

Non-Infant & Non-Emergency Determination Enrollment Application FAQ

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1. What are the Tribe's enrollment requirements?

- On January 21, 2025, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's enrollment criteria changed. To qualify for enrollment someone must possess Grand Ronde Indian Blood and descend from a biological parent or grandparent who at any time was an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde provided such ancestor was not enrolled in error.
- Grand Ronde prohibits dual enrollment. The applicant must relinquish their tribal rights from the other Tribe for five years from date of relinquishment. A Tribal Council resolution from the other Tribe, approving the unconditional relinquishment must accompany the application.
- Please note that for non-infant and non-emergency applications there is an annual limitation in the Tribe's Constitution. The annual limit for those over the age of 6 months and those not subject to juvenile dependency proceedings shall be 150 and Tribal Council may, by Tribal Council Resolution, increase the annual limit to no more than 200.

2. How do I apply for enrollment?

To apply for enrollment, please visit the Tribe's website at www.grandronde.org to access the enrollment application. You may also pick up a hardcopy application from the Member Services Department located in the Tribe's Governance Center at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Applications can also be requested by email by emailing enrollment@grandronde.org.

3. What do I need to apply?

Applicants will need to submit a completed enrollment application along with a copy of their state issued birth certificate if qualifying under a parent and copies of their state issued birth certificate and their parent's state issued birth certificate if qualifying under a grandparent.

4. What if I don't have a copy of my state issued birth certificate?

Applicants can request copies of their state issued birth certificates from the appropriate state vital records department before submitting their application for enrollment. If the applicant cannot provide a state issued birth certificate a properly executed affidavit will be accepted.

5. Do I have to do DNA testing?

Yes, all applicants must complete DNA testing as part of the enrollment process. This is a requirement under Tribal law to prove parentage and / or grand-parentage and lineal connection.

6. What is the process for DNA testing?

DNA will be scheduled and coordinated by Enrollment staff when it is time to process your application. For more information on DNA testing please visit the Tribe's website to access the Grand Ronde Tribal Enrollment DNA Fact Sheet and the Tribe's DNA Policy.

7. Why is there a waitlist for enrollment?

The Tribe's Constitution includes an annual limit. The annual limit for those over the age of 6 months and those not subject to juvenile dependency proceedings shall be 150 and Tribal Council may, by Tribal Council Resolution, increase the annual limit to no more than 200. In 2025, during Open Enrollment the Tribe received more than 1933 applications for enrollment for those over the age of 6 months.

8. If I apply now, when might I be enrolled?

All applicants are added to the waitlist in the order they are received, reviewed and completed. Based on the Tribal Constitution's annual limit and the number of applicants on the waitlist; any projected timeframes for enrollment are more than a decade out.

9. What happens to my application if it is incomplete?

Staff will reach out to the applicant to request required information or documentation that is needed to process the application. If the information is not received within 30 days, the application is deemed incomplete and will be returned. The applicant will need to submit a new application to be reconsidered with the necessary documentation.