Dear Applicant,

Thank you for applying for membership with the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. Please fill out the membership application, the family history chart, consent for release of information and return it to us along with an original state issued birth certificate and any other original or certified documents that establish your Pawnee ancestral lineage. **Copied birth certificates are not acceptable.** If you are mailing in your application and documents, we will make copies of all documents and mail your original(s) back to you certified and with a return receipt.

When mailing the enrollment application and any documents containing confidential information concerning your enrollment please note on the front of envelope, “ATTN: ENROLLMENT” and “CONFIDENTIAL”. This is to keep in strict accordance with the “Freedom of Information-Privacy Act” regulation and for your privacy.

Applying for membership is a lengthy process; once we receive your completed application our Enrollment Department will begin the research process.

**The process after the complete application is submitted:**

1. Enrollment Department will research the completed application.
2. Completed applications will be taken to the next quarterly Enrollment Committee meeting for approval.
3. Approved applications from the Enrollment Committee will be taken before the next monthly Nasharo Council for approval and resolution vote.
4. Denied applicants from the Enrollment Committee will receive a letter with the right to appeal to the Nasharo Council.
5. Approved applications from the Nasharo Council will be taken before the next Pawnee Nation Business Council for resolution vote for Pawnee Nation enrollment and membership.
6. Pawnee Nation tribal members will receive a letter of approved membership and a membership Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card.

If you have any questions regarding the enrollment process or have any further questions please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

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Enrollment Manager

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Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
Enrollment Application Information

Eligibility: Applicant must be a descendent of a Pawnee Tribal Member from the 1937 Pawnee Indian Census Base Roll and applicant must possess at least one-eighth (1/8) degree of Pawnee Blood. Providing this proof lies upon the applicant.

Dual enrollment is not accepted – A person is not eligible for membership if they are enrolled as a member of another Tribe/Nation.

Applications for minors (under age of 18) or incompetent persons may be filed by custodial parents, legal guardians or legal agents of applicant.

Documents needed for a completed application:
1. Descendant Application (If applicant is 18 or older they must sign application).
2. Original State issued Birth Certificate. Copies will not be accepted. If submitted by mail the originals will be returned by certified mail with a return receipt.
3. Family History Chart. Filled out as complete as possible going back to Pawnee ancestor on 1937 Pawnee Base Roll.
4. Consent for Release of Information
5. Additional Documents If Applicable: Submit birth certificate(s), death certificate(s) of Pawnee parents or grandparents who are not on the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll which will link applicant to a descendant on the 1937 Pawnee Indian Census Roll.

If Applicable:
6. If the Pawnee parent is the father and he is not listed on the applicant’s birth certificate one of the following original or certified copy documents must be submitted:
   a. A notarized affidavit of paternity signed by the father and mother
   b. A DNA or genetic marker test (obtained at the applicant’s sole expense) can be used in determining the probability that a specific tribal member is the natural parent of the applicant to be not less than 97% certainty. Test must come from a certified and Accredited National DNA Lab testing facility.
   c. An order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction that states who the natural Pawnee father is.
7. If Adopted: Original or certified copies of final decree of adoption with either the original birth certificate or a legal document identifying the natural parent(s) to prove the natural Pawnee parent through whom eligibility is determined.
8. Children that are not with parents and are with a legal guardian: Original court documents or certified copies must be provided that shows legal guardianship.
9. Original or certified copies of documents to show name change that is different from birth certificate such as marriage license, divorce decree, adoption, or court documents.
Full Legal Name / First / Middle / Last

Current Mailing Address: ________________________________
                        Address                      City                      State                      Zip Code

Maiden Name, or Other Name(s)/Alias: ________________________________

Telephone #: ________________________ Social Security #: ________________________ Email ________________________________

Date of Birth ________________________ Degree of Pawnee Blood Claimed ________ Male ___ Female ___

Primary Band Claimed ___ Chai ___ Skidi ___ Pitahawirata ___ Kitkehahki (If unknown, may leave unchecked)

Is applicant a Minor?   Yes  or  No

Is applicant an adopted child?   Yes  or  No  - If yes, please submit the Final Decree of Adoption

Applicant’s Mother ____________________________________________ D.O.B. ________________________
Enrolled Pawnee?   Yes  or  No  Degree of Pawnee Blood ________ Enrollment # ________________________
Is mother enrolled as a member of another Tribe/Nation?   Yes or  No
If yes list Tribe/Nation(s) ________________________________________

Applicant’s Father ____________________________________________ D.O.B. ________________________
Enrolled Pawnee?   Yes  or  No  Degree of Pawnee Blood ________ Enrollment # ________________________
Is father enrolled as a member of another Tribe/Nation?   Yes or  No
If yes list Tribe/Nation(s) ________________________________________

List any other Tribe/Nation(s) applicant is a descendant of: ________________________________

Applicant enrolled with another Tribe/Nation? Yes or  No - If Yes Which Tribe ________________________
If yes, date of relinquishment ________________________

Has applicant ever been previously enrolled and then relinquished from the Pawnee Nation? Yes  or  No
If yes, date of relinquishment ________________________

_________________________________________  __________________________
Signature of Applicant/Minor Parent(s)/Legal Guardian  Date

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Printed Name of Signature

I hereby certify that the information provided on this membership application is true and accurate. I understand that providing false information to deliberately obtain membership can and will result in immediate rejection of application and/or immediate removal from tribal membership if becoming enrolled. I consent to the release of information presented to any Tribe/Nation for the sole purpose of obtaining verification or confirmation of tribal enrollment into the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.
The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
Enrollment Department
P.O. Box 470, Pawnee, OK  74058
918-762-3873

CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I, _____________________________________ being of the legal age of eighteen (18) years or older, voluntarily give my consent to release the following information or records about myself and/or child to the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Enrollment Department.

➢ Enrollment information on myself.
➢ If applicable - Enrollment information on my minor child (as a custodial parent or legal guardian).

Print Child’s full name ____________________________________________

By signing below, I certify that I am the individual to whom the information or records apply or I am the legal custodial parent or legal guardian of said child. I understand that by signing this consent form, it is an unconditional indefinite release of information to be used in manner so deemed appropriate by the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Enrollment Department.

_________________________________________       ________________
Signature                                      Date

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Printed Name