

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD

A CDIB is based upon a person's relationship to a direct **Indian ancestor** that was enrolled on the Dawes' Commission Rolls of 1898 – 1905. Only those persons who were enrolled on the Dawes' Rolls have roll numbers. They had to be alive and living in what was then called "Indian Territory" which is now the State of Oklahoma, to receive a roll number. Since enrollment at that time was voluntary, some tribal members simply chose not to enroll, so not all Indians had roll numbers and not everyone in the Dawes' Roll Book was Indian, some non-Indians are also listed. We only issue CDIB for those persons who are a descendant of an original Seminole **Indian** enrollee of the Dawes' Roll. Send the completed application to: **SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA, TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP, PO BOX 1498, WEWOKA, OKLAHOMA 74884.**

Most Indian tribes in Oklahoma are continually enrolling tribal members and use Social Security numbers or other means of assigning roll numbers to new tribal members. **Do not use these roll numbers** on the front of the application only **write in Dawes' Roll numbers** where it asks for roll numbers. If you do not know the Dawes' Roll number then leave the space blank.

The application for a CDIB on the reverse side of this form should be completed showing your direct relationship to an enrolled **Indian** parent, grandparent or great-grandparent. Give the maiden name of your mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, etc.

A **State issued, certified copy of your birth certificate** is required to establish your relationship to your nearest relative (your mother or father). A **State issued, certified copy of the birth certificate** of your Indian parent (or parents of grandparents) is also required if they do not already have a CDIB issued before you can receive one.

Hospital birth certificates, county issued birth certificates and city issued birth certificates are not acceptable

Any person applying for a CDIB, including children, **must** have a **State issued birth certificate**, that has a State file number on it, and it must be signed by the State Registrar from the State in which you were born. For example, some states have cities and counties that issued birth certificates. Many times these look identical to State issued birth certificates but, for our purposes, **they are not acceptable**. If you send in a county or city issued birth certificate, you are creating a delay in the time you can expect to receive a CDIB.

If you have children, you should apply for a CDIB for them at the same time you apply for yourself. You will save time and further delay if you apply for them all at once.

In the event your parents, grandparents or great-grandparents only have a State issued Delayed Birth Certificate, additional documentation must be presented to "back up" the information given on the Delayed Birth Certificate. This is also true for State issued Death Certificates. **(Only State issued delayed Birth Certificates and Death Certificates are acceptable.)** The additional documentation that is currently acceptable are probates whereby the deceased relatives personal holdings and surviving relative were determined by a court. Also acceptable is a document called an **Affidavit of Personal Knowledge** which is to be completed by someone who is older than the person on the Delayed Birth Certificate or Death Certificate and who can state for a fact they know the parents listed on the certificates are correct.

We have this Affidavit or Personal Knowledge which we will send to you when necessary. An **Affidavit of identity** may also be necessary if there are any discrepancies in the spelling of names. For example your mother's name on your birth certificate may be spelled "Ruby" but her birth certificate may have it spelled "Rubie." The affidavit would verify that these two people are one and the same.

Additional documentation other than that mentioned above may be needed depending upon your particular situation. We will call or write you if additional documents are required.

In the event you or your children are adopted, you must furnish the names of the natural parents. A CDIB is based on the natural or birth parents, not the adopted parents. For the adopted person, you should send the original birth certificate that lists the natural parents, the post adoptive birth certificate that lists the adopted parents, the Adoption Petition and the Adoption Decree. If you do not have all of the requested adoption documentation and cannot obtain it, send in what you have, we will let you know if what you sent in is enough.

The thing to remember is that we are trying to determine if you sent in enough legal documentation to prove who the adopted person's natural parents were. For example, if you only have your post-adoptive birth certificate that lists your adopted parents, but you have the adoption decree that lists your natural parents, then that should be enough.