



Modoc Nation

The Sole Legitimate Government of the Modoc People
of Southern Oregon and Northern California



**MODOC NATION CITIZEN
ENROLLMENT PACKET**
**Based on a Claim of Lineal
Descent from a Modoc Ancestor**

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INSTRUCTION AND INFORMATION SHEET TO BE USED WHEN APPLYING FOR ENROLLMENT AS A CITIZEN IN THE MODOC NATION BASED ON LINEAL DESCENT FROM A MODOC ANCESTOR

This instruction and information sheet is provided in order to help you file a “complete” application that the Citizenship Committee will accept for filing. Please read it carefully and follow its instructions exactly. (NOTE: If you have any questions, call or email Perry H. Chesnut, Acting Chief Executive, Modoc Nation, at 425-770-7345, citizenship@modoc-nation.org)

Instructions

- (1) **Complete the Application Form** provided with this Instruction and Information Sheet. Print legibly except where a signature is required. If you cannot print legibly, get someone to help you. With the exception of Section 2, which applies only if you are filing this application on behalf of a minor or an incompetent person, all blanks must be filled. If you *are* filing on behalf of a minor or incompetent person, all of Section 2’s blanks must also be filled. If you do not have a telephone, cell phone, or email address, write in “None.” Do not substitute an initial for your actual middle name. If you have no middle name, write in “None.” If you are claiming only one person as a Modoc Ancestor, fill in the blanks for the second ancestor with “N/A” for Not Applicable. If the person you are claiming as a Modoc Ancestor was not on the Klamath Final Roll prepared in connection with the Termination Act of 1954, write in “N/A,” or, if you do not know, write in “Unknown.” Answer all “Yes” or “No” questions by checking the blank with a “checkmark” or an “X”.
- (2) **Sign the application form.** Your signature must be witnessed by a person 18 years of age or older. This means that you must sign in that person’s presence. The witness then must sign, indicating that he or she did, in fact, witness your signature of the application. Make sure that both you and your witness legibly print your names and the date of your signatures (these dates must match, or the application will be rejected for filing).
- (3) **Gather Supporting Documents.**
- (4) **File the Application Form and Supporting Documents.**

What Supporting Documents Are Required?

No application for enrollment based on a claim of lineal descent from a Modoc ancestor will be considered complete (and therefore will not be processed) unless it includes the following supporting documents:

- (1) A legible copy of the official certified copy of the applicant’s certificate of birth, or, if no birth certificate exists, a legible copy of the certified copy of the birth registry, issued by the state or province in which the applicant was born.
- (2) A pedigree chart showing the applicant’s parentage and ancestry, supported by one or more of the documents listed in Paragraph (3) immediately following. Included in this application packet is the pedigree chart we prefer that you complete. NOTE: THIS PEDIGREE CHART MUST SHOW THE DIRECT LINEAGE BETWEEN THE APPLICANT AND THE ANCESTOR CLAIMED TO BE MODOC.
- (3) One or more of the following documents that support the applicant’s claim that the ancestor on which his or her application for enrollment is based is, or if now deceased was, Modoc:

birth certificates; death certificates, baptismal records; 1928, 1950, or 1968 roll of Indians of California; the Modoc Nation Tribal Roll; Bureau of Indian Affairs reservation census records; United States, Canadian or other national census records; Bureau of Indian Affairs allotment or probate records; Bureau of Indian Affairs certificates showing blood degree; school records; marriage certificates; records of state or provincial bureaus of vital statistics; historical society records; adoption agency records; welfare certifications; certified results of paternity tests; family bibles; journals; books and newspapers, magazines and other periodicals.

How Do I File My Application and Supporting Documents?

Because we do not currently have a physical office, there are two ways to file your application and supporting documents: by email or by using your country’s postal service. Email is both faster and less costly.

(1) **Email.** Scan your completed application and supporting documents and save them on your computer using the *Portable Document File (.pdf)* format. Give them an appropriate file name such as "application-for-citizenship.pdf". Attach this file (or if you have made several files, such as one for each document, all the files) to an email cover letter addressed to Perry H. Chesnut, Acting Chief Executive, Modoc Nation. Write "application for citizenship in the Modoc Nation" on the subject line of the email and send it to this address:

citizenship@modoc-nation.org (NOTE: If you do not have a scanner, you can have your documents scanned for a small fee at Staples, Office Depot, or almost any local copy/print shop. Call them first to find out what kind of portable storage device your computer will accept, such as a "thumb-drive" or "memory card".)

(2) **Postal Service.** Write a brief cover letter that has a numbered list of every document you have enclosed in the envelope and mail it to the following address:

Perry H. Chesnut
Acting Chief Executive
Modoc Nation
P.O. Box 2590
Woodinville, WA 98072-2590

What Happens After I File My Application?

