



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

Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI) is seeking proposals from authors to write culturally sustaining, age-appropriate books targeting children birth to 5 years old. The writing should reflect strong cultural themes of the Tlingit, Haida, or Tsimshian people.

Selected authors will work closely with SHI staff to develop concepts for books and ensure they are written for the appropriate targeted age group. Authors 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 page writing sample
- Resume

Proposals will be evaluated on creativity, demonstrated experience in collaborative works, history of completing projects in a timely manner, accuracy of depictions of Southeast Alaska Native cultures, and demonstrated strengths in cultural knowledge.

**Contact Information**

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

**Experience**

Have you ever written a children’s book? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, enter title(s) and publisher \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever worked with an illustrator 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.)

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**References**

Reference 1: Name, phone and email: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference 2: Name, phone and email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Apply**

Submit this a letter of interest, this completed document, one page-writing sample, samples from portfolio, and resume to Katrina Hotch at [katrina.hotch@sealaska.com](mailto:katrina.hotch@sealaska.com) or mail to 105 S. Seward St., Suite 201, Juneau, Alaska 99801 by November 21, 2017.

