

# PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES WITH THE PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

1. A separate application must be filed for or on behalf of each person who wishes to be enrolled.
2. If the person who wishes to be enrolled is under the age of eighteen or considered mentally incompetent then someone else may file on their behalf.
3. Answer all questions, if at all possible. Failure to supply necessary information may delay the processing of your application or result in the applicant being rejected for enrollment.
4. If you are using a P.O. Box as an address, you must also provide a physical address.
5. The third page contains a family tree. Please fill this out to the best of your knowledge. The main thing we are looking for is the Ponca lineage.
6. If you are currently enrolled in another Tribe; you must provide relinquishment documentation from said Tribe. Dual enrollment is not allowed
7. A STATE CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE WITH A STAMPED OR RAISED SEAL which shows proof of the parent/child relationship must be attached to that person's application. The Birth Certificate will be returned via certified mail. Please note, The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska will not be liable for loss or damage due to use of the United States Postal Service or any mail service. If the Ponca parent is not listed on the birth certificate, a chain of custody DNA test must be done and the results of the test must be submitted directly to the Enrollment Office from the testing lab; the cost of the DNA test is the sole responsibility of the applicant or sponsor of the applicant. If the applicants name has been changed due to adoption, a copy of the court order showing the name change and the biological Ponca parents name must be submitted. Hospital documents ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. If the parent on the birth certificate is not yet enrolled with the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, we then need copies of state certified birth or death certificates (whichever may apply), which would better assist us in tracing the ancestry back to the descendant in which you are claiming enrollment rights.
8. A COPY OF APPLICANTS SOCIAL SECURITY CARD.

9. If you have had a name change, please provide a legal document showing the name change. Ex. Marriage license/certificates, court papers, etc.
10. Mail completed application, with all necessary documentation for each person who wishes to be enrolled to:

PTN Enrollment Dept  
PO Box 288  
Niobrara, NE 68760

Phone: (402) 857-3391 Ex: 403                      email: [enrollment@poncatribene.org](mailto:enrollment@poncatribene.org)

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