

as Congress enacts legislation setting forth requirements of eligibility for enrollment, no roll can be considered valid or legal for purposes of sharing in the award and no roll is now being prepared by the Bureau.

"It has also come to our attention that certain individuals and groups have been soliciting fees for application forms for the purpose of obtaining membership in the unofficial organization of the Creeks East. Payment of such fees or joining of any organization which purports to be establishing a roll of the Creeks East, is no assurance that the individual will be qualified to have his or her name placed on the official roll which will be prepared by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

"After Congress passes the necessary legislation, wide publicity will be given through newspapers and other news media that the Bureau has prepared a special application form and stating where the form may be obtained. There will be no charge for the forms or for filing them. The Bureau's Muskogee Area Office, Muskogee, Okla. 74401, will be the office handling the details of the Creek roll-making and the distribution of the funds to persons whose names appear on the roll as finally approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

"Accompanying the application form will be an information sheet. This sheet will give instructions helpful in filling out the form. It will also set out the requirements which an individual must meet to be eligible for enrollment, the names of individuals and offices where the completed applications may be filed, and the time period in which the forms must be filed.

"I wish to make it clear that no person, group, or office has been authorized by the Bureau to prepare any list or roll of persons to be

used for distribution of the Creek Award. In order that interested persons will not be inconvenienced, it is suggested that they not write to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for application forms until the announcement is made by the Bureau that the preparation of the Creek payment roll is to begin. Special application forms for enrollment will be made available by the Bureau without charge to the individual."

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