



# **The Arawak Taino Tribe of Puerto Rico**

## **Membership Application**

Arawak Taino Tribe of Puerto Rico  
Established: July 9th, 1992 in Boriken  
Legacy: Tribes of First Contact 1492

We are an indigenous community that established our Yucayeke in Boriken during the 1990's and whose members are proven to be Island Arawak Taino or a descendant. Our Boricua Taino people are native to the United States Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Being a colonized territory of the U.S. tribal recognition is different than the rest of the country. However, If you have proven indigenous Taino ancestry to Puerto Rico, we invite you to join our Yucayeke. You don't have to live on our beloved island. If you have Boricua blood in your veins, your are Boricua no matter where you live or how many generations you have been disconnected.

Oma bahari (with respect) There are many Taino Yucayeke clans, but none require their members to prove they are Taino or a descendant. Hence, anyone can join them with self-identification. Our yukayeke, a term for "tribe/village" in the Taino language, has strict requirements to ensure all members are truly indigenous to our ancestral island of Boriken aka Puerto Rico.

This is an important aspect if we are to achieve formal recognition, which is one of our goals. Scientific studies on the genetic makeup of Puerto Ricans have reflected that approximately 62% of the Puerto Rican population has indigenous roots to the first people of Boriken. Accordingly, vital statistics, church documents, and militia records from the General Archives of Puerto Rico reflect that an indigenous Island Arawak population still existed in Puerto Rico after the 1800s and well into the 20th Century.

Therefore, a fairly large population of Puerto Ricans are listed as Indio, Mestizo, and De Color in older government records. This paper trail, genetic studies, and recent support from the Smithsonian Institute and National Geographic bolster our collective history of being Taino. Lastly, our yukayeke is doing our part in setting the record straight concerning our resistance and existence.

We are still here. We were never extinct!

We also teach our ancestral Island Arawak language and are active in our communities. Join the Arawak Taino Tribe of Puerto Rico, the only documented Taino organization seeking recognition under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990. This is so we can repatriate ancestral remains and artifacts held in museums and stop the grave robbing that is bringing our ancestors' items to the market.

Our motto... Where the Eagle and the Condor Meet.

[www.TainoTribePR.com](http://www.TainoTribePR.com)

We invite you to apply for enrollment in our Yucayeke

Yaya cacona guari!

# Membership Application

Full Name of Applicant:

Paternal

Maternal

First Name & Middle Initial

Address:

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Email: 

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Applicant's Date of Birth: 

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 (mm/dd/yy)

Applicants Place of Birth:

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 (City, State or Country)

Answer the Following Questions:

1. What part of Puerto Rico do you or your family descend from?

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2. Do you have a family oral history of a Taino ancestor(s) from Puerto Rico?

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 Yes

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 No

3. Do you have any vital statistics or Church records that identifies an ancestor(s) of yours as Indio or Mestizo?

\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please attach any copies to this application.  
Yes      No

4. Have you taken a DNA test? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what type? (Check any below that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ YDNA      \_\_\_\_\_ mtDNA      \_\_\_\_\_ atDNA

5. Did any of your DNA results identify Native American or New World genes? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type(s)? (Check those that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ Paternal      \_\_\_\_\_ Maternal      \_\_\_\_\_ Autosomal

Which haplogroup (Haplogroup C or Q) Haplogroup \_\_\_\_\_

Which haplogroup (Haplogroup A, B, C, D or X) Haplogroup \_\_\_\_\_

What percentage (i.e. 25%, 12.5%, 3%, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_%

Family records and results will be kept confidential and never for sale. Do you give permission to the Arawak Taino Tribe of Puerto Rico to view your DNA results and family records? \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** As a requirement for membership into the Arawak Taino Tribe of Puerto Rico, attach a family tree starting with you and going back to your furthest known ancestors with their full names. It is required that family trees go back to at least the 1800's. If known, show your ancestors' place and dates of birth, and dates of death. Approximate dates in lieu of exact dates can be used.

Your Signature:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy)

#### APPLICATIONS NOTES:

Please don't forget to attach any vital statistics and family trees to this application. You only need to send the connections to an ancestor listed as Indio, Mestizo, or De Color in your Genealogy. The other option is tracing your ancestry to the official muster rolls of the San German Indian Militia. You can email us for more information about enrolling that way. To prevent fraudulent applications, upon completion, mail this application and printed attachments to:

*The Arawak Taino Tribe of Puerto Rico*  
*ATTN: Tribal Enrollment Officer*  
*PO Box 96*  
*Lake City, FL 32056*

Or email the application and supplemental paperwork to [www.dprfn@gmail.com](mailto:www.dprfn@gmail.com) our Yucayeke's Principal Chief Cacike Yukibo, Dr. Richard Porrata.

We are a nonpartisan and nonsecular family whose ancestral bloodlines and ties to our precious homeland runs through our veins, in our stories, and for generations to come.

Upon review of your application, you will be contacted on the status of your enrollment in The Arawak Taino Tribe of Puerto Rico.

Yaya cacona guari!