



# Choctaw Nation Member Services

## Tribal Membership Application Instructions

The following instructions are to apply for a Tribal Membership card.

### COMPLETE THE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO OBTAIN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CARDS:

#### Tribal Membership Identification Card

- The Tribal Membership Identification card will be issued if the applicant has submitted a valid photo identification and passport style photo. This card serves as a federally recognized identification and will be mailed to the address on the application. The CDIB card will be printed on one side and the Tribal Membership card with photo and ID expiration date will be printed on the other side. The expiration date is for ID purposes only.

#### Tribal Membership Verification Card

- If the Tribal Membership application is submitted and does not meet the Tribal Membership Identification card requirements, the applicant will receive a Tribal Membership Verification card, which does not have a photo.

### Expiration dates on cards

Your expiration date on your tribal membership card is for ID purposes only. If the card expires, it cannot be used as a form of ID. An expired card does not impact tribal membership status.

### Replacement Tribal Membership cards

One replacement card will be issued during a two-year period. However, any changes such as name or address, will not count against the replacement restriction.

### Address changes

Please submit a Tribal Membership application with updated information and a new card will be issued.

### Name changes

- For married name change, submit copy of marriage license, reflecting the name change. Married names will only reflect on Tribal Membership and not the CDIB; therefore, documentation only needs to be attached to a Tribal Membership application.
- For an adoption name change, submit court order documentation including, but not limited to the petition to adopt and/or the decree of adoption and the new state issued original birth certificate reflecting the name change. This must go through processing for a CDIB amendment first, then Tribal Membership will be processed upon BIA approval; therefore, documentation needs to be attached to both a CDIB application and Tribal Membership application.
- For court ordered legal name change, submit the court order documentation granting the name change and a state issued original birth certificate reflecting the new name unless the court order states the birth certificate does not require an amendment. This must go through processing for a CDIB amendment first, then Tribal Membership will be processed upon BIA approval; therefore, documentation needs to be attached to both a CDIB application and Tribal Membership application.

QUESTIONS? CALL 580.634.0654 or 1.800.522.6170



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## Tribal Membership Application

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[ChoctawNation.com/services/tribal-membership](http://ChoctawNation.com/services/tribal-membership)

FIRST NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

MIDDLE

LAST/SUFFIX

MAIDEN

BIRTH DATE

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

PHONE #

E-MAIL

PHYSICAL ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

**Are you a Veteran or Active Duty? (circle one) Yes No**

If yes, please provide a military/veteran ID or documentation with the status of discharge listed.

*I certify that the information given in this application is true. I am eligible to be a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma 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 registered member of another tribe, nor am I registered to vote with another tribe. 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.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* You may receive a letter requesting additional documentation

\*\*Please see FAQ online for further details

For Office use only:

Verified?

Yes

No

CN \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_