(1) Your application form will be stamped with the date on which it was received.

(2) Within 30 business days, paper copies of your application form and supporting documents will be made, and the originals of any supporting documents you may have provided will be mailed to you at the address shown on your application. (NOTE: It is your responsibility to notify the Committee of any change in your address or contact information.)

(3) As soon as reasonably possible, but no longer than 180 business days from receipt of your application, the Citizenship Committee will review and evaluate your application and take one of the following actions:

- (a) Send you written notice that your application for enrollment has been approved. This notice will include an official *Certificate of Enrollment* with your Tribal Roll Number and the date you were enrolled. It will also include instructions on how to obtain a wallet-sized laminated official tribal identification card.
- (b) Send you written notice that further information or evidence in support of your application is required and informing you that you have 30 business days in which to provide such information.
- (c) Send you written notice that the matter of your application for enrollment is being set for hearing before the Citizenship Committee. The notice will set a date for the hearing no sooner than 30 business days and no later than 90 business days from the date of the notice.
- (d) Send you written notice that your application for enrollment has been denied and state the reasons for denial. The notice will also inform you of your right to appeal the denial to the Legislative Council within 30 business days of your receipt of the notice and instructions as to how to file such an appeal.

Protection of Privacy

The information you provide in your application and supporting documents is necessary to enable the Citizenship Committee to determine your eligibility for enrollment as a citizen of the Modoc Nation. It is confidential and can be disclosed only under the following conditions:

(1) Upon request of state or provincial agencies, federal agencies, or other native nations, tribes or bands, the Committee or Enrollment Staff shall provide written verification that a person is or is not enrolled as a citizen of the Modoc Nation.

(2) Personal information from the Tribal Roll other than a citizen's name, enrollment number and date of enrollment shall be made available to the Chief Executive, Legislative Council, staff of various departments of the Modoc Nation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Indian Health Service only upon the demonstration of a lawful need to know such information, or as the result of a valid court order.

(3) All applications for enrollment, voluntary disenrollment, re-enrollment or sua *sponte* petitions for involuntary revocation of enrollment, supporting documentation, notes of the Committee and transcripts of Committee hearings on such matters are confidential information. They shall be made available only to the parties themselves, the Committee and its Enrollment Staff, and to the Legislative Council and the courts of the Modoc Nation in accordance with the hearings and appeals provisions set forth in the *Modoc Nation Citizenship Code of 2011*.

(4) Disclosure of enrollment information in a manner other than as provided in Paragraphs (1) through (3), above, shall be grounds for termination as an employee, removal from the Citizenship Committee, or removal as an officer of the Modoc Nation in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 or Article 13, Section 7 of the Constitution of the Modoc Nation.

**Citizenship Form 6.2
APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT AS A CITIZEN OF THE MODOC NATION
BASED ON A CLAIM OF LINEAL DESCENT FROM A MODOC ANCESTOR**

Date Received: _____
 Received by: Mail _____ In Person _____
 Received By: _____

**TO BE FILLED OUT BY APPLICANT OR APPLICANT'S PARENT, NEXT OF KIN, LEGAL GUARDIAN OR OTHER
PERSON LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE AND WELL-BEING OF APPLICANT**

SECTION 1

FULL NAME OF APPLICANT _____
 (Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

INDIAN OR OTHER NAMES BY WHICH APPLICANT IS KNOWN _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____
 (Street or P.O. Box) (Apartment Number)

 (City or Town) (State or Province) (Postal Code) (Country)

 (Home Phone) (Cell Phone) (Email Address)

AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____/_____/_____

NAMES OF APPLICANT'S PARENTS _____
 (Father's Full Name) (Mother's Name Including Maiden Name)

MODOC ANCESTOR/S THROUGH WHICH ENROLLMENT RIGHT IS CLAIMED:

NAME: _____
 (Relationship to Applicant) (Final Roll # If Applicable)

NAME: _____
 (Relationship to Applicant) (Final Roll # If Applicable)

IS APPLICANT CURRENTLY ENROLLED AS A MEMBER OF ANOTHER TRIBE? YES _____ NO _____

IF YES, NAME OF TRIBE _____ HAS APPLICANT APPLIED FOR AND BEEN GRANTED A
 REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY DISENROLLMENT FROM THE OTHER TRIBE? YES _____ NO _____

IS EITHER OF APPLICANT'S PARENTS ENROLLED AS A MEMBER OF ANOTHER TRIBE? YES _____ NO _____
 IF YES, LIST THE NAME OF THE PARENT/S AND TRIBE/S

 (Father's Name) (Tribe in Which Father is Enrolled)

 (Mother's Name) (Tribe in Which Mother is Enrolled)

SECTION 2 (If applicant is not a minor or incompetent person, skip this section and go to Section 3)

