

**Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians
Judicial Branch**

Court of Central Jurisdiction

NAME CHANGE – Adult & Minor

Legal Name Change of an Adult

Who may apply?

To apply for a name change, each applicant must:

- Be an enrolled member of the Band;
- Have resided on Band lands under the jurisdiction of the Band for one (1) year;
- File the application for name change with the Band's Tribal Court;
- Be at least 18 years of age;
- No filing fee associated with this case type.

How do I apply?

- Complete the Application for Name Change

Complete the form above, which can be found at the court administration office or on the court website at: www.millelacsband.com/Page_Tribalcourt.aspx.

If you have any difficulty completing the forms, you should consult an attorney.

Hearing:

1. Upon filing, the court administrator's office will provide you with a hearing date and time, generally within 30 days.
2. Two witnesses who are over the age of 18 years that know you must appear with you in court and testify as to your identity.
3. If your application is approved at the time of the hearing, the judge will sign the order granting name change.
4. After the Order is signed, you can obtain one certified copy of the Order from the court administrator's office. Additional copies are \$2.50 each. Certified copies of this order will be needed to change your personal records.

Note: If information on a birth certificate is wrong because a mistake was made when the birth certificate was created, DO NOT file an Application for Name Change to have the birth record changed. Mistakes can be corrected through the state office in which you were born. Please contact them for procedures to amend the birth record. Additionally, you should consult an attorney for further information on when changing a birth certificate is appropriate and what information you should include in your name change application.

Legal Name Change of a Minor

Who may apply?

To apply for a name change, each applicant must:

- Be an enrolled member of the Band
- Have resided on Band lands under the jurisdiction of the Band for one (1) year
- File the application for name change with the Band's Tribal Court
- Be at least 18 years of age to proceed on behalf of the minor
- Be the minor's parent, legal guardian or next of kin;

How do I apply?

- Complete the Application for Name Change, which requires the names and address of the mother and father of each child listed.
- Submit a certified copy of the birth certificate for each minor child seeking a name change. The court will make a copy and return your certified copy.
- Written consent of both parents, if living, is required.
- MLBSA 8, § 802(e), states that no minor child's name be changed without both of the child's parent having notice of pending application for change of name, whenever practicable, as determined by the Court.

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If you have any difficulty completing the forms, you should consult an attorney.

Hearing:

1. Upon filing, the court administrator's office will provide you with a hearing date and time, generally within 30 days.
2. All minor(s) seeking to have their names changed must be present at the court hearing.
3. Two witnesses who are over the age of 18 years that know the minor(s) must appear with you in court and testify as to the minor(s) identity.
4. If your application is approved at the time of the hearing, the judge will sign the order granting name change.
5. After the Order is signed, you can obtain one certified copy of the Order from the court administrator's office. Additional copies are \$2.50 each. Certified copies of this order will be needed to change your personal records.

NOTE: Any record information placed in name change file will be accessible to the public.