



# **Native American Homeownership Initiative Household Eligibility and Documentation Requirements**

## **1. Eligible Native American households:**

- American Indians or Alaska Natives who are enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe.
- A member of an Alaska Village and Regional Corporation established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.
- Native Hawaiians eligible to reside on Hawaiian Home Lands.

## **2. Documentation requirements:**

- American Indians or Alaska Natives who are enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe.
  - Tribal enrollment card or certification of enrollment from tribal government.
- A member of an Alaska Village or Regional Corporation established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA).
  - Certification of membership from the ANCSA corporation or other satisfactory documentation that verifies a borrower is a member or shareholder of a village or regional corporation formed pursuant to ANCSA.
- Native Hawaiians eligible to reside on Hawaiian Home Lands.
  - Certification of Eligibility from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for an Hawaiian Home Lands homestead lease. Only households acquiring homeownership property on Hawaiian Home Lands are eligible.



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- Typically an eligible borrower should have no difficulty providing verification of their membership in a tribe or ANCSA corporation. A borrower that is a tribal member may possess a tribal enrollment card issued by their tribal government. A borrower who needs membership documentation should contact the tribe or ANCSA corporation for which they claim membership to obtain verification of membership. Native Hawaiians that have been approved by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for an Hawaiian Home Lands homestead lease can obtain a certification from that office.
3. Documentation not accepted: Blood or race is not the basis for eligibility of American Indians or Alaska Natives. Being a descendent of a Native person is not sufficient of itself for eligibility, the person must be a member of a tribe or Alaska Village or Regional Corporation. The Bank will not accept self-certification or the Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) from the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs, as it does not address membership.