



APPLICATION PACKET
for the
FLORIDA TRIBE OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

This packet is to be used by any and all individuals wishing for enrollment into the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians. The Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians is a non-recognized tribe of Cherokee natives. We are not a part of any federal or state recognized Cherokee tribe. We claim our heritage solely by genealogical blood pedigree. Per the Constitution of the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians, any form of valid, genealogical proof of Cherokee ancestry (i.e., Cherokee Census, Court Papers, Military Papers, Birth Certificates, Cherokee Rolls, etc.) is acceptable. Per the Constitution of the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians, no applicant, who is enrolled in another tribe, may be accepted into this tribe until (s)he has renounced their tribal citizenship with the foreign tribe and have shown the proof thereof to the Enrollment Board of the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians.

Enrollment into any tribe is a serious decision. Unlike clubs and civic organizations, tribes compose a part of a person's private and public identity. The tribe is both a governing body as well as a family. Individuals are expected to accept the governance of the tribe. Moreover, individuals are expected to devote both time and resources to the tribe. The tribe, in turn, is expected to assist, where possible, to promote, protect, and defend the welfare and general well being of all of its citizenry. Because the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians is a non-recognized tribal entity, no applicant should expect any rights or privileges outside of the tribal unit (i.e., government medical benefits, preferred employment benefits, tax benefits, etc.).

Per the Constitution of the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians, we do accept some non-Cherokee individuals into our tribe. This is a right that even state and federally recognized tribes have the option of utilizing in most circumstances. Non-Cherokee, by blood, citizens are usually the spouses, in-laws, etc. of registered Cherokee citizens of the tribe wishing to offer their support. Non-Cherokee enrollment is sometimes used as a form of reward and honor for non-Cherokees who have significantly helped the tribe in a meaningful manner. However, we do not limit our enrollment of Non-Cherokee citizens solely to these categories. Non-Cherokee citizens have a right to vote and serve on boards but may not hold elected office in the tribe. All Non-Cherokee citizens are treated equally as if they were by-blood Cherokee citizens and are expected to live up to the same obligations and duties while the tribe is expected to offer the same level of support and protection.

For any and all questions involving enrollment, the legal documents of the tribe, etc. please contact the Vice Chief at: 850-983-9535 or email him at vice_chief@floridacherokee.com.

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

FULL NAME: _____
MAIDEN NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
E-MAIL: _____
GENDER: MALE FEMALE OCCUPATION: _____

AGE: _____
DATE OF BIRTH: _____
PHONE: (____) ____-____

HIGHEST EDUCATION (Please check only one): Not Applicable - Child Some High School High School Diploma
 Some College Associate's Degree Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree Doctorate Degree Other _____

PLEASE LIST ANY AND ALL CERTIFICATIONS THAT YOU PRESENTLY HOLD AS WELL AS THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE CERTIFICATION AND THE AGENCY/SCHOOL THAT YOU ARE CERTIFIED THROUGH: _____

ARE YOU PRESENTLY ENROLLED IN ANOTHER TRIBE? Yes No
IF YES, PLEASE STATE TRIBE'S NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AND DATE YOU EXPECT TERMINATION OF ENROLLMENT IN FOREIGN TRIBE: _____

ADULT APPLICANT OATH

I hereby swear, or affirm, that I wish to be considered for enrollment into the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians as a By-Blood Cherokee citizen Non-Cherokee citizen and that I have read and understand the Constitution, statutes, by-laws and other legal documents of the tribe and that I agree to these terms and accept them wholeheartedly and without reservation. By my signature, I, hereby bear testament that all proof submitted is true, accurate, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Further, I hereby swear, or affirm, that I will accept the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians as my only true and sovereign tribal body, herewith renouncing any previous tribal affiliations that I may have, and that I commit myself to the perpetuation of the goals and objectives of the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians.

Done on this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

By: _____
Printed Name: _____

OATH OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

I _____, the Parent Legal Guardian, of _____, a minor child, hereby swear, or affirm, that I have full, legal authority to sign on behalf of the child (if legal guardian, please submit certified copy of court order with application) and that I hereby wish for the child applicant to be considered for enrollment into the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians as a By-Blood Cherokee citizen Non-Cherokee citizen. Acting solely on behalf of the child, I hereby state I have read and understand the Constitution, statutes, by-laws and other legal documents of the tribe and that I agree to these terms, on behalf of the child, and accept them wholeheartedly and without reservation. By my signature, I, as Parent Legal Guardian, of the child applicant, acting both in my legal capacity and on behalf of the child applicant, hereby bear testament that all proof submitted of the child applicant's claim is true, accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Further, I hereby swear, or affirm, that I, and the child applicant, accepts the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians as the child applicant's only true and sovereign tribal body, herewith renouncing any previous tribal affiliations that the child applicant may have, and that (s)he commits himself/herself to the perpetuation of the goals and objectives of the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians.

