

Sitka Tribe of Alaska
Job Description
STA Du Jee.eetí Demonstrating Artists

Benefits: No	Salary Range: \$30 - \$35/hr.
Department: Cultural Resources - SNHP	Hours: TBD (between 8:00am and 4:00pm M-Su)
Reports to: SNHP Education Specialist	Effective Date: May 10, 2018
Prepared By: STA SNHP Operations Lead	Approved By: General Manager

I. SUMMARY

Sitka Tribe of Alaska (STA) intends to contract with multiple artists to provide traditional art demonstrations while working on projects at Sitka National Historical Park. The Du Jee.eetí Demonstration Artist Program is intended to complement and enhance the cultural interpretive experience at Sitka National Historical Park by fostering the preservation and interpretation of Alaska Native culture and arts. The Du Jee.eetí Demonstration Artists serves a vital role in this mission; the visiting public can interact with a traditional artist and can learn directly from this subject matter expert.

II. ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Du Jee.eetí Demonstration Artists will offer opportunities for the local community and visitors to engage informally with him/her/them in dialogue about traditional Native arts and culture. The Du Jee.eetí Demonstration Artists may be asked to be available during specific times to interface with the public. Outside of this public responsibility, the artist is able to pursue his/her own projects in the studio using his/her own materials. An additional duty and obligation is:

- Functioning as an ambassador for STA by creating friendly and professional contacts with NPS administrators and park staff, park visitors and community members in an informal way.
- The selected artist will possess a thorough knowledge of his/her craft and be prepared to share that knowledge with visitors.
- This position will be supervised by a designated Sitka Tribe of Alaska employee.
- Give one public evening presentation about his/her/their art and personal history

The artist will be working primarily in one of the three available studio spaces located in the Cultural Center wing of the Sitka National Historical Park Visitor Center or in the carving shed behind the Visitor Center. Depending on the demonstration, other Park space (auditorium, lobby, trails, tidelands, etc.) may be made available to the artist upon request.

III. WORK ENVIRONMENT

The artist is required to supply his/her own materials, tools, and equipment necessary for working within his/her chosen traditional artistic medium. Studio space will be made available, and coordinated by STA staff.

The work coverage period assigned for each individual artist will be limited to 20 hours per week and will be scheduled to most appropriately match the artist and his/her project with the public visitation period.

IV. KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS REQUIRED

The arts have always played a vital role for our Alaska Native People including our traditional Southeast Alaska Natives. Accordingly, the artist will need to use his/her skills to both engage and inform the public audience that:

- One of the Park's statements of significance is that it "fosters the preservation and interpretation of Alaska Native culture...."
- Two of the Park's Primary Interpretive Themes are that "Southeast Alaska Native Culture: Sitka National Historical Park preserves and perpetuates traditional art and culture for visitors. And "Totemic Art: The park's collection of totemic art ensures the preservation of Southeast Alaska Native history, stories, and traditions."

The Du Jee.eetí Demonstration Artists must have a strong desire to communicate their enthusiasm for their chosen medium and work with the public, as well as enrich the visitors' experience while creating support for Native arts and culture.

V. PREFERENCE

Tribal Citizen and Native Preference in hiring applies as outlined in the STA Hiring Policy and Procedure and the STA Employee Handbook.

VI. CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

This position requires full compliance with the STA Criminal Background Check ordinance. All candidates for this position must consent to a criminal history record check, submit fingerprints and submit a supplemental employment application. No individual may fill this position:

- Who has been convicted of any crime involving a sexual offense
- Who has been found guilty of two misdemeanors or one felony of a crime against a person, a child or involving violence
- Whose past conduct creates an immediate or long-term risk for any Indian child or raises questions about an individual's trustworthiness.

- Who is currently subject to a restraining order issued after a hearing which restrains the individual from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner or a child.
- Who has been convicted of a crime involving dishonesty or theft or violation of a gaming law

The individual who holds this position is required to report any violation of a criminal statute within one working day of the charge or conviction to the individual's immediate supervisor.

VII. DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE WORKPLACE

This position is required to comply with Sitka Tribe of Alaska's Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Ordinance. This position therefore is subject to reasonable suspicion and follow-up drug/and or alcohol testing.

APPROVED:

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Lisa Gassman, General Manager

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