

Eligibility Requirements

- Each applicant must provide their own documentation in order to determine eligibility.
- Eligibility for the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs, Inc.; Workforce Development Services Program is determined according to federal standards. Applicants must provide their own legible documentation for purposes of determining eligibility.
- Participation in this WIOA Section 166 program is limited to economically disadvantaged, underemployed, or unemployed documented Native Americans (includes Native Alaskans and Hawaiians) or their descendants to the second degree.
- Federally or state recognized "landless" "terminated" or "non-federally recognized" tribal members are eligible for participation in the Workforce Development Services Program.

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ELIGIBILITY AND DOCUMENTATION



Mission Statement:

"Promoting the Economic Self-Sufficiency and Self-Determination of American Indians and Native Americans since 1974"

American Indian

The FGCI, Inc. Workforce Development Services Program will accept only the following as verifiable documentation that the applicant is American Indian:

- Proof of membership in a federally recognized American Indian Tribe as listed in the Federal Register
- Proof of membership, or eligibility for membership, in a tribe recognized as an American Indian tribe by a state or colony through treaty or statute, or as listed in the Library of Congress Report No. 84-131 GOV. or a tribe that has been terminated from Federal recognition. Applicants from state recognized tribes will be required to submit copies of the documentation they provided in order to become a member of that tribe or a letter from the tribe outlining the documentation
- A letter from a federally recognized tribe stating that you are of Native American descent, or that the tribe recognizes you as Native American
- A certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (C.D.I.B) card or paper issued by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
- An original birth certificate that certifies “American Indian’s race, Or official records of adoption
- A letter issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs which certifies eligibility to share in a per capita distribution of judgment funds resulting from an aboriginal land claims settlement

The Florida Governor’s Council on Indian Affairs, Inc. or it’s staff does not have the expertise nor resources to do genealogical research on behalf of applicants. It should not be necessary for staff members to review anything other than documents requested in this pamphlet

If you have any questions please call our office at 1 (800) 322-9186

Alaskan Native

In addition to the aforementioned documents, the FGCI, Inc. Workforce Development Services Program will accept only the following as verifiable documentation that the applicant is Alaskan Native:

- An Alaskan Native Corporation shareholder certificate
- An original birth certificate that certifies “Alaskan Native” as race
- A letter from their native village stating that they are Alaskan Native

Native Hawaiian

The FGCI, Inc. Workforce Development Services Program will accept only the following as verifiable documentation that the applicant is Native Hawaiian:

- An original birth certificate that certifies “Native Hawaiian” as race
- A letter from the state of Hawaii stating the applicant is Native Hawaiian
- Official records of adoption

Documentation Requirements

The regulations governing the Florida Governor’s Council on Indian Affairs, Inc., Workforce Development Services Program can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations at 20 CFR 652. These regulations set forth the eligibility criteria for participation in Section 166 WIOA programs in paragraph 668.300 as follows.

- An Indian, Native Alaskan, or Native Hawaiian as determined by the Native American Grantee (NAG), who is economically disadvantaged, or unemployed or underemployed is eligible to participate in a program under this subpart
- Indians and other persons of Native American descent who meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this section and who are identified by the Federal and State government as “landless” or “terminated” or “non-federally recognized” are included among those eligible to participate

Genealogy Resources

For more information on Cherokee ancestry contact the

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Phone (918) 456-0671

Or

Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
Phone (800) 256-0671

For other ancestry inquires contact the
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Phone (202) 208-7163

Or visit their website www.bia.gov