

ORDINANCE FOR MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Ordinance III (First Revision)

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following criteria must be met for membership in the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe:

A. ELIGIBILITY FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

1. All persons of Indian blood whose names appear on the official certified Constructed Base Roll of the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation as of January 1, 1935.
2. All children born to any enrolled Regular member of the Tribe who is a resident of the reservation at the time of the birth of said children, provided it is proven that said children are direct lineal descendants of a Base Enrollee as identified above.
3. All children born to any enrolled member of the Tribe holding Adoptive membership, provided the child is born after to the effective date of the parent's adoption into the Tribe. All children born prior to the effective date of the parent's adoption into the Tribe may only be considered for membership under the provisions of Part B of this Article.
4. Any person whose membership was relinquished while the person was a minor child is eligible to reapply for membership within five (5) years after turning eighteen (18) years of age. If he/she received judgment or per capita funds as a member of another Indian tribe, colony or band, prior to filing the application or prior to the Tribal Council–approving the application, such person will be eligible for membership purposes only.

B. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADOPTIVE MEMBERSHIP

1. Any person of one-quarter (1/4) or more Pyramid Lake Paiute blood, or any person of one-half (1/2) or more Indian blood who is married to a member of the Tribe may become a member of the Tribe by filing an application with the Tribe in which the applicant agrees to renounce his/her membership in or affiliation with any other tribe, colony or band, and by receiving the endorsement of the Tribal Council by an affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members.
2. Any child of one-quarter (1/4) or more degree of Paiute blood who is less than eighteen (18) years of age and is living with a mother or father, guardian, or relative who is a member of the Tribe, is eligible for adoption by the Tribe into membership by filing an application with the Tribe, provided it is proven that the minor child is a descendant of a Base Enrollee, and further provided that the application receives an endorsement of the Tribal Council by an affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members.

Adoptive membership is at the discretion of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council and is a privilege granted to those who do not meet the eligibility requirements to qualify for Regular membership.

For the purposes of this section, any child born to an enrolled member who holds Adoptive membership, if born prior to the effective date of the parent's approval for Adoptive membership can be enrolled only under Section B of this Article.