the SSA? Only the Indian parent is required to fill out, sign and have the document notarized. If both parents are Indian, both are required.

What if the Indian parent is not available to sign? In such instances where the Indian parent is not available to sign the document, for any reason, supporting documentation will need to be provided by the other parent. For instance, if the father could not sign because he is now deceased, a copy of his death certificate would serve as the documentation needed. If you have a different situation, please call our office and we can instruct you on the document(s) needed.

The applicant is in custodial or foster care with others, are they required to have an SSA? Children in foster care or in custody or guardianship with others are not required to have an SSA submitted with their paperwork. Please include paperwork showing who has custody of the child(ren) when you submit their applications and we will send other required forms to you, if needed.

What if my child was adopted? If the child is adopted, an SSA is not required. Please refer to the CDIB faq sheet for instructions regarding adoption paperwork.

Frequently Requested Information

CDIB & Tribal Membership

PO Box 1210 – Durant, OK 74702
(800) 522-6170 or (580) 924-8280 ext. 4030
Office hours: 8:00 – 4:30 pm CST
Monday - Friday
cdib-membership@choctawnation.com

CDIB Information

What is a CDIB? A CDIB is a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood and is issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). It shows your given name, as listed on your birth certificate, blood degree by tribe, date of birth and date of issuance.

How do I get my CDIB card? You must complete a CDIB application, showing direct lineage to a final Choctaw Dawes enrollee registered with a blood quantum, and include a **copy** of your state certified, full form birth certificate, with a state file #, and a copy of your social security card. Research is only done by official application. You must mail, fax or email the CDIB applications.

The CDIB application states that I may have to provide a birth and/or death certificate for everyone in the lineage.

If anyone in your immediate family or your direct lineage has been issued a CDIB card, the required birth/death certificates may already be on file in the CDIB office. However, if you have received a letter requesting documentation, then we have already researched and do not have them on file. If no one in your direct lineage has ever been issued a CDIB, you will need to provide **copies** of the state certified, full form birth/death certificates (both sides) for each person in your lineage back to the enrollee. **Copies must be legible and in good condition, we reserve the right to ask for originals if unreadable or if there appears to be anything in question on the birth certificate.**

How do I know if the certificate I have is correct? Certified copies of birth certificates, delayed birth certificates, and death certificates may be obtained from the State Bureau of Vital Statistics in the state where a person was born or died. We cannot accept county, city, hospital or short form birth certificates. **DO NOT GO ONLINE FOR BIRTH CERTIFICATES as it may result in acquiring the wrong form.**

When researching my family roll numbers, I came across an MCR number - what does this mean? MCR stands for Mississippi Choctaw Removed/Rejected and means that at the time the final rolls were closed they were not enrolled. You cannot be issued a CDIB card with any roll number containing MCR.

How long will it take to get my CDIB card after my application has been sent in? Providing that all birth/death certificates are on file and all supporting documentation is completed, you should receive your CDIB card within six months. However, this is an estimate. Applications are processed by date received.

Can I have more than one tribe listed on my CDIB card? Yes, if it is one of the other Five Civilized Tribes (Creek, Chickasaw, Cherokee and Seminole) and you or your parent(s) have already been established with that tribe.

A copy of your social security card is now required when you file for a CDIB. Please remember to list your entire social security number on all paperwork, only the last four numbers will be placed on the cards. This is for both adults and minors.

Tribal Membership Information

What is a Tribal Membership Card? A Tribal Membership card certifies you as a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. If you are age 18 or older, you are also considered eligible to register to vote with the Voter Registration Department. Members under the age of 18 will receive a minor card to be replaced by an adult card at the age of 18. A Tribal Membership card is not the same as your CDIB card.

I am going to be 18 years old next year; how and when do I need to apply for my adult Tribal Membership card? You need to apply at least two months before you turn 18. Please include your minor card with your Tribal Membership application.

Can I have membership with more than one tribe? Most tribal constitutions prohibit enrollment with more than one tribe. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma's constitution prohibits dual enrollment.

Photo ID

What is a Photo ID Card? This card will have your photo on it, along with your date of birth, last four digits of your social security number and your degree of Indian Blood. The photo ID card does not replace your membership card. It is an extra service we provide and is not mandatory. If you cannot come to the Durant office to have your picture made, you can send in a wallet sized, headshot photo of yourself (similar to a passport photo) along with the Tribal Membership application.

CHOCTAW NATION VOTER REGISTRATION

A new Voter Registration Form must be submitted each time you have a change in either your physical or mailing address. Address changes will not be accepted over the phone.

You may use this form to:

- ✓ Register for the first time for Choctaw Nation elections.
- ✓ Change your physical address for voter registration.
- ✓ Change your mailing address.
- ✓ Change your Address Release Authorization.

