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The Department of the Interior has amended existing Federal Regulations governing preparation of tribal rolls and enrollment appeals, to implement preparation of rolls for the Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska, a current activity of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The amendments to Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 41 and 42, became effective upon publication in the Federal Register June 1, 1966. They establish qualifications for enrollment in the Tlingit and Haida Tribes and set a June 30, 1967 deadline for filing applications.

All persons of Tlingit or Haida Indian blood residing in the United States or Canada on August 19, 1965 are eligible for enrollment if they were legal residents of the Territory of Alaska on or prior to June 19, 1935 or are descendants of such legal residents of Tlingit or Haida Indian blood.

Sponsors may file applications for members of the Armed Services or other services of the United States or Canadian Governments or for family members stationed abroad. They may also file on behalf of minors, mentally incompetent persons, or others in need of assistance, or for persons who died after the date of the Act of August 19, 1965 which authorized the Secretary of the Interior to prepare the Tlingit and Haida tribal rolls.

Any person who has been rejected for enrollment may file an appeal, or have an appeal filed by a sponsor on his behalf. Such appeals must be addressed to the Secretary of the Interior and be filed in writing before the close of business on the 30th day after receipt of a rejection notice. Those who receive rejection notices at addresses outside the Continental United States will have 60 days to file an appeal.