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*Oklahoma Indian
Child Welfare
Association, Inc.*

“Remember that your
children are not your
own, but are lent to you
by the Creator.”
- Mohawk

About OICWA

The **Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Association, Inc.** (OICWA) is a non-profit, membership organization representing the Indian Child Welfare programs in the State of Oklahoma. OICWA's membership include tribes and individuals dedicated to promoting the well-being of American Indian children, their families, and their tribes.

OICWA originated from an Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Task Force created in 1981 to address common areas of service and issues among ICWA programs in the state. During initial meetings, members of the Task Force identified needs critical to protecting Indian children in Oklahoma and worked diligently to address those needs. Perhaps the most significant activity of the Task Force was advocating for the Oklahoma legislature to pass a law



supporting the Federal Indian Child Welfare Act. As a result of the Task Force's tireless efforts, the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Act was signed into law in 1982.

As its members continued to advocate for Indian children and families, the ICWA Task Force evolved into the **Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Association** and, in 1984, was officially recognized by the State of Oklahoma as a corporation.

Today, through the ongoing dedication from current members, OICWA continues to uphold the original vision and mission of its founding members. As a voice for the Indian Child Welfare programs in Oklahoma, OICWA continues to strive to protect the most vital resource of Indian tribes in Oklahoma - their children.

Membership Information

The Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Association offers three types of membership:

A. Indian Group Membership: Tribal, Urban, and other Indian organizations located within the State of Oklahoma.

1. This membership has full voting rights for one designated delegate of each member organization.

B. Individual Indian Membership: Any person, no less than eighteen (18) years of age, who is a member of and is so recognized by an Indian Tribe or Alaskan Native Group.

1. This membership has full voting rights for each individual member.

C. Associate Membership: Any organization or any person, no less than eighteen (18) years of age, not otherwise eligible for membership whose participation is compatible with the purpose and interest of the Association.

1. This membership has limited voting rights restricted to subordinate bodies of OICWA.

➤ **Guidelines for membership are established in accordance with Article IV of the OICWA Bylaws.**

➤ **The term of a membership is one year beginning Oct 1 and ending Sept 30. Fees are not prorated.**

➤ **OICWA reserves the right to deny an application for membership.**

For more information on membership, contact OICWA at oiowa@yahoo.com or any Officer.

OICWA, Inc. Membership Application

Membership Type	Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Organization Membership	\$75.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Membership	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> New Application	
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Application*	

* If renewal, how many years have you been a member? _____

Organization/Individual Name

Name of Organization Contact

Title of Organization Contact/Individual

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip Code

Phone #

Fax #

Email Address

Reason for joining OICWA:

Please make check payable to:

Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Association, Inc.

Send remittance and this form to:

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