Why should I enroll in my tribe?
There are many benefits and reasons to enroll! Some colleges, like Fort Lewis College, offer tuition waivers for Native students enrolled in their tribe. Other schools, like the University of Denver, offer scholarships. There are also many scholarships which require tribal enrollment to apply. Outside of financial aid, enrolling in your tribe qualifies you for health benefits through organizations like Denver Indian Health and Family Services, and connects you to your tribe!

How do I enroll in my tribe?
Let’s walk through the steps!
1. Contact the tribe(s) you claim ancestry from and see what they require.
2. Complete genealogical research based on what your tribe requires (sample family tree on back)
   a. Research starts at home! Talk to family members, grandparents, parents, aunts & uncles! Look through old family books, photos, etc. If your parent/grandparent is an enrolled member of a tribe, get a copy of their Certificate of Tribal Enrollment
   b. Visit your local library! The Denver Public Library (DPL) has a ton of resources. Access census records from library computers, consult with a librarian, or attend a free genealogy class (offered every Saturday).
      i. For more information about the library’s genealogy classes contact the Central Library at 720.865.1821
   c. Access “Heritage Quest” through DPL from home using your library card. Heritage Quest allows you to search, view and print census records from 1790–1940.
      i. Heritage quest can be found by visiting https://history.denverlibrary.org/geneology and clicking on “Heritage Quest.”
   d. Visit the Native American National Archives in Washington D.C. or contact them at 1–866–272–6272 for more information.
   e. Visit Denver’s National Archives located at 17101 Huron St. in Broomfield, CO. Questions can be directed to 303.604.4740.
   f. Contact the BIA – some BIA offices may have documents such as land trust, wills, etc.
      i. Denver’s office is located at 13922 Denver W Pkwy. You can call them at 866.703.7100.
3. Send tribal enrollment application, family tree, public records, and any other required documents to your tribe’s tribal enrollment office

What if I still need help?
Our office can only help on a limited basis. If you have questions about this handout, you can reach out to us at 720.423.2455.
Ancestral Chart

No. 1 on this chart is
the same person as No. _______

On Chart No. _______

BORN
PLACE
MARRIED
PLACE
DIED
PLACE

CONT. ON CHART _______

BORN
PLACE
MARRIED
PLACE
DIED
PLACE

CONT. ON CHART _______

BORN
PLACE
DIED
PLACE

CONT. ON CHART _______

BORN
PLACE
MARRIED
PLACE
DIED
PLACE

CONT. ON CHART _______

BORN
PLACE
DIED
PLACE

CONT. ON CHART _______

NAME OF SPOUSE

BORN
PLACE
MARRIED
PLACE
DIED
PLACE

CONT. ON CHART _______

BORN
PLACE
DIED
PLACE

CONT. ON CHART _______

BORN
PLACE
DIED
PLACE

CONT. ON CHART _______