



CENTRAL COUNCIL

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New Certified Tribal Artist Program

Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is pleased to announce its new “Certified Tribal Artist” program. The program was developed in response to a resolution adopted by the Tribal Assembly in 2014 and will certify tribally-enrolled artists who reside in and outside of Alaska.

The Business and Economic Development department undertook the implementation of the resolution and worked with Central Council’s Program Compliance (Enrollment) department and Communications program on developing the application and certification process as well as the program’s emblem design.



The State of Alaska’s Silver Hand program helps Alaska Native artists promote their work in the marketplace and enables consumers to identify and purchase authentic Alaska Native art. Unfortunately, only Alaska Natives residing in Alaska are eligible to apply for the certification.

“Our Tribe has thousands of tribal citizens that live outside of Alaska,” said Business & Economic Development Manager Myrna Gardner. “Central Council’s mission is to support economic self-sufficiency for our people and communities. Helping our tribal citizens market their arts and crafts is our way of aiding the mission and now tribal citizens worldwide can proudly show they are a certified tribal artist.”

Seattle Delegate and renowned Haida carver Fred Lauth Sr. is the first tribal citizen artist to be certified by Central Council.

“This is a wonderful way for the Tribe to exercise self-governance and support our tribal citizens,” said President Richard Peterson. “The artwork of our tribal citizens, regardless of what state or country they reside in, is still authentic and Alaska Native-made—that’s the message we want to provide consumers.”

If you are interested in becoming a certified tribal artist, please contact our Business and Economic Development department.

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Certified Tribal Artist Application

In order to apply for certification under Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska’s (Central Council) Certified Tribal Artist program, eligible tribally-enrolled citizens must submit the following information:

- Completed Application
- Copy of Tribal Enrollment Card
- Copy of Photo Identification
- \$20 Certification Fee Payment (Initial fee covers cost for gift tags/stickers and postage)

Applications will be reviewed within 30 days of receipt. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. All documents and fee payments will be returned to ineligible applicants. Eligible applicants will be issued a certificate, permit card, and 100 free gift tags, stickers, or combination thereof to promote and market tribal citizen artwork. Additional gift tags or stickers can be purchased at \$10.00 per 100 gift tags/stickers.

Artist Name	Daytime/Evening Phone Number	Fax Number
Mailing Address	City	State
E-mail Address	Name of Tribe	Tribal Enrollment Number
Business Name	Name on Business License	License Number
Artist Website or Facebook Page		

Type of Art:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketry | <input type="checkbox"/> Ivory, Bone, or Stone Carving | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting, Prints, or Cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beadwork | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry Masks | <input type="checkbox"/> Totem Poles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicinal Products | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Carvings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chilkat / Ravenstail | <input type="checkbox"/> Metal Works/Sculpture | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Please include payment information:

- Credit Card _____ - ____ - _____ Expiration Date: ____ / ____
- Check PayPal: Email: _____

Submit Application To:

Business & Economic Development Department
9097 Glacier Highway • Juneau, Alaska 99801

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Terms of Agreement

I, the undersigned, certify I am Alaska Native, an enrolled tribal citizen of the Central Council of the Tlingit, and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, and at least 18 years of age.

I agree to only affix the Certified Tribal Artist seal, which features a Tináa shield and the words "Certified Tribal Artist," © to original art that has been or will be made entirely by me.

I have read the information and agree to abide by the Certified Tribal Artist program requirements as described in the application and in accordance with Central Council's Tribal Statute Title 24 - Tribal Citizen Artist Certification Program.

I certify the items listed above meet the "authentic Indian arts and crafts" and "Indian product" criteria (unless otherwise noted), and are labeled appropriately as authentic in accordance with 36 CFR 51, Authentic Native Handicrafts.

Artist Name (Print)

Date

Artist Signature