

SAGINAW, SWAN CREEK & BLACK RIVER BANDS OF THE CHIPPEWA NATION

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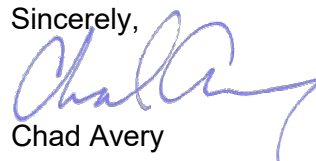
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Enrollment Application FAQs

- Q. Does my application guarantee that I will be enrolled as a member of the Saginaw, Swan Creek & Black River Bands of the Chippewa Nation?
- A. No. Only applicants who can demonstrate that they descend from a recognized member of the historic Saginaw, Swan Creek & Black River Bands of Chippewa and possess the minimum degree of Indian blood quantum as outlined by the Constitution will be enrolled as a member of the Saginaw, Swan Creek & Black River Bands of the Chippewa Nation.
- Q. What types of evidence are acceptable for proof of membership eligibility?
- A. To be a member of the Saginaw, Swan Creek & Black River Bands of the Chippewa Nation, applicants must be able to demonstrate that they descend from a recognized member of the historic Saginaw, Swan Creek & Black River Bands of Chippewa as outlined by the Constitution. Any evidence that illustrates proof of parentage may be submitted and will be weighed as a body of evidence in consideration of the applicant's lineage.
- Q. What types of evidence are acceptable for proof of an applicant's degree of Indian blood quantum?
- A. To be a member of the Saginaw, Swan Creek & Black River Bands of the Chippewa Nation, applicants must be able to demonstrate that they possess at least the minimum degree of recognized Indian blood quantum as outlined by the Constitution. Any evidence that illustrates proof of Indian blood quantum may be submitted and will be weighed as a body of evidence in consideration of the applicant's certified degree of Indian blood quantum.
- Q. Are there any special requirements of document submission?
- A. All records submitted into evidence must have complete and accurate source citations, including; repository of origin, liber, page, column, record or file number. Please do not write on the face of the documents; print this information legibly on the back of the record only if it is not clearly indicated in the record itself. Records without complete and accurate source citations will not be weighed as a body of evidence in consideration of the applicant's lineage or certified degree of Indian blood quantum.
- Q. Do the records submitted into evidence need to be "true" or "certified" copies?
- A. The majority of records submitted into evidence do not need to be "true" or "certified" copies, however the Secretary may request a "true" or "certified" copy of any evidence submitted by an applicant when it is necessary to validate the authenticity of a record.

Sincerely,



Chad Avery
Enrollment Clerk/Genealogist