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

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Preliminary Enrollment Application Instructions

Dear Applicant,

This preliminary enrollment application packet should include a blank genealogical research questionnaire and family tree chart, an enrollment application FAQ sheet and samples of a completed genealogical research questionnaire and family tree chart. Please return your fully completed preliminary enrollment application to the address shown on the letterhead above; ATTENTION: OFFICE OF THE CLERK. When the fully completed preliminary enrollment application, including the genealogical research questionnaire and family tree chart have been received, we shall have no more than one hundred and eighty (180) days to respond. <u>All incomplete preliminary enrollment applications will be denied.</u>

You may want to make additional copies of both the blank genealogical research questionnaire and family tree chart before you begin filling out the preliminary application. Please be sure to print legibly in black or blue ink when completing the forms before signing and returning them. If possible, please complete the paperwork using the fillable PDFs and email them to the address above to help reduce the cost associated with printing, mailing, and digitizing – and to save the trees.

Persons with non-native ancestry in your lineage only need to include the requested information for that person and their parents. Non-native lineages do not need to be traced beyond two generations. Persons with native ancestry in your lineage must include all the requested information to demonstrate sufficiently the tribe of origin and blood quantum for that person and their parents. Native lineages need to be traced completely.

There is no need to submit copies in support of family lineages at this point in the enrollment process. All documents submitted shall become the property of the Saginaw, Swan Creek & Black River Bands of the Chippewa Nation and remain as such. No documents will be returned to applicants.

Sincerely,

Chad Avery Enrollment Clerk/Genealogist