Suggestions for verifying Cherokee heritage

1. USE FAMILY—Get the oldest member in your extended family to verify family tradition that you have Native American or specific tribal heritage. Get them to write down what they remember, identify themselves, and have the statement notarized. Protect this document for future reference.
2. SEARCH for family registration in the various Indian rolls.
3. RESEARCH Ancestry.com or similar records for extended or distant relatives. They may have records of Native American heritage.