

Federal Recognition Criteria



- **1. The Group must be a specific Indian community from historical times until the present.**

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- **2. The group must live in a community viewed as American Indian, distinct from other populations and descended from a specific area.**

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- **3. The group must maintain political influence over its members as an autonomous entity throughout history.**

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- 4. The group must have a governing document or membership criteria and procedures by which they govern the affairs of their members.

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- 5. Their membership list must be based on descendants from historical times.

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- **6. They cannot be members of any other tribe.**

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- **7. They cannot be terminated or previously forbidden federal recognition.**