

**Saponi-Catawba
Nation**



**Naming Ceremony
Request Form**

This form is for those who would like to have a naming ceremony; in which the applicant would receive their Native name. Native names are given as a baby, and are subject to change, after any important changes occur in one's life.

Descriptions of our naming ceremonies can be acquired from the naming ceremony coordinator.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Tribal member ID number (if applicable): _____

We need to learn a little more about you and your personality before we continue. Please give a brief description of yourself in the space below. Then answer the following questions.

1. Do you have any siblings? If yes, where are you in the order? (Example are you the second of five) _____
2. What animal do you feel most drawn to? _____

3. Are you a parent? If yes, how many children do you have? _____

4. Do you have any nicknames? _____

5. Do you have any allergies to food? We ask this so we know if we will need to avoid any foods during the meal following the ceremony? _____

6. Would you like tradition face paint during your ceremony? _____

7. Would you like to bring your own feather or would you prefer that we provide one? _____

We ask that all recipients make a minimum of \$25 donation to help cover the costs of supplies for the ceremonies. Do you agree to this? _____

In order for the ceremony to take place we have to have the correct number of people. We need four guides, two witnesses, and an elder. If you do not have enough people we will have other tribal members fill in but loved ones are preferred. Do you plan to have loved ones attend and participate? _____

This ceremony can ONLY be performed in person so you will have to be willing to travel to Ohio to receive this. Is this something you are willing to do? _____

Please note that traditionally the recipient presents a gift to the Chief at the ceremony. This is not required but it is tradition.