

The National Congress of American Indians [NCAI] is the oldest and largest American Indian non-profit organization that represents over 250 member Tribes of American Indians and Alaska Natives. The National Congress of American Indians has been the lead advocate in defending tribal sovereignty, protecting treaty rights, and proactively monitoring federal legislation impacting Indian Country. Our ongoing hard work and success in advocating for our rights is not possible without the enduring support of our Membership.

THAT TIME OF THE YEAR TO PAY THE TRIBE AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

NCAI's annual membership dues shall be due and payable at the Annual Convention of each year for the following year until the next Annual Convention. All members are determined to be in good standing upon full payment of the tribe and individual dues and the Tribe having fulfilled the requirements of the Credential Committee. ***Full payment of tribal and individuals dues are required to vote in this year's elections of the Executive Committee.***

[\[Tribal Membership Application Form\]](#)

Tribal Representative Qualifications:

1. Must be registered for the Convention.
2. Must have a current year Tribal resolution specifying the person as a delegate and/or alternate[s].
3. Must have a copy of receipt reflecting full payment of **tribal and individual** dues.
4. Each member Tribe is entitled to 100-180 votes, depending upon the enrollment of the tribe. Each member Tribe shall vote in accordance with Section B 1c of the NCAI By-laws. [\[By-Laws\]](#)

Individual Voting Membership Qualifications:

1. Any person of Indian and/or Alaska Native Ancestry in the United States is eligible for individual Indian membership. An Indian is a person who is recognized as a member by an Indian tribe, or band, or combination of Tribes and bands recognized by the US Department of the Interior, the Indian Claims commission, Court of Claims or State.
2. Each individual Indian member is entitled to one vote.
3. Must have a copy of receipt reflecting \$40.00 dues payment or \$1000 lifetime membership.

[\[Individual Membership Application Form\]](#)

Why should you join the National Congress of American Indians? Because ...

- NCAI has been in operation for over 60 years - **Credibility**
- NCAI has become a solid unit, a national congress of tribes and individuals that builds consensus on all issues that face Indian Country - **Unity**
- NCAI member Tribes each with its own strengths are stronger than one Tribe in itself – **Solidarity**
- NCAI offers a broad range of expertise – **Experience**

Monetary contributions go towards funding the critical collective efforts no single tribe can address effectively on its own – **Strength**

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