



## Koasek Traditional Band of the Sovereign Abenaki Nation Citizenship Application

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### **Koasek Citizenship Requirements:**

The following is an outline of the band citizenship requirements to show the initial guidelines which are being used. All Citizens must provide Abenaki Native American Indian ancestral documentation such as:

- Family Records / Birth Certificates / Genealogy Records & Documents
- Family Oral Traditions / Stories / Recognition Statements
- Family Pictures / Family Artifacts
- Family Historical References / Community or Native American Indian Community Recognition

To be considered as a Citizen, you must prove:

- Descendants from baseline Koasek / Abenaki family groups
- Natural born blood children of Citizens on the tribal rolls and/or any other Native American Ancestry

**Important:** A verifiable genealogical line to a recognized native ancestor must be submitted with the application. Additional information such as oral traditions, stories, recognition statements, photos and artifacts may also be included to support the application.

If your application is accepted, you will be required to relinquish any citizenship and/or membership in any other (First Nations or Métis) Nation of Indigenous Peoples, except Inter-Tribal organizations. The failure to do so will constitute automatic forfeiture of Koasek Citizenship.

Citizenship and Membership is free to all qualifying individuals and families. Genealogy research is limited to the review of submitted documents. Requests for extensive genealogical research assistance will not be provided. It is solely the applicant's responsibility to provide such supporting evidence.

All applicants must submit clear and convincing proof of lineage to the Koasek (Cowasuck) Abenaki Nation, or any other Native American ancestors, together with supporting documentation, such as:

- Genealogical charts and reports
- Birth or baptism certificates
- Passports, family bibles, family pictures, or other evidence

Note that the Koasek (Cowasuck) Territory historically has spanned the regions of Northern Vermont, Northern New Hampshire and Southern Quebec. In earlier histories, our Abenaki ancestor territories covered Northern Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Southern Quebec, Maine and parts of Nova Scotia (including areas of New Brunswick). We do not recognize the imposed boundaries and borders that have, over time, been established and have separated our territory.

### **Please fill out this application, and mail it to:**

Koasek Traditional Band of the Sovereign Abenaki Nation  
c/o: Genealogist, Chief Paul Bunnell  
32 Hoit Mill Rd. #202, Weare, NH 03281

Your Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for citizenship to the Koasek Traditional Band of the Sovereign Abenaki Nation.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check which side of your family has Native American Ancestry:**

Mother's side

Father's side

Both mother's and father's sides

Please list the names of the ancestors whom you have identified as Native American in your line of ancestry:

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**Note: If you have more to add, please list them on another sheet and attach to this form.**

**Instructions for completing the following sections:**

Only fill in the names for the side of your family with Native American bloodline. For example, if only your mother has Native American blood, you do not need to fill in beyond your father's name, birth date, and place of birth. However, if both your mother and father have Native American blood, you will need to completely fill out both sections – Mother's Family and Father's Family.

Note: Paternal = Father's side and Maternal = Mother's side.

## Mother's Family

Your mother \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Your mother's father \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Your mother's mother \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Your mother's paternal grandfather \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Your mother's paternal grandmother \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Your mother's maternal grandfather \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Your mother's maternal grandmother \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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## Father's Family

Your father \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Your father's father \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Your father's mother \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Your father's paternal grandfather \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Your father's paternal grandmother \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Your father's maternal grandfather \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Your father's maternal grandmother \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Are any of your family members already a member of the The Koasek Traditional Band of the Sovereign Abenaki Nation? Yes  No

If yes please enter their name(s) and address (es) below. If necessary, please list the rest on a separate sheet:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide the following information to be used on Koasek Band ID card, if approved.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
First name / Middle initial / Last name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Hair color / Eye color / Height / Weight  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth / Place of birth: / City / State

NOTE: Mothers/Fathers shall retain custody of all Children's Tribal ID Cards until a child is 12 years old at which time a child shall be issued their own personal Identification. If you have more children, please include their information on a separate sheet and attach to this page.

**Children Under the age of 18:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
First name / Middle initial / Last name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Hair color / Eye color / Height / Weight  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth / Place of birth: / City / State

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 First name Middle initial Last name

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 Hair color Eye color Height Weight

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 Date of birth Place of birth: City State

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 First name Middle initial Last name

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 Hair color Eye color Height Weight

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of birth Place of birth: City State

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- Please provide 2 passport-size color photos or any frontal clear photo for each Koasek Band ID Card.
- Also, please enclose a processing contribution of \$5 per ID card. (Make your check out to Paul Bunnell.)
- *A copy of your birth certificate as well as a copy of each child's birth certificate must be included with this form.*

Printed Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please add email address if you have a computer:

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Application for Citizenship of the  
**Koasek Traditional Band of the Sovereign Abenaki Nation**  
 Approved by:

Genealogist/Registrar: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Tribal Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your time in filling out this application request. We will be back to you as soon as our genealogists have reviewed your application.*

*Chief Nathan Pero & Chief Paul Bunnell*