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## *Ilanka Cultural Center*

### REQUEST FOR TRIBAL ARTIST PROPOSALS TRADITIONAL TATTOO "SHADOWS"

#### I. Solicitation

The Native Village of Eyak's (NVE) Cultural Department is requesting proposals from tribal members who have an interest in shadowing traditional tattooist, Holly Mititquq Nordlum, between April 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Two tribal members may shadow Holly, but we ask that at least one treat this opportunity as a serious, possible career avenue. Read below for more information.

#### II. Submittals

To be considered, respondents must send submittals to NVE's Cultural Coordinator, prior deadline, with a completed application attached, and meet tribal member requirements (*see section VIII, A*).

**Deadline:** Proposals will be accepted until: **11:59pm (AKST) on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.**

**Email proposals to NVE's Cultural Director:** [Danaya.Hoover@eyak-nsn.gov](mailto:Danaya.Hoover@eyak-nsn.gov)

**Mark submittal emails with subject: "Traditional Tattoo Shadow Application"**

Email proposals must include the following in a single email:

- Completed application page 3, fillable from your computer.
- Optional: any other attachments that may help your case. I.e: resume, artwork examples, etc.

#### III. Project Summary

NVE, a federally recognized Tribe, requests proposals from NVE tribal members who are interested in the traditional art of tattooing. We are seeking two artists who are available to shadow Holly and observe pre-approved tattoo appointments for a minimum of 4 tattoos, or 5 hours, of tattooing.

Shadow #1, paid \$200: It is a requirement for this Shadow to consider this as a possible career opportunity and have the freedom of life and ability to participate in an apprenticeship – for example: a young adult, or somebody with no obligations or responsibilities anchoring you to Cordova (like kids or a house), or somebody who has the ability to move to anchorage for training.

Shadow #2, paid \$100-\$200: The second Shadow, if can meet the same requirements as the first Shadow, may be paid \$200 as well. However, they will only be paid \$100 if they are not able to treat this "shadowing" as a serious potential career training, but still have an interest in being involved.

To clarify, this opportunity is *not* to secure an apprenticeship with Holly, although that may be offered at Holly's discretion, nor are we requiring Shadows to commit to this career avenue. We are simply offering introductory experiences into a field that we hope a tribal member will have interest in, continue this traditional artform on, and hopefully bring back to our homelands. Shadows are encouraged to ask questions

and engage in the process as much as is appropriate, as lead by Holly. Shadows are expected to be respectful and sensitive to the volunteers who have agreed to allow their tattoo experience to be witness.

Tattoo appointments may start as early as the evening of April 12<sup>th</sup>, and may continue until the morning of April 16<sup>th</sup>. Applicants are expected to be in Cordova during this time and be able to free their schedule during these days and for the appointments that the agreeing subjects decide on.

#### **IV. Rate**

Pay is as follows: \$200 for Shadow #1. \$100-\$200 for Shadow #2, depending on ability.

NVE will contract each Shadow to attend and witness a minimum of 4 tattoo appointments, or 5 hours of tattooing. Shadows may not be paid in full if they do not attend the required amount of appointment times.

#### **V. Type of Agreement**

NVE reserves the right to reject any proposal that does not meet the requirements listed.

#### **VI. Selection Process**

Proposals will be reviewed and discussed over by the Ilanka Cultural Center (ICC) Committee. The Committee will agree on two Shadows to contract. NVE's Cultural Director will approve selected Shadows and notify them via email or phone call.

#### **VII. Evaluation of Proposals:**

The ICC Committee will evaluate proposals on the following criteria:

- A. Tribal Member status and affiliation (see section VIII, A)
- B. Ability to meet requirements
- C. Enthusiasm, interest, current cultural knowledge and/or involvement, etc.

#### **VIII. Other Information**

- A. Tribal Member Status: Only those with NVE Tribal Member status may submit proposals for consideration. Priority given first to active tribal members. Tribal Member status and affiliation is described as follows:
  - NVE Tribal Member status: acquired by being enrolled as a base roll member or by being enrolled as a linear descendant of a base roll member.
  - Active Tribal Member status: those living within the traditional boundaries of the Native Village of Eyak (i.e. Cordova). Those in the military or in an educational institution may maintain their active tribal member status, regardless of their location.
  - Non-Active Tribal Member status: a tribal member not living in Cordova.
- B. NVE employees and ICC Committee members are still encouraged to submit a proposal, but will be disqualified from participating in the evaluation process.

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Email to [Danaya.Hoover@eyak-nsn.gov](mailto:Danaya.Hoover@eyak-nsn.gov) with optional attachments by 11:59pm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist Business Title & AK Business License # (if applicable):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing: \_\_\_\_\_

### Check the following that applies to you

- I am an active NVE Tribal Member, living in Cordova today.
- I am a non-active NVE Tribal Member, not living in Cordova today.

### Which Shadow position are you applying for?:

- Shadow #1 (\$200)
- Shadow #2 (\$100-\$200)

Use the following space to explain why you are interested in being a Traditional Tattoo "Shadow":