



Request for Proposal:

Northwest Coast Art & Regalia Instructor

Goldbelt Heritage Foundation

Location: Juneau, Alaska (Harborview Elementary, TCLL)

Schedule: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Estimated Time: 6 weeks (adjusting as necessary for school calendar), approximately 40 hours of instruction and 20 hours of preparation time. Not to exceed 70 hours of work.

Start Date/End Date: October 1, 2026, and ending no later than December 1
Goldbelt Heritage Foundation is seeking a qualified Northwest Coast artist and educator to work with middle school-aged students through its K–12 education programming.

Students will work with leather and hide to create dance aprons, leggings, and headbands.

The selected contractor will teach Northwest Coast art and Tlingit, Haida, or Tsimshian formline design, create formline patterns for student projects, and guide students in applying appropriate clan crest designs to their regalia. Students will also research Tlingit regalia, formline design, materials, clan crests, and historic objects at the Alaska State Museum.

Scope of Work

The contractor will:

- Teach Northwest Coast art and Tlingit, Haida, or Tsimshian formline design.
- Simple design templates and formline patterns for leather dance aprons will be created. The artist agrees that original designs may be reused for educational purposes by GHF and participating schools. These designs may not be sold for profit or used commercially without the artist's prior consent.
- Guide students in applying clan crest designs to leather and hide.



- Assist students in creating dance aprons, leggings, and headbands.
- Teach Tlingit clan, crest, history, and cultural context related to the art.
- Participate in research activities at the Alaska State Museum.
- Provide safe, engaging instruction for middle school-aged students.
- Collaborate with GHF and school staff.

Qualifications

Applicants must:

- Be highly proficient in Northwest Coast art and Tlingit, Haida, or Tsimshian formline design.
- Have strong knowledge of Tlingit clans, crests, history, and cultural protocols as related to the art forms.
- Have experience working with leather, hide, regalia, or similar materials.
- Be comfortable working with middle school-aged youth.
- Be able to create original formline patterns for student use.
- Successfully pass a criminal background check.
- Provide their own transportation.
- Enrolled tribal citizen in a federally recognized tribe.

Preferred

- Preference will be given to those with previous teaching experience, but formal teaching certification is not required.
- Enrolled tribal citizen CCHITA or a Southeast Alaska tribe.
- Certified Tribal Artist.

Proposal Submission



Goldbelt Heritage

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Please submit:

- Letter of interest
- Résumé, CV, or artist biography
- Examples of Northwest Coast/formline artwork
- Relevant youth teaching experience
- Total project costs including hourly billing rate
 - All classroom and teaching supplies provided by GHF. Artists may suggest preferred supplies; final decisions rest with GHF and the partnering school.
- Confirmation of availability beginning on or around October 1, 2026

Proposal Deadline: October 1st, 2026

Submit to: ghf@goldbelt.com Attention: Luke Fortier

Submit all questions by email to ghf@goldbelt.com, attention: Luke Fortier.
Questions must be received by September 26th, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

