

# BY LAWS OF THE ROGERS COUNTY CHEROKEE ASSOCIATION

## ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

### Section 1 - Name

The name of this corporation is Rogers County Cherokee Association, hereafter referred to as the Association.

### Section 2 - Purpose

The Association is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes as described under Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) including but not limited to:

- A. Providing an organization for Cherokee Nation Tribal Citizens, their family members and friends to promote unity and cooperation and to advance the Cherokee people of Rogers County.
- B. Providing better communication among Cherokee Tribal Citizens and Cherokee people and the General Public.
- C. Providing a basis for the development of Cherokee cultural knowledge, understanding of Cherokee Nation government and current issues facing the Cherokee Nation.
- D. Providing Association members with, but not limited to:
  1. A facility for meetings and cultural activities.
  2. Educational opportunities such as cultural days, lectures, classes and field trips.
  3. Mentorship.
  4. Community network.
- E. Providing a forum for the exploration of community problems relating to Cherokee people and their lands or communities.
- F. Promoting the interest of Cherokees to pursue careers which enable individuals to become self-sufficient.
- G. Participating in any grant, program, benefits or services available under any federal, state, or local law from any other person or organization or agency which furthers the Mission of the Association.
- H. The establishing of cooperative efforts with other organizations which are concerned with the building and strengthening of the Cherokee community in Rogers County.

## ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

### Section 1 - Definition

"Cherokee" shall mean a person who is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation who possesses a Cherokee citizenship (Blue Card) and Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) headquartered in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

"Citizenship Number" is the tribal enrollment number provided on the blue card.

## Section 2 - Individual Membership

There shall be two categories of individual membership:

- A. General Membership shall be open, upon application to the Association, to any Cherokee (as determined above) having a Blue card and CDIB card.
- B. Associate Membership shall be open to any other interested persons who are not qualified as general members, upon application to the Association.
- C. Membership, either general or associate, shall not be transferable or assignable.
- D. Each general member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the general membership. Associate members shall not be entitled to vote on any matters submitted to a vote of the general membership. They shall be entitled to participate in the general Association activities.
- E. Any member, either general or associate, may resign by filing a written resignation with the Association Secretary.
- F. Disciplinary Action: A member may be suspended or expelled from this Association for cause by a 2/3 vote of a quorum of the general membership acting on a petition motion signed by at least five (5) members in good standing. A member also may be suspended or expelled from this Association for cause by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Before any action for suspension or expulsion is taken in this matter, such member shall be given a written statement of the charges against him or her at least 30 days prior to the general meeting or Board meeting before which the member is to appear and shall be given an opportunity to answer any and all charges at the designated meeting. The decision of the Board of Directors is subject to appeal at a meeting of the general membership. Before any action for imposition of a fine or financial responsibility is taken in this matter, such member shall be given a written statement of the charges at least 30 days prior to the Board meeting before which the member is to appear and shall be given an opportunity to answer any and all charges at the designated meeting. The decision of the Board of Directors is subject to appeal at a meeting of the general membership. Cause for suspension and expulsion includes (but is not limited to) violations which jeopardize the health and welfare of other Association members.

## ARTICLE III - MEETINGS

### Section 1 - Meetings

- A. There shall be no less than one general meeting each year of the general membership of the Association. The Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors shall have the power to specify the day, time, and place these meetings are to be held, provided that proper notice of such meetings be given.
- B. The Chairman of the Board must call a special meeting upon presentation of a petition containing the signatures of a simple majority of the general membership.
- C. Written notice stating the place, day, and hour of any meeting of members shall be delivered either personally, by mail or email to each community newspaper no less than five (5) business days and no more than two weeks before the date of such meeting, by or

