

# **MIAMI NATION OF INDIANA ENROLLEMENT VERIFICATION FORM**

## **What is the purpose of the form?**

An important function of our tribal government is to maintain correct and updated tribal membership records. This Enrollment Verification Form is one tool that supports those efforts. Dual Enrollment is specifically prohibited by the Miami Nation of Indiana (MNI); therefore, this form provides the tribe with the information needed to comply with our tribal by-laws.

## **Is this a new form?**

No, this form has been a requirement for all new enrollments since 2008. However, it is now being required of ALL individuals holding citizenship with MNI. This new requirement has been put into place in order to adequately update tribal enrollment records.

Specifically, the administrative process overseen by the Bureau of Indian Affairs is currently being revamped and will be published late this spring. This new process will most likely provide MNI an opportunity to repetition the United States government for federal recognition. During this repetition, we will need to be able to provide updated, accurate tribal rolls that comply with MNI by-laws and indicate that our tribal members are not enrolled in other federally recognized tribes.

## **What if I do not complete the form?**

The tribal council genuinely hopes that all current members will complete the notarized form ASAP and provide it the tribal office. Reasonable efforts will continue to be made for the next month to collect as many forms as possible. At the completion of these efforts on Friday, May 15, 2015, the tribal council will take next steps to update the tribal enrollment records which could include removing individuals who have not completed their form from MNI's tribal enrollment lists.

## **If I have additional questions, who do I contact?**

Additional questions can be directed to tribal secretary, Sarah Siders at 765-475-3700 or to a tribal council representative.