



**Request for Proposals
Alaska Native Children’s Book Illustrator**

Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI) is seeking proposals from artists to create illustrations for Alaska Native children’s books targeted to children birth to 5 years old. The illustrations as envisioned by the artist should be created in color and reflect cultural themes of Tlingit, Haida, or Tsimshian people.

Selected illustrators will work closely with SHI staff to develop concepts for books, and will be expected to adhere to the “Guidelines for Respecting Cultural Knowledge” for Authors and Illustrators as outlined here: <http://ankn.uaf.edu/Publications/Knowledge.pdf> .

The books are part of SHI’s award-winning Baby Raven Reads program, which promotes pre-literacy, language development and school readiness for Alaska Native families with children up to age 5. Eighteen books have already been published through the program; find out more here: <http://www.sealaskaheritage.org/institute/language/resources#books>

Applicants must submit the following by the postmark date November 21, 2017:

- Letter of Interest
- This completed document
- One or two conceptual, color drawing(s) of scenes depicting Southeast Alaska
- Photos or portfolio examples of three illustrations completed in the last three years
- Resume

Proposals will be evaluated on artistic creativity; integrity of Northwest Coast formline and design (if using formline); accuracy of depictions of Southeast Alaskan environment and elements of Southeast Alaska Native cultures; demonstrated experience of artist; history of completion of projects on timely basis; and references. SHI will work with the winning artist on the final designs to incorporate any changes requested by SHI.

Contact Information

Name	
Mailing Address	
City, State, ZIP Code	
Tribal Affiliation	
Day Phone	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	
Website, if any	

Experience

Have you ever illustrated a children's book? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, enter title(s) and publisher _____

Have you ever worked with an author before? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, enter title(s) and publisher _____

What are your strongest areas of cultural knowledge? (e.g. language, history, oratory, art, subsistence life, etc.)

References

Reference 1: Name, phone and email: _____

Reference 2: Name, phone and email: _____

Apply

Submit this a letter of interest, this completed document, conceptual color drawings, samples from portfolio, and resume to Katrina Hotch at katrina.hotch@sealaska.com or mail to 105 S. Seward St., Suite 201, Juneau, Alaska 99801 by November 21, 2017.

