



Ontario Native Women's Association



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION COUNCILS

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) Organization. Established in 1971, ONWA is the oldest and largest Indigenous women's organization in Canada. As a not-for-profit organization that empower and supports all Indigenous women and their families through research, advocacy, policy, community development and programs. ONWA is committed to providing services that strengthen communities and guarantees the preservation of Indigenous cultures, identities, art, languages and heritage. Ending violence against Indigenous women and their families and ensuring equal access to justice, education, health services, environmental stewardship and economic development, are the cornerstone of the organization.

By joining ONWA you become part of an Indigenous women's collective community focused on action through meaningful engagement, building Indigenous women's approaches in community and expand the collective voices and leadership of Indigenous women in your community, provincially, nationally, and internationally.

By becoming an ONWA member, you will have access to:

- Direct and meaningful engagement on issues facing Indigenous women
- Opportunities for capacity building supports and education/training sessions
- Increased visibility to advocate and support for your Indigenous women in your communities
- Opportunities to collectively advocate and influence both provincial and national governments that impact Indigenous women in their communities
- Support on increasing awareness of Indigenous women's leadership, strengths and resiliency
- The opportunity to attend ONWA's Annual General Assembly and participate in setting strategies for the agency as well as elect our directors to the governing Board

Councils are grassroots groups of women. A Council must consist of no less than five Indigenous women of Indigenous ancestry, who are 18 years or older and reside in Ontario. All applications must be accompanied with a letter stating support to become an ONWA member.

To learn more about ONWA Membership, please visit: <https://www.onwa.ca/membership>

Once your application is complete, membership staff will be in touch to review your application with you. If you have questions at any time or require further information, please contact members@onwa.ca or 1-800-667-0816.

The Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) values your privacy. We collect your information solely for membership processing and do not share it with third parties. We comply with Canadian privacy laws, including PIPEDA. If you have questions, please contact members@onwa.ca.

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About the Association/Group			
Name of the Association/Group			
Date of Establishment (YYYY/MM/DD)			
Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	PO Box
City/Town/First Nation		Province	Postal Code
Telephone (###-###-####)		Email	
Website/Social Media			

Membership	
How many members are a part of your Council? (#)	75% of members identify as women and are Indigenous: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

ONWA has 9 Key Areas of Focus. What areas does your Council align most with?



Please check all that apply:

- Mother Earth
- Family Violence
- Sexual Violence
- Child Welfare
- Human Trafficking
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)
- Housing and Homelessness
- Justice
- Health

Share your story, share any relevant information to support your application to become a member.

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About Your Council's Leadership				
REGULAR MEMBER 1				
First Name			Last Name	
Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name		PO Box
City/Town/First Nation			Province Ontario	Postal Code
Telephone (###-###-####)		Email		Current age (#)
Gender		Indigenous Identity <input type="radio"/> First Nation, Status <input type="radio"/> First Nation, Non-Status <input type="radio"/> Inuit <input type="radio"/> Métis		
REGULAR MEMBER 2				
First Name			Last Name	
Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name		PO Box
City/Town/First Nation			Province Ontario	Postal Code
Telephone (###-###-####)		Email		Current age (#)
Gender		Indigenous Identity <input type="radio"/> First Nation, Status <input type="radio"/> First Nation, Non-Status <input type="radio"/> Inuit <input type="radio"/> Métis		
REGULAR MEMBER 3				
First Name			Last Name	
Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name		PO Box
City/Town/First Nation			Province Ontario	Postal Code
Telephone (###-###-####)		Email		Current age (#)
Gender		Indigenous Identity <input type="radio"/> First Nation, Status <input type="radio"/> First Nation, Non-Status <input type="radio"/> Inuit <input type="radio"/> Métis		

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REGULAR MEMBER 4			
First Name		Last Name	
Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	PO Box
City/Town/First Nation		Province Ontario	Postal Code
Telephone (###-###-####)		Email	Current age (#)
Gender	Indigenous Identity <input type="radio"/> First Nation, Status <input type="radio"/> First Nation, Non-Status <input type="radio"/> Inuit <input type="radio"/> Métis		

REGULAR MEMBER 5			
First Name		Last Name	
Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	PO Box
City/Town/First Nation		Province Ontario	Postal Code
Telephone (###-###-####)		Email	Current age (#)
Gender	Indigenous Identity <input type="radio"/> First Nation, Status <input type="radio"/> First Nation, Non-Status <input type="radio"/> Inuit <input type="radio"/> Métis		

This application form was completed		
Name (please print)	Signature	Date

Miigwetch / Kinahnaskomihtin / Nakurmīk / Marsee / Niá:wen / Merci / Thank you for completing your application form!

Be sure to submit your completed application to ONWA's Membership Team at:

Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA)
 #15-684 City Road, Fort William First Nation, ON P7J 1K3
 Email: members@onwa.ca | 1-800-667-0816

What is required to become a Council?

- Signed Letter of Group
- List of Members (minimum 5 members)
- Area of interest and focus

Additional information may be required to support your application.