Eligibility for voter registration:

- ✓ Be a Tribal Member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.
- ✓ Be 18 years of age or older.
- ✓ Provide your physical address. **(Please see guidelines below)**
 - If you have a street address or 911 address, this is your physical address.
 - A rural route or a post office box is NOT a physical address.
 - If you do not have a street address or 911 address, you may write directions to your home.

Voter Registration closes before an election. If you apply or update when registration is closed, your form will be processed when registration reopens after the election.

You will be mailed a Voter Registration Certificate once your application has been processed. Please keep this certificate for your records.

Please mail completed forms to the following address:

Voter Registration Department
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
PO Box 1210
Durant, OK 74702





Voter Registration

Voter Registration Department
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
PO Box 1210 Durant, OK 74702

Phone: (580) 924-8280 or (800) 522-6170 ext. 2289 or ext. 2410
Email: voterregistration@choctawnation.com

First Name (please print)	Middle	Last	Maiden		
Birth Date	Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number	Phone Number	Email		
Street or 911 Address or directions to your home (physical address must be provided in order to register)		City	State	Zip Code	County
Mailing Address (if different than above)		City	State	Zip Code	

NON-RESIDENTS ONLY: If you live outside of the Choctaw Nation boundaries, you may affiliate with ONE of the districts below, however, it is not required. If you affiliate with a district, you will be mailed a ballot when there is a Tribal Council Member election for that district. Once you affiliate you must remain in the district you have chosen, unless you move within the Choctaw Nation boundaries. If you choose not to affiliate, you will only be mailed a ballot when there is an election for Chief of the Choctaw Nation.

PLEASE CHECK THE DISTRICT YOU WOULD LIKE TO AFFILIATE WITH (current Tribal Councilperson is listed under the district they represent)
OR if you prefer NOT TO AFFILIATE with a particular district, please check **this box instead:** I choose not to affiliate at this time

<input type="checkbox"/> District 1 (Thomas R. Williston)	<input type="checkbox"/> District 2 (Jonathan Tony Ward)	<input type="checkbox"/> District 3 (Kenneth P. Bryant)	<input type="checkbox"/> District 4 (Delton R. Cox)	<input type="checkbox"/> District 5 (Ronald C. Perry)	<input type="checkbox"/> District 6 (Joe E. Coley)
<input type="checkbox"/> District 7 (Jack C. Austin, Sr.)	<input type="checkbox"/> District 8 (G. Perry Thompson, Sr.)	<input type="checkbox"/> District 9 (Ted G. Dosh)	<input type="checkbox"/> District 10 (Anthony G. Dillard)	<input type="checkbox"/> District 11 (Bobby Pate)	<input type="checkbox"/> District 12 (James M. Frazier)

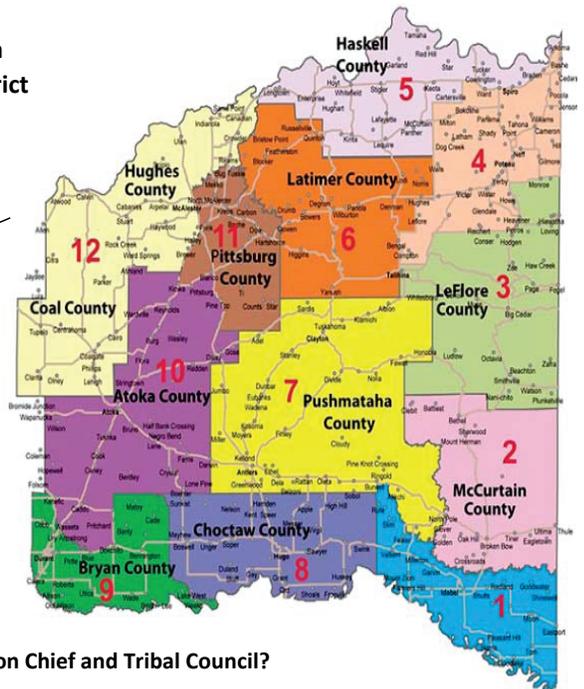
RESIDENTS: Residents of the Choctaw Nation 10 ½ county service area (below) will be assigned to vote in the district in which they reside.

I certify that the information given on this application is true. I am eligible to be a registered voter of the Choctaw Nation as in the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. I understand that false or erroneous information can cause loss of voting privileges. I am not a member of another tribe, nor am I registered to vote with another tribe.

Date: ___/___/___

Signature of Applicant (↑ Sign within box ↑) (applications without signature will not be processed)

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma District Boundaries



ADDRESS RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

Would you like your name and address released to candidates who run for Choctaw Nation Chief and Tribal Council?

- YES (I want my name and address released) NO (I do not want my name and address released)

For department use: Voter ID:	District:	Date & Initials:
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