

National Congress of American Indians

2005-2006 TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP CREDENTIALING PROCESS

Tribal Membership entitles a tribal delegate to **cast votes** on behalf of his or her Tribe during elections, resolutions and any other matters on the floor at the General Assemblies and includes email updates to three addresses, and to one fax plus the *NCAI Sentinel*. NCAI dues were increased at the 2002 Annual Session and this increase is now in effect -- please see the table below to determine your Tribal Membership dues.

In order to become a **Tribal Member** in good standing you must follow these important steps:

1. Review the Tribal Membership Credentialing Process on Page 1.
2. Submit the Tribal Membership Application on Page 2.
3. Submit your Tribal Resolution for Membership by re-typing the attached template on your Tribal letterhead on Page 3.
4. Submit your Individual Membership Form on Page 4. All Delegates and Alternates listed on your Resolution, have to be individual members in good-standing with NCAI.

ALL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE RENEWABLE AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION EACH YEAR

*Articles from the National Congress of American Indians
Constitution and By-Laws applicable to the membership process*

Article II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 2 A: Tribal Membership

Any Tribe, band or identifiable group of American Indians or Alaska Natives shall be eligible for tribal membership provided it shall fulfill all the following requirements:

1. A substantial number of its members reside upon the same reservation or, in the absence of a reservation, in the same general locality;
2. It maintains a tribal organization, with regular officers and the means of transacting business and arriving at a reasonably accurate count of its membership;
3. It is not a mere offshoot or fraction of an organized tribe, itself eligible for membership; and
4. It is recognized as a tribe or other identifiable group of American Indians or Alaska Natives by the Department of the Interior, Court of Claims, the Indian Claims Commission, or a State.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP DUES

Section 3B: Dues for Tribal Membership - In accordance with the following table:

Income	Dues
\$5 million or over	\$5,000
\$1 million or over	\$1,000
\$500,000 to \$1 million	\$ 500
\$0 to \$500,000	\$ 100

If revenue exceeds \$10 million, please consider increasing your dues as a contribution to NCAI

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Section 6C: Votes

Each individual member is entitled to one vote. Each member tribe is entitled to 100-180 votes, depending upon the enrollment of the Tribe. Each member Tribe shall vote in accordance with the following table:

Members in Tribe	Number of Votes
up to & including 500	100
501 to 1500	110
1501 to 2500	120
2501 to 3500	130
3501 to 4500	140
4501 to 5500	150
5501 to 6500	160
6501 to 7500	170
7501 and over	180

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2005-2006 TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NEW MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

TO: NCAI RULES AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
1301 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20036

FROM : _____
[Tribe, Pueblo, Native Village]

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

is hereby applying for membership to the National Congress of American Indians.

ENCLOSED are the proper credentials in accordance with the NCAI Constitution and By-Laws:

1. Tribal Resolution (*attached*)
2. Names of Official Delegate and Alternates:

Delegate: _____

Alternate: _____

Alternate: _____

Alternate: _____

3. Tribal Membership Dues of \$ _____

list the three persons within your Tribe who will receive the NCAI e-mail updates.

E-Mail #1: _____

E-Mail #2: _____

E-Mail #3: _____

Please configure your spam filter to allow NCAI electronic broadcasts

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

Attach: • Tribal Resolution • Tribal Membership Dues • Individual Membership Dues

TEMPLATE: TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION

[RE-TYPE THIS ON YOUR TRIBAL LETTERHEAD]

WHEREAS, the _____ Tribe/Nation wishes to become a Member Indian/Native Government in Good Standing of the National Congress of American Indians; and,

WHEREAS, the _____ Tribe/Nation meets all requirements for Tribal Membership, pursuant to Article 11, Section 2A of the Constitution and ByLaws of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the _____, which is the official governing body of the above-named Tribe/Nation, hereby authorizes _____ who is the official principal tribal official, to take the necessary action to place the Tribe/Nation in membership in NCAI; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tribal funds in the amount of \$_____, based on the Tribal Membership dues schedule in the NCAI By-Laws, Article III, Section 3B, are authorized to be paid for membership in NCAI; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, based on the tribal citizenry of _____ persons, the Tribe/Nation shall have _____votes, in accordance with Article II, Section 6c of the NCAI Constitution; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that, pursuant to Article III, Section 2 of the NCAI Constitution, the Tribe/Nation designates the following persons as Delegate and Alternate Delegate(s), and instructs them to become Individual Members in Good Standing in NCAI in order to fulfill their responsibilities as Official Delegates to the National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention, Mid-Year Conference and Executive Council Meetings. *(Please specify length of term for each person.)*

Please Print or Type

Delegate _____	Signature _____
Alternate _____	Signature _____
Alternate _____	Signature _____
Alternate _____	Signature _____

Process the attached or similar Resolution in accordance with your procedures and have the tribal secretary or other official representative of the tribe forward this with the Membership Dues to:

National Congress of American Indians
1301 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20036
Telephone 202.466.7767 Fax 202.466.7797

•IN ORDER TO VOTE, ALL DELEGATES & ALTERNATES MUST BE LISTED ON THE TRIBES'S OFFICIAL RESOLUTION•

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2005-2006 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP & CONTRIBUTION FORM

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), founded in 1944, is the oldest, largest and most representative national Indian organization.

YES! I support the continuing work and purpose of the National Congress of American Indians and

I want to become a **member** of the National Congress of American Indians:

- \$40 Indian Individual** [One vote, one e-mail, the Sentinel, reduced conference rates and a membership card]
- \$40 Associate Individual** [Non-voting, one e-mail, the Sentinel, reduced conference rates and a membership card]
- \$500 Associate Organization** [Non-voting, two e-mails, one fax and the Sentinel]
- \$1000 Lifetime Indian Individual** [Lifetime voting, e-mail updates and the Sentinel]

If you were referred for membership in our "Strengthening the Circle" membership campaign, please list who you were referred by _____.

I am willing to make a **tax deductible** contribution of:

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other

*Name _____

*Tribe/Organization _____

*Address _____

*City _____ *State _____ *Zip _____ *Email _____

Phone _____ *Fax _____ *Email _____

Please configure your spam filter to allow NCAI electronic broadcasts [Second E-mail - Associate Member/Organization]

Payment Information:

- Enclosed is my check or Money Order Charge my: Card No. _____
- Make Tax-Deductible Checks Payable to: Mastercard Exp. Date _____
NCAI Fund, Inc.
- Make Membership Checks Payable to: VISA Signature _____
NCAI Congress

MAIL TO: NCAI -- 1301 CONNECTICUT AVE., NW -- SUITE 200 -- WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036

