

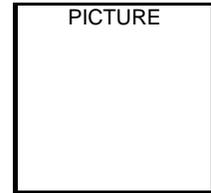


COWASUCK BAND of the PENNACOOK / ABENAKI PEOPLE
OFFICE OF THE BAND COUNCIL
840 SUNNCOOK VALLEY ROAD / P.O. BOX 52, ALTON, NH 03809-0052
(603) 776-1090 / FAX: (603) 776-1091 / Email: cowasuck@worldpath.net

Date:

Renewal Date:

To / From:



Your Application for Citizenship / Membership in the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook / Abenaki People and or Band Identification Card is enclosed or requires you to do the following:

Step 1 - Complete Application for Citizenship:

Date:

- The Application for Citizenship needs to be completed or can not be processed due to the following:
 - Information or writing is not readable, please print and use a ball-point ink pen.
 - Detailed ancestry of 5 or more generations not complete or accurate.
 - Native American Indian ancestry is not provided, or is insufficient, or does not comply.
 - Name / Date of Birth information is missing.
 - Full Address (Must have ZIP+4 Number) / Telephone information is missing.
 - Application is not Signed or Dated.
 - Application has been denied by the Band Genealogist(s) or by the Band Council.

Step 2 - Identification Card - Pending or Renewal:

Date:

- Your Application(s) for Citizenship / Membership has been tentatively approved, you must now provide and do the following:
- The Identification Card(s) can not be completed until the following is completed or provided:
 - Check the accuracy of the information on the name and data insert(s) (small 1 inch by 2 inch paper with your name and address) enclosed.
 - Sign longhand the name and data insert(s) along and above the line space provided under the address. Note, write above the line, do not extend letters below the line or beyond the end of the line.
 - Provide a 1 inch by 1 inch color "passport type" photograph(s) of your facial area, and print your name on the back of it. Do not put any adhesive tape over the front of the picture. Larger pictures will be cut to size if possible. (See square above for size).
 - Return Application(s) for Citizenship / Membership, the name and data insert(s), and photograph(s) to the Tribal Headquarters address that is on the top of this letter.

Step 3 - Identification Card - Issued / Renewed:

Date:

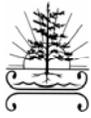
- The Identification Card(s) is completed and enclosed:

Date Issued:

Date Renewed:

See enclosures as applicable to this letter.

Kichi Oliwni - Great Thanks, Band Council



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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) 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 Métis) 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) 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.

All Citizens and/or Members must provide Native American Indian ancestral documentation such as -

- # Family Records / Birth Certificates / Genealogy Records & Documents.
- # Family Oral Traditions / Stories / Recognition Statements.
- # Family Pictures / Family Artifacts.
- # Family Historical References / Community or Native American Indian Community Recognition.

To be considered as a Citizen you must prove to be -

- # Descendant from Baseline Pennacook / Abenaki (Wabanaki) Family Groups (Clans).
- # Natural Born Blood Children of Citizens on Band Records.

(Note: Specially excluded are Family Groups that are identified as Eastern Abenaki - Micmac, Maliseet, Passamaquoddy, or Penobscot)

To be considered as a Member you must prove to be -

- # Spouses of Citizens on Band Records.
- # Adopted Children of Citizens on Band Records.

Citizen and/or Member status may be changed, rescinded, or terminated due to any of the following situations, omissions, actions, or facts -

- # Questionable Documentation and/or Admission.
- # Non-compliant Native American Indian ancestry.
- # Records and/or Documents (Incomplete, Missing, or Unknown).
- # Falsification of Records and/or Documentation.
- # Membership within another Native American Indian (First Nations or Métis) Group. (Membership in Native American Indian interest or inter-tribal groups is allowed)
- # Lost Members - Address Unknown and / or failure to notify Band of new address.
- # Spouses in Divorce or Separation Situations other than Death of Spouse.
- # Failure to comply with the Rights and/or Responsibilities of Citizenship or Membership of the Band as determined by Band Council action.
- # Personal Individual or Family Group Request to be removed from Band records.
- # Band Council Action to change status as citizen or member or to be removed from Band records.

& Addresses:

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(800) 566-1301

Attention: Paul W. Pouliot, Sag8mo or Council Chief

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& Band Services & Donation Fee Policy - (Effective 5/1998 & Revised 4/2002, 7/2006)

< Free Service

Citizenship and Membership is free to all qualifying individuals and families. Genealogy research is limited to the review of submitted documents. Requests for extensive genealogical research assistance will not be provided.

A Band number is assigned to each new individual family member. They are put on the Band rolls, and a letter is sent to the individual or family (as is most appropriate). This letter has a five year expiration date.

Every five years the Band will contact the individual or family, to confirm their status. It will be their responsibility to notify the Band about address and family changes. Those that fail to notify or re-confirm their status within the Band will be removed from the records after notification is posted in the **Aln8bak News 8** newsletter and or website.

< Band Identification Cards

Those citizens and members that wish to have a Band identification card will be issued or re-issued cards at a donation fee of \$5 each. All cards will have a 5 year expiration period.

< Newsletter

The **Aln8bak News 8** is distributed by subscription donations, the suggested donation fee is \$15 per year. New Band members will receive one free copy of the newsletter.

< Artisan Certificates

Those citizens and members that wish to be recognized as an artisan will be issued or re-issued certificates at a donation fee of \$20 each. This applies only to those individuals that qualify and have proven to create, promote, or exhibit arts and crafts that are indicative of our People. All certificates have a 5 year expiration period.

< Waived Donation Fees

Any one that is not able or willing to pay donation fees for any of the items as outlined may make a written request that justifies that the fees be waived.

