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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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