

Enrollment Department ***for the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes***



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Background of Tribal Enrollment

Every Tribe in the United States has their own language and various cultural traditions and can establish their own criteria for enrollment.



Today, all North American tribes are considered '*sovereign nations*' as each signed individual treaty agreements with the United States in return for their land and resources. As a result, all treaties established specific entitlements for their tribal members. Early Indian Agency rolls were established to ensure that tribal members received their specified treaty rights to include any land allotments, rations, health care, etc., as defined in them. The '*Jerome Agreement of 1891*' established formal reservation boundaries for Wichita tribal jurisdiction and set aside land for every eligible member of their household. The Anadarko Agency was established soon after in the 1880's for all SW area tribes and became the authorized repository for all recorded allotments of land and probate records which created the '*base rolls*' of the various southwest OK tribes. The current tribal rolls for the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes derived from the Anadarko Agency's records of '*original allottees*' as established through the Jerome Agreement. These '*original allottees*' or '*base rolls*' are what the Wichita and other various tribes now base their eligibility for enrollment on.

Each individual applying for enrollment should be able to trace back to the ancestor who was the *'original allottee'*. Blood degree and family relationships are then established by birth certificate for all applicants.

Aside from the on-going enrollment of new applicants, enrollment also:

- ✓ Maintains a current listing of all member addresses for voting in tribal elections and the tribal newsletter.
- ✓ Assists programs with tribal member statistics for grant requirements, grant funding, and/or eligibility for program services.
- ✓ Provides enrollment verifications for other outside agencies to include: schools, housing entities, law enforcement, district attorneys (McGirt decision), and Cobell & tribal scholarships.
- ✓ Provides burial assistance for enrolled members.
- ✓ Provides annual Children's School clothing and Elder payment for applicants that are eligible.

Enrollment can also provide tribal CDIB and photo ID cards as requested. In addition, we also process BIA Form 4432 for Indian Preference, as well as federal Eagle Feather permit applications. Hunting/Fishing Permits on tribal lands only can also be processed.

The tribes website at www.wichitatribe.com also provides forms such as burial assistance and enrollment applications. Annual events such as Children's Clothing and the Elders Payment are usually announced in the tribal newsletter as well.

Any Questions??

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