

ENROLLMENT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Application must be **completely filled out and accompanied with state-certified copy of birth certificate or baptismal certificate stating the full name of the parent or parents.** (A photocopied birth certificate will not be accepted and this will hold up the processing of application.)

- A. Application must be signed by parent that is enrolled with Bois Forte.
- B. Any application that is not accompanied by an acceptable birth record or is not signed by the enrolled parent is considered incomplete.

If the father's name does not appear on the birth certificate, the following may be used to establish paternity:

- A. A signed, notarized paternity affidavit signed by the father.
- B. An amended state certified birth record, showing the father's name.
- C. A decree issued by the court, stating who the father is.

A. Regular Enrollment:

1. Must have a biological parent(s) enrolled with Bois Forte Reservation.
2. Applicant must possess the one-fourth (1/4) degree Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Indian blood requirement.
3. The Enrollment Application must be completely filled out with all identifying information and returned with a State Certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate (*complimentary hospital records and photocopies ARE NOT acceptable*) stating the full name of the father and full maiden name of mother. If father does not appear on the birth record an Affidavit of Paternity (for enrollment purposes only) or amended birth record or DNA providing the results are 97 % must accompany the Enrollment application and birth certificate.

B. Band Transfer for Adult or Minor:

1. Must have a biological parent(s) enrolled with Bois Forte Reservation in which applicant is applying to band transfer.
2. The applicant will have to complete the Application to Band Transfer, along with the Affidavit of Relinquishment (***must be notarized***), return both forms with a State Certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate (***complimentary hospital records and photocopies ARE NOT acceptable***) stating the full name of the father and full maiden name of mother. If father does not appear on the birth record an Affidavit of Paternity (for enrollment purposes only) or amended birth record or DNA providing the results are 97 % must accompany Band Transfer application.
3. Any applicant that is a minor, both parent(s) will have to sign the Affidavit of Relinquishment Minor (***must be notarized***), return both forms with a State Certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate (***complimentary hospital records and photocopies ARE NOT acceptable***) stating the full name of the father and full maiden name of mother. If father does not appear on the birth record an Affidavit of Paternity (for enrollment purposes only) or amended birth record or DNA providing the results are 97 % must accompany Band Transfer application.
4. If you are enrolled with another Reservation/Tribe other than the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, you must contact your Reservation/Tribe and fill out their required paperwork to relinquish your enrollment with them and turn in with your application.

If application(s) are returned without all the requested information, then a letter is sent to applicant or applicant parent(s) of minor children stating the application is incomplete and cannot be processed until all required information is received.

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe does not allow dual enrollment. A person cannot be enrolled in with two (2) Reservations/Tribes.

MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE, CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe shall consist of the following:

(a) Basic Membership Roll. All persons of Minnesota Chippewa Indian blood whose names appear on the annuity roll of April 14, 1941, prepared pursuant to the Treaty with said Indians as enacted by Congress in the Act of January 14, 1889 (25 Stat. 642) and Acts amendatory thereof, and as corrected by the Tribal Executive Committee and ratified by the Tribal Delegates, which roll shall be known as the basic membership roll of the Tribe.

(b) All children of Minnesota Chippewa Indian blood born between April 14, 1941, the date of the annuity roll, and July 3, 1961, the date of approval of the membership ordinance by the Area Director, to a parent or parents, either or both of whose names appear on the basic membership roll, provided an application for enrollment was filed with the Secretary of the Tribal Delegates by July 4, 1962, one year after the date of approval of the ordinance by the Area Director.

(c) All children of at least one quarter (1/4) degree Minnesota Chippewa Indian blood born after July 3, 1961, to a member, provided that an application for enrollment was or is filed with the Secretary of the Tribal Delegates or the Tribal Executive Committee within one year after the date of birth of such children.

Section 2. No person born after July 3, 1961, shall be eligible for enrollment if enrolled as a member of another tribe, or if not an American citizen.

Section 3. Any person of Minnesota Chippewa Indian blood who meets the membership requirements of the Tribe, but who because of an error has not been enrolled, may be admitted to membership in the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe by adoption, if such adoption is approved by the Tribal Executive Committee, and shall have full membership privileges from the date the adoption is approved.

Section 4. Any person who has been rejected for enrollment as a member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe shall have the right of appeal within sixty days from the date of written notice of rejection to the Secretary of the Interior from the decision of the Tribal Executive Committee and the decision of the Secretary of Interior shall be final.

Section 5. Nothing contained in this article shall be construed to deprive any descendant of a Minnesota Chippewa Indian of the right to participate in any benefits derived from claims against the U.S. Government when awards are made for and on behalf and for the benefit of descendants of members of said tribe.