Enrollment Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What if my parents are not enrolled? Your parents and grandparents do not have to be enrolled. You just need to link back to the Base Roll which is the Pratt Roll of 1904.

How long does it take to process my application? After all required documents are received in the Enrollment Office, the process may take six to eight weeks dependent upon the next scheduled Tribal Council meeting. The name of each applicant must appear on a Resolution for Tribal Council approval.

I have been told I am Delaware my entire life. Can I get a card? If you can trace your lineage to the Base Roll, you are eligible for membership.

Will my Delaware blood quantum increase my blood quantum with the Cherokee Nation? No, the two are separate; however, it will increase your native blood quantum on your CDIB.

Are my step- and adopted children eligible for enrollment? Step-children and adopted children are only eligible if their biological lineage traces back to the Base Roll.

Do I have to complete a family tree? Yes, we need documentation to verify your lineage to the Base Roll.

Do I have to complete every blank on the family tree? We ask that you provide as much information as possible.

How do I complete my family tree, if I was adopted? There are websites to assist you with this such as www.familysearch.org, www.adoption.org and www.findmyfamily.org. Most states also have websites to assist you such as www.okhistory.org in Oklahoma. The Enrollment Department will also help guide you and answer questions.

To which roll do I need to trace my ancestors to be eligible for enrollment in the Delaware Tribe? 1904 Pratt Roll

Do I have to have a CDIB card to enroll with the Delaware Tribe? No, you do not have to have a CDIB; however, there is a link on the Enrollment website, if you wish to obtain one.

Do I have to be an enrolled member to attend Delaware pow-wows and dances? No, everyone is invited to attend and experience the culture.

Where can I get my application documents notarized? We have notaries on the Delaware campus, if you are in Bartlesville or the surrounding areas. In addition, banks will typically notarize your documents at no charge. Additional notaries can be found in your area through www.notaryrotary.com/agent/find_a_notary.asp; however, many of these will charge a fee for their services.

Does my Delaware ID expire? No, but it is not a valid ID, if your name or address is not accurate and current. This may cause an interruption in benefits and/or services. In addition if your card is lost or stolen, you may request a replacement card. There is a $10 update/replacement fee.

What is the difference between the Delaware Tribe of Indians, the Kansas Delaware, the Delaware Canadian Tribe, and the Delaware Nation? While members of these tribes may be descendants of some of the same ancestors, today each tribe is a separate entity with its own programs and services. For a more detailed discussion of this visit www.delawaretribe.org/services-and-programs/historic-preservation/removal-history-of-the-delaware-tribe/