NAME OF PERSON FILING THIS FORM ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT

(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

RELATIONSHIP TO THE APPLICANT _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____
(Street or P.O. Box) (Apartment Number)

(City or Town) (State or Province) (Postal Code) (Country)

(Home Phone) (Cell Phone) (Email Address)

SECTION 3 (Affirmations and Signatures Are Required for This Application to be Accepted for Filing)

I am the applicant or the person filing this application on behalf of the applicant. I hereby affirm and attest as follows:

- (1) I understand that the Modoc Constitution and Citizenship Code both provide that no person who is a citizen or enrolled member of another native nation, tribe or band may hold dual citizenship in the Modoc Nation. I also understand that the Citizenship Committee will not consider or evaluate the application of any person who is currently a citizen or enrolled member of any other native nation, tribe or band until the Committee has received an official certified copy of a resolution or other document issued by such nation, tribe or band granting the applicant's request for voluntary disenrollment from such other nation, tribe or band, and that the resolution or other document granting voluntary disenrollment from the other nation, tribe or band shall not be considered deficient if it is made contingent and effective upon the applicant's enrollment as a citizen of the Modoc Nation; and
- (2) That to the best of my knowledge all of the statements and information set forth in this application are true, complete and correct and are made in good faith.
- (3) That to the best of my knowledge all of the documents I have provided in support of this application are complete and accurate copies of the originals and have not been manufactured or altered in any way.

(Signature of Person Filing Application) (Printed Name of Person Filing) (Date of Signature)

Signature witnessed by:

(Signature of Witness) (Printed Name of Witness) (Date of Signature)

MODOC NATION - ANCESTOR LINEAGE FORM Page 1

Please complete as much as possible.
 Continue on next page if necessary.
 (Return form even if you can't fill all of it out)

	Father	Mother	
	Tribe	Tribe	
	DOB	DOB	
	DOD	DOD	
Applicant	Paternal Grandfather	Maternal Grandfather	Paternal Great Grandfather
	Tribe	Tribe	Tribe
	DOB	DOB	DOB
	DOD	DOD	DOD
Tribe	Paternal Grandmother	Maternal Grandmother	Paternal Great Grandmother
	Tribe	Tribe	Tribe
	DOB	DOB	DOB
	DOD	DOD	DOD
Date of Birth	Paternal Great Grandfather	Maternal Great Grandfather	Paternal Great Grandmother
	Tribe	Tribe	Tribe
	DOB	DOB	DOB
	DOD	DOD	DOD
Place of Birth	Maternal Grandfather	Paternal Grandmother	Maternal Great Grandmother
	Tribe	Tribe	Tribe
	DOB	DOB	DOB
	DOD	DOD	DOD
Spouse	Maternal Grandmother	Paternal Grandfather	Maternal Great Grandfather
	Tribe	Tribe	Tribe
	DOB	DOB	DOB
	DOD	DOD	DOD
Applicant's Comments or Notes	Maternal Grandmother	Paternal Grandfather	Maternal Great Grandmother
	Tribe	Tribe	Tribe
	DOB	DOB	DOB
	DOD	DOD	DOD

Note: DOB is Date of Birth and Place
 DOD is Date of Death and Place
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Please complete as much as possible.
Continue from 1st page last ancestor with Modoc Blood.

Make another copy if both Great Grandparents were Modoc
continue from either Great Grandparent.

	GG Grandfather	GGG Grandfather	
Great Grandparent Modoc	GG Grandfather	GGG Grandfather	GGGG Grandfather
Tribe	Tribe	Tribe	Tribe
Date of Birth	DOB	DOB	DOB
Date of Death	DOD	DOD	DOD
Place of Birth (if known)	Tribe	Tribe	Tribe
Applicant's Comments or Notes	GG Grandmother	GGG Grandmother	GGGG Grandmother
	GG Grandmother	GGG Grandmother	GGGG Grandmother
	Tribe	Tribe	Tribe
	DOB	DOB	DOB
	DOD	DOD	DOD
	Tribe	Tribe	Tribe
	DOB	DOB	DOB
	DOD	DOD	DOD
	Tribe	Tribe	Tribe
	DOB	DOB	DOB
	DOD	DOD	DOD

Modoc Nation - Ancestor Lineage Form Page 3

Please complete as much as possible.
Continue from 2nd page last ancestor with Modoc blood.

4G Grandparent (carried over from page 2) Modoc Tribe Date of Birth Date of Death Place of Birth (if known) Applicant's Comments or Notes	5G Grandfather Tribe DOB DOD	6G Grandfather Tribe DOB DOD	7G Grandfather Tribe DOB DOD
5G Grandmother Tribe DOB DOD	6G Grandmother Tribe DOB DOD	7G Grandmother Tribe DOB DOD	7G Grandmother Tribe DOB DOD