Done on this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

By: _____
Printed Name: _____

CONSTITUTIONALLY REQUIRED CONFIRMATION:

I, the child applicant cited above, hereby state that I turned 18 years of age on _____ and that I confirm and ratify this oath as per Article II, Section 8 of the Constitution of the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ELECTION OF CITIZENSHIP

THE APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS THE ENROLLMENT BOARD TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FOLLOWING TYPE OF CITIZENSHIP INTO THE FLORIDA TRIBE OF CHEROKEE INDIANS AS PER CITED SECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FLORIDA TRIBE OF CHEROKEE INDIANS (Please check only one):

- Citizenship as Cherokee By-Blood With No Relatives Enrolled per Article II, Section 5 (See Option A)
- Citizenship as Cherokee By-Blood Using Compounded Genealogy per Article II, Section 11 (See Option B)
- Citizenship as Non-Cherokee per Article II, Section 7 (See Option C)

Signature of Applicant/Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____



OPTION A - CHEROKEE CITIZENSHIP BY PEDIGREE

This option is for people who have no relatives in the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians and who wish to prove, by method of genealogical preponderance of evidence, their by-blood Cherokee ties.

To apply for enrollment by this methodology, you will need to submit the following:

- Application for Enrollment, Oath & Election of Citizenship portions of this application
- A 2" x 2" or larger, passport-sized color photo. Photo must significantly show the head and shoulders in a face-forward, frontal pose with a single white, or light colored, background.
- 6 Generation Pedigree Chart (**Note:** This may be sent to our offices prior to applying for pre-approval verification)
- Genealogical Proof. Specifically, we'll need a copy of your birth certificate as primary proof of your claim. Additional proof, such as copies of genealogical books tracing your family line, newspaper birth/death notices, court documents, copies of rolls, etc. are strongly requested as substantiative proof but are not usually required. Do not send us originals. Send us only copies as since nothing that you send us will be returned. Unless special circumstances warrant it, no certified copies shall be required. With the exception of certificates of births, marriages and deaths abroad, no foreign documentation of Cherokee proof will be accepted. All proof should be from American sources where possible and required.
- Self-addressed, stamped envelope addressed to you
- Non-refundable enrollment fee, in the form of a check or money order, for \$30 made payable to the **Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians, Inc.**

An application must have all of the above included with it. When the application is complete, please mail it to: **Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians, ATTN: Enrollment Board, PO Box 263, Milton, FL 32572-0263.**

OPTION B - CHEROKEE CITIZENSHIP BY COMPOUNDED GENEALOGY

This option is for people who have relatives in the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians and who wish to prove their by-blood Cherokee ties by using the enrolled citizen's base roll files as proof of claim.

To apply for enrollment by this methodology, you will need to submit the following:

- Application for Enrollment, Oath & Election of Citizenship portions of this application
- A 2" x 2" or larger, passport-sized color photo. Photo must significantly show the head and shoulders in a face-forward, frontal pose with a single white, or light colored, background.
- 4 Generation Pedigree Chart
- Genealogical Proof. Specifically, we'll need a copy of your birth certificate as primary proof of your claim. Additionally, we will need a completed letter of verification from your cited relative that you are basing your enrollment upon. Any additional proof of your Cherokee by-blood claim is welcomed but not specifically required unless needed by the Enrollment Board for special circumstance cases. Any proof submitted must be from American sources. The only exceptions are certificates of births, marriages, and deaths abroad.
- Self-addressed, stamped envelope addressed to you
- Non-refundable enrollment fee, in the form of a check or money order, for \$15 (Note: If the applicant is a child, under the age of 18, the enrollment fee is \$5), made payable to the **Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians, Inc.**

An application must have all of the above included with it. When the application is complete, please mail it to: **Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians, ATTN: Enrollment Board, PO Box 263, Milton, FL 32572-0263.**

OPTION C- NON CHEROKEE CITIZENSHIP

This option is for people who cannot, or otherwise wishes not to, prove by-blood Cherokee pedigree. Such people may be spouses of by-blood Cherokee citizens of the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians, people from tribal backgrounds other than Cherokee, people who have contributed a significant amount of resources/time to the betterment of the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians, etc. Due to the unique classification of enrollment, the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians reserves the right to limit who and how many people can enroll as Non-Cherokee.

