

GENEALOGY RESEARCH

State Archives have numerous resources for researching Native American ancestry. The Florida State Archives is located in the R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250. They may be reached by phone at (850) 487-2073.

For more information about Creek ancestry, contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Muskogee Area Office, Old Federal Building, Muskogee, OK 74401. They may be reached by phone at (918) 781-4600.

For information about Cherokee ancestry, contact the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719. (828) 497-2771. Or, The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, P.O. Box 948, Tahlequah, OK 74465. (918) 456-0671.

Contact information for other tribes in the contiguous 48 states, and Alaska, may be obtained by calling or writing the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs. Also, be sure to check the Bureau of Indian Affairs website at www.doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html and the National Archives and Records Administration website at www.nara.gov for additional information.

OTHER GENEALOGY RESOURCES

The following books may also be helpful in genealogy research:

- ◇ Guide to Records in the National Archives of the United States Relating to American Indians, compiled by Edward E. Hill. National Archives and Records Service: Washington, D.C. 1981.
- ◇ How to Research American Indian Blood Lines: A Manual on Indian Genealogical Research, by Cecilia Svinth Carpenter. Heritage Quest Press, P.O. Box 40, Orting, WA 98360, 1987.
- ◇ Our Native Americans and their Records of Genealogical Value, Vol. I, by E. Kay Kirkham, Everton Publisher: Logan, UT. 1980.
- ◇ Records Relating to Native American Research: The Five Civilized Tribes, by George J. Nixon. In the Source: A Guidebook on American Genealogy, edited by Arlene Eakle and Johni Cerny, Ancestry Publishing Co. Salt Lake City, UT 1984.
- ◇ **Wantabees and Outalucks: Searching for Indian Ancestors in Federal Records**, by Kent Carter. Article in **The Chronicles of Oklahoma**, 66(1): 94-104.

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ELIGIBILITY AND DOCUMENTATION POLICY



“Promoting the Economic Self-Sufficiency and Self-Determination of the American Indian Since 1976”

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility for the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs, Inc., Employment and Training Program is determined according to federal standards. Applicants must provide their own legible documentation for purposes of determining eligibility.

Participation in this WIA Section 166 program is limited to economically disadvantaged, unemployed or underemployed documented American Indians, Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiians or their descendants to the second-degree.

Federally or state recognized "landless", "terminated" or "non-federally recognized" tribal members are eligible for participation in the Employment and Training program.

The staff of the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs, Inc., does not have the expertise nor the resources to do genealogical research on the behalf of applicants. It should not be necessary for staff members to review anything other than documents requested in this pamphlet. If you have any questions, please call our office at (800) 322-9186.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

The regulations governing the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs, Inc., Employment and Training Program can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations at 20 CFR 652. These regulations set forth the eligibility criteria for participation in Section 166 WIA programs in paragraph 668.300 as follows:

(a) *An Indian, Native Alaskan, or Native Hawaiian as determined by the Native American Grantee (NAG), who is economically disadvantaged, or unemployed or underemployed is eligible to participate in a program under this subpart.*

(b) *Indians and other persons of Native American descent who meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this section and who are identified by the Federal and State government as "landless" or "terminated" or "non-federally recognized" are included among those eligible to participate.*

Each applicant must provide their own documentation in order to determine eligibility. (The eligibility status of a relative has no bearing on the applicant's eligibility.)

AMERICAN INDIAN

The FGCI, Inc. Employment and Training Program will accept only the following as verifiable documentation that the applicant is American Indian:

- ◇ Proof of membership in a federally recognized American Indian tribe as listed in the Federal Register;
- ◇ Proof of membership, or eligibility for membership, in a tribe recognized as an American Indian tribe by a state or colony through treaty or statute, or as listed in the Library of Congress Report No. 84-131 GOV, or a tribe that has been terminated from Federal recognition. Applicants from state recognized tribes will be required to submit copies of the documentation they provided in order to become a member of that tribe or a letter from the tribe outlining the documentation;
- ◇ A letter from a federally recognized tribe stating that you are of Native American descent, or that the tribe recognizes you as Native American;
- ◇ A Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (C.D.I.B.) card or paper issued by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs;
- ◇ A letter issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs which certifies eligibility to share in a per capita distribution of judgement funds resulting from an aboriginal land claims settlement;
- ◇ An original birth certificate that certifies "American Indian" as race; or
- ◇ Official records of adoption.

ALASKAN NATIVE

In addition to the aforementioned documents, the FGCI, Inc. Employment and Training Program will accept only the following as verifiable documentation that the applicant is Alaskan Native:

- ◇ An Alaskan Native Corporation shareholder certificate;
- ◇ An original birth certificate that certifies "Alaskan Native" as race;
- ◇ A letter from their native village stating that they are Alaskan native; or
- ◇ Official records of adoption.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN

The FGCI, Inc. Employment and Training Program will accept only the following as verifiable documentation that the applicant is Native Hawaiian:

- ◇ An original birth certificate that certifies "Native Hawaiian" as race;
- ◇ A letter from the state of Hawaii stating that the applicant is Native Hawaiian; or
- ◇ Official records of adoption.

