

ENROLLMENT

Dear Fellow Tribal Members and Friends:

The Enrollment Office has been busier than usual. The reason being that many clients are checking on their enrollment status. I have mentioned before that I have many incomplete files on hand. If you have not received an enrollment number, you probably are not enrolled. All it takes to check on your enrollment status is a phone call or letter.

Many files are incomplete because of unacceptable or the absence of birth records on file. Our tribe's enrollment is based on descendency. Birth records are used to prove descendency from a member of the Grand Ronde Tribes. Many files contain the state issued birth cards. Although these cards are certified by the state, they are unacceptable for enrollment purposes because they fail to list the names of the parents. Some records have a handwritten addition or correction on them. Any handwriting on a record is considered an alteration. Altered documents are unacceptable. I must request a different document if it is altered.

Some birth records that are acceptable include: the state issued certified full birth certificates, baptismal certificates, court orders of paternity, adoption decree's, and hospital records. The hospital records are acceptable only if the front and back are completed by the hospital. If the writing or typing on the back of the hospital records differs from the front, that is a clue that the record was completed at a later date. I will request a different document if this is the case.

I may periodically be absent from the office. I am currently serving jury duty through November. If you are from out of town, please call ahead to confirm if I am in for the day. I do not know from week to week which days I am called to serve. Thank-you to our members who keep their mailing addresses current for our office! My hours are from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Our office is closed from noon to 1:00 pm.

Sincerely,
Margo George
Enrollment Clerk

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde welcome articles of interest to Tribal Members. If you have any news: births, graduations, events, letters to the editor, etc. please mail to:

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
P.O. Box 38
Grand Ronde, OR 97347
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