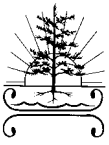


COWASUCK BAND of the PENNACOOK ABENAKI PEOPLE
P.O. BOX 52, ALTON, NH 03809
APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP / MEMBERSHIP



Family Last Name: _____ Date of Application: _____ File/Page #: _____

I hereby apply for Citizenship / Membership in the COWASUCK BAND of the Pennacook Abenaki People. I certify that I am of Pennacook - Abenaki (Wabanaki) Indigenous (Native American Indian) descent. I understand that my application will be carefully reviewed, along with supporting documents, and approved by Band Authorities.

I understand, also, that if I am accepted, I will relinquish my Citizenship / Membership in any other (First Nations or Metis) Nation of Indigenous Peoples, except Native American Indian Peoples Inter-Tribal councils, and that my failure to do so will constitute automatic forfeiture of any and all rights acquired because of my Citizenship / Membership, as provided in the Band Bylaws thereof.

Print the following requested information: (Band Numbers Assigned by Band - DO NOT FILL IN BAND #'s)

Citizen (Pennacook - Abenaki (Wabanaki) descent)

Name: _____ Sex: M() F() Date of Birth: _____ Band # _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Country: _____ ZIP+4 Code: _____ - _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Existing Family Relation to Band: _____

Member (Spouse)

Name: _____ Sex: M() F() Date of Birth: _____ Band # _____

Children Under the Age of 18 - Citizen (Natural Blood Pennacook - Abenaki (Wabanaki) descent)

Name: _____ Sex: M() F() Date of Birth: _____ Band # _____

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Children Under the Age of 18 - Member (Adopted Child)

Name: _____ Sex: M() F() Date of Birth: _____ Band # _____

Name: _____ Sex: M() F() Date of Birth: _____ Band # _____

Please list additional children on an additional form and note File/Page #. Note: Mothers/Fathers shall retain custody of all children's Band Identification Cards until a child is 12 years old, at which time a child shall be issued their own personal identification.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT CLEAR AND CONVINCING PROOF OF PENNACOOK - ABENAKI (WABANAKI) INDIGENOUS (NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN) DESCENT TO BAND AUTHORITIES SUCH AS: Genealogical reports, Birth Certificates, Baptism Certificates, Licenses, Passports, Family Bibles, Family Pictures, B.I.A. / D.I.A. Cards, or other Inter-Tribal/Council recognition, etc.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Band Approval: _____ Approved Date: _____ ID Card Issued Date: _____

Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People Band Citizenship & Membership Requirements

The following is an outline of the Band Citizenship and Membership requirements to show the initial guidelines which are being used:

“Descendant Criteria” - Citizenship based on the following Indigenous Descendant criteria:

1. Descendant from a direct ancestor that was historically identified from one of the historical distinct Abenaki or Pennacook groups as defined in the Constitution of the People, Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook - Abenaki People, Greater Abenaki Nation of the Wabanaki Confederation of N'dakinna.
2. Descendant from a direct ancestor that was known to have been born, lived or otherwise was identified as coming from the historical area or areas that one of the distinct Abenaki or Pennacook groups historically came from or occupied as a homeland.
3. Descendant from a direct ancestor that was historically identified as an Indian, Native American Indian, Savage, person from a First Nation, or otherwise known as an Indigenous Person that was born, lived or otherwise was identified as coming from the historical area that one of the distinct Abenaki or Pennacook groups historically came from or occupied as a homeland. This could and will include, but is not limited to the general ancestral descriptions as specified in our Band Constitution.
4. Descendant from a historically known Indigenous Person (Indian) that may be identified as other than Algonquin but that the Indigenous lineage from that descendant has lived within the Abenaki or Pennacook homelands for more than three generations and now is historically identified as Wabanaki, Abenaki, or Pennacook.
5. Descendant from any one or more of the above criteria or combinations of the these criteria.

“Documentation Requirements” - Band Citizenship & Membership Documentation Requirements:

The following is an outline of the Band Citizenship and Membership requirements to show the initial guidelines which are being used:

All Citizens and/or Members must provide Indigenous (Native American Indian) ancestral documentation such as:

1. All Applicants must submit copies of records that demonstrate clear and convincing proof of Pennacook - Abenaki (Wabanaki) Indigenous (Native American Indian) descent to Band Authorities such as, but not limited to the following Primary Source Documents: Genealogical Reports, Birth Certificates, Marriage Certificates, Baptism Certificates, Death Certificates, Census Records, Military Records, Social Security Records, Immigration Records, and Passports.
2. Secondary Source Documents: Family Bibles, Published Family historical references-articles, Documented and validated Community or Indigenous (Native American Indian) Community recognition records, Family Oral Traditions and Stories that clearly demonstrate Pennacook - Abenaki (Wabanaki) Indigenous (Native American Indian) descent.
3. Supporting Source third level Documents: Family Pictures or Artifacts.

Note: Copies and digital copy files of all documents and records are acceptable.

“Citizen Requirements” - To be considered as a Citizen you must prove to be:

1. Descendant from baseline Pennacook / Abenaki (Wabanaki) family group (Clan) or individual.
2. Descendant from a Pennacook / Abenaki historical group or individual as documented within the Band Constitution.
3. Descendant from an Indigenous (Native American Indian) historical group or individual that was historically documented to be resident within our homelands as documented within the Band Constitution.
4. Natural Born Blood Children of Citizens on Band Records.
5. At 18 years of age, all Citizen children must resubmit their own individual Application for Citizenship. Documentation requirements will be limited to current birth certificates that prove Band family relationship. Failure to do this Application will place that individual on Inactive status.

Note: Specially excluded are any existing BIA or DIA individuals, families, or groups of record.

“Member Requirements” - To be considered as a Member you must prove to be:

1. Spouses of qualified active Citizens on Band Records.
2. Legally Adopted Children, under the age of 18, of qualified active Citizens on Band Records.

“Termination of Status” - Citizen and/or Member status may be changed, rescinded, or terminated due to, but not limited to, any of the following situations, omissions, actions, or facts:

1. Questionable Documentation and/or Admission.
2. Non-compliant Indigenous (Native American Indian) ancestry.
3. Records and/or Documents (Incomplete, Missing, or Unknown).
4. Falsification of Records and/or Documentation.
5. Membership within another Indigenous (Native American Indian, BIA, DIA, or other First Nations or Métis) Group.
(Membership in Indigenous or Native American Indian interest or inter-tribal groups is allowed, but must be reported to the Band to determine if such membership is in conflict with the Band Citizen Status Code)
6. Lost Members - Address Unknown and / or failure to notify Band of new address.
7. Spouses in Divorce or Separation Situations other than Death of Spouse.
8. Failure to comply with the Rights and/or Responsibilities of Citizenship or Membership of the Band as determined by Band Council action.
9. Personal Individual or Family Group Requests to be removed from Band records. Must be done in writing and all Citizens-Members over 18 years of age must individually sign such requests to protect their individual rights.
10. Band Council Action to change status as citizen or member or to be removed from Band records.