



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 includes 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:

INDIAN TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP. Federally recognized tribes located within the state of Oklahoma. (This membership has full voting rights for only one designated delegate of each Indian Tribe).

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 as verified by the organization. Individual Indian Members are comprised to form the OICWA Individual Indian Membership Group. (The Individual Indian Membership members, in attendance, have full voting rights in subcommittee and non-legislative decisions. In annual, quarterly and special meetings, Individual Indian Membership members, in attendance, are granted voting privileges with the majority vote counting as one tribal vote).

ASSOCIATE MEMBER. Any organization or any person who is no less than eighteen (18) years of age, not otherwise eligible for membership and whose participation is compatible with the purpose and interest of the Association. (This membership has limited voting rights restricted to subordinate bodies of the Association. It may be further restricted by the Association for particular subordinate bodies. Within the limitations, exercise of voting privilege shall occur in the same manner specified for Indian Group Membership/Individual Indian Membership).

Guidelines for membership are in accordance with Article IV of the OICWA Bylaws. Membership is for one year (Oct 1—Sept 30). Fees are not prorated. OICWA reserves the right to deny an application. For more information, contact us below.

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Membership Application

Application Type

New

Renewal

Membership Type

Indian Tribal

\$ 250.00

Individual Indian

\$ 25.00

Associate

\$ 75.00

Tribal/Individual/Associate Name:

Contact Person/Title

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone/Fax:

Email:

Date:

Reason for joining OICWA:

Send remittance and this form to:

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