To apply for enrollment by this methodology, you will need to submit the following:

- Application for Enrollment, Oath & Election of Citizenship portions of this application
- A 2" x 2" or larger, passport-sized color photo. Photo must significantly show the head and shoulder in a face-forward, frontal pose with a single white, or light colored, background.
- Genealogical Proof. Specifically, we'll only need a copy of your birth certificate. Please, only send copies as since all records submitted become the permanent property of the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians.
- Self-addressed, stamped envelope addressed to you
- Non-refundable enrollment fee, in the form of a check or money order, for \$15 made payable to the **Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians, Inc.**

An application must have all of the above included with it. When the application is complete, please mail it to: **Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians, ATTN: Enrollment Board, PO Box 263, Milton, FL 32572-0263.**



STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY & OWNERSHIP OF RECORDS

The Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians (Tribe), and our fiscal non-profit arm, the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians, Inc., claim ownership of any and all records sent to the tribe for enrollment purposes. No records submitted to the Tribe, unless otherwise allowed by law, may be publically viewable, sold, or traded to non-government third parties. With the exception of citizens requesting copies of their own enrollment files, only officers of the Tribe, members of the Enrollment Board, and government officials (as prescribed by law) may view, hold, or attain copies of enrollment records unless otherwise prescribed by law. All records submitted are considered to be confidential. All identification cards, affidavits, and other legal documents of the Tribe indicating proof of enrollment are considered the property of the Tribe.

STATEMENT OF NON-PROFIT STATUS

The Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians, Inc. (Corporation) is the non-profit, charitable, fiscal arm of the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians (Tribe), a non-recognized tribal entity. The Corporation and the Tribe should never be considered one-in-the-same entity. Further, the Corporation is registered with the Florida Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services as registrant #CH29301. Per F.S. 496.405, **"A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE (800-435-7352) WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE."**



LETTER OF VERIFICATION

(For Article II, Section 11 Compounded Genealogical Enrollment Uses Only)

State of _____
County of _____

I _____, on this ____ day of _____, 20____, hereby state that I am a by-blood Cherokee citizen of the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians. My enrollment identification number is #_____. I further state that I am a blood relative of _____, who is applying for enrollment to the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians as a by-blood Cherokee citizen. Specifically, I am the applicant's _____ (Please write family tie to applicant: Parent, Sibling, Grandparent, Aunt/Uncle, Cousin, Great Aunt/Uncle, Great Grandparent).

After careful consideration of the applicant's ancestry, compared with my own, I believe there to be substantial proof in my pedigree to warrant the applicant to be enrolled as a by-blood Cherokee citizen, using compounded genealogical pedigree, as allowed in Article II, Section 11 of the Constitution of the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians. More specifically, we share the following genealogical ancestor(s): _____ who are noted on my pedigree chart as number(s): _____.

By virtue of this letter, I hereby swear, or affirm, that all of the above cited information is true, accurate, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I give the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians the authority to attach the necessary genealogical files, from my permanent base roll enrollment records, so that the applicant may be considered for acceptance into the Florida Tribe of Cherokee Indians.



Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: (____) _____ — _____

E-Mail: _____

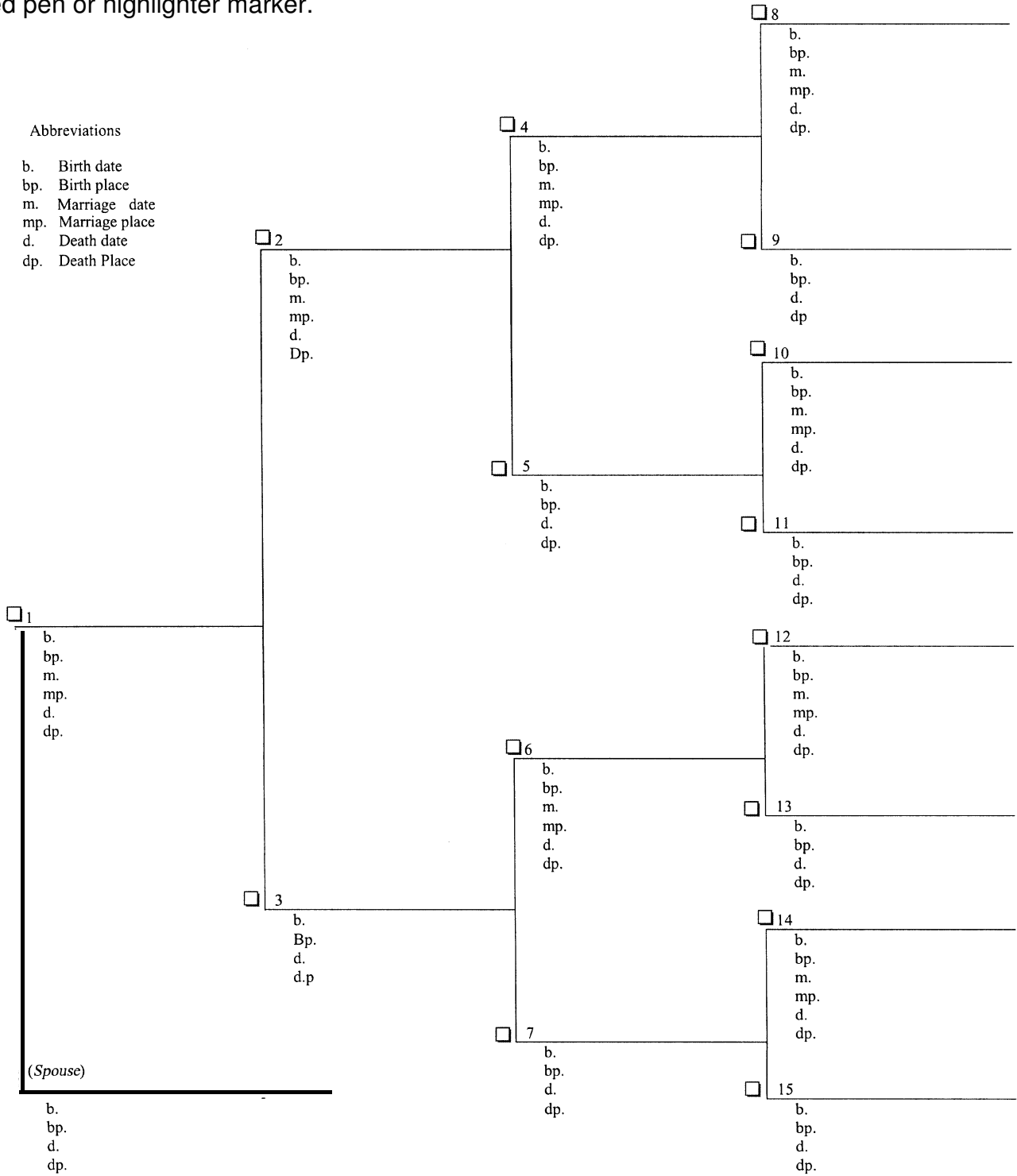
4 Generation Pedigree Chart

Special Instructions:

Please indicate all ancestors, believed to be of Cherokee blood, by marking the boxes by their names with either a colored pen or highlighter marker.

Abbreviations

- b. Birth date
- bp. Birth place
- m. Marriage date
- mp. Marriage place
- d. Death date
- dp. Death Place



6 Generation Chart

Special Instructions:

Please indicate all ancestors, believed to be of Cherokee blood, by marking the boxes by their names with either a colored pen or highlighter marker.



(2nd Generation)

1 Birth
 Place
 Married
 Place
 Death
 Place

SPOUSE
 Birth
 Death

Children of #1 (1st Generation)

Birth
 Place
 Death
 Place

Parents (3rd Generation)

2 Birth
 Place
 Married
 Place
 Death
 Place

Grandparents (4th Generation)

4 Birth
 Place
 Married
 Place
 Death
 Place

5 Birth
 Place
 Death
 Place

Great Grandparents (5th Generation)

8 Birth
 Place
 Death
 Place

9 Birth
 Place
 Death
 Place

10 Birth
 Place
 Death
 Place

11 Birth
 Place
 Death
 Place

12 Birth
 Place
 Death
 Place

13 Birth
 Place
 Death
 Place

14 Birth
 Place
 Death
 Place

15 Birth
 Place
 Death
 Place

2nd Great Grandparents (6th Generation)

16 Birth

17 Birth

18 Birth

19 Birth

20 Birth

21 Birth

22 Birth

23 Birth

24 Birth

25 Birth

26 Birth

27 Birth

28 Birth

29 Birth

30 Birth

31 Birth