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**Birds of Prey Program  
Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre  
2015 Call for Applications**

January 15, 2015

Saskatchewan First Nations  
Saskatchewan Tribal Councils  
Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN)  
FSIN Institutions  
Saskatchewan First Nation Schools

To Whom It May Concern:

The Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre (SICC) is issuing a Call for Applications to the Birds of Prey Program. This program provides access to Birds of Prey feathers and other body parts from Eagles, Hawks and other raptors by Saskatchewan First Nations individuals, First Nations and First Nations institutions for use in ceremonial traditions and sacred practices. Saskatchewan First Nations individuals wishing to request Birds of Prey feathers and other body parts must complete "Part A" of the attached **SICC Birds of Prey Application Form**. And for those Saskatchewan First Nations' Institutions wishing to request Birds of Prey feathers for ceremonial purposes, they will require the completion of "Part B" of the same application form indicated above. Please return the completed application form to:

Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre  
Attention: Ross Gardypie, Cultural Resource Management Department  
305 – 2555 Grasswood Road East  
Saskatoon, SK S7T 0K1  
Phone: (306) 244-1146  
Fax: (306) 665-6520  
Email: [ross.gardypie@sicc.sk.ca](mailto:ross.gardypie@sicc.sk.ca)

**The deadline for Birds of Prey Program applications is Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 4:00 pm CST.** All applicants will be notified by telephone on May 7, 2015 (date subject to change) and followed up with a letter indicating the results of their application.

First Nations and Tribal Councils are requested to post/distribute the attached SICC Birds of Prey Application Form to interested individuals. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ross Gardypie at (306) 244-1146.

Sincerely,

**Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dorothy Myo'.

Dorothy Myo, President



## SICC Birds of Prey Program – Key Dates

**The Birds of Prey Program Call for Proposals will be done mid-January, 2015.** All applications will be faxed to band offices and First Nations institutions. Please ensure that your applications are in to the SICC prior to the deadline.


**The deadline for applications to the 2015 Birds of Prey Program is Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 4:00 pm CST.** The Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre will not accept applications after this date.

**A review of the applications will be done the first week of May, 2015.** The SICC Elders Council will review all applications and make their recommendations for approval.

**Successful applicants for the Birds of Prey Program will be notified immediately after the SICC Elders Council meets.** Additionally, the SICC will notify all applicants, in writing, the results of the decisions of the SICC Elders Council.

**The 2015 Birds of Prey Program Feather Issuance ceremony will occur the week of May 18-22, 2015.** Successful applicants are obligated to obtain their feathers and other items in PERSON and are responsible for their travel costs for the Feather Issuance Ceremony. An offering of tobacco and cloth are considered appropriate protocols.

# SICC BIRDS OF PREY APPLICATION FORM

 <b>Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre</b>	<p>For personal requests, please complete Part A of this form. For requests from an institution, school, First Nation or Tribal Council, please complete Part B of this form. Complete a different form for each separate request. For more information, please contact the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre at (306) 244-1146.</p>	
	<p>Privacy Clause: The SICC Birds of Prey Application information is collected for the sole purpose and use of the SICC Birds of Prey Program. Any information collected through this program is not shared or revealed with anyone unless requested by the user.</p>	<p>Submit completed form to:  <b>Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre</b>  <b>305-2555 Grasswood Road East</b>  <b>Saskatoon SK S7T 0K1</b>  <b>P: (306) 244-1146</b>  <b>Fax: (306) 665-6520</b>  <b>Deadline: April 30, 2015, 4:00 pm CST</b></p>

<b>PART A</b>	<b>INDIVIDUAL REQUEST</b>	
Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth:
Mailing Address:	First Nation:	Certificate of Indian Status Registry No (10 digit):
	Home Phone:	Home Fax:
	Work Phone:	Work Fax:
	Cell Phone:	Email:

<b>Birds of Prey Feathers Request</b>		
Number of Feathers	Type (Plume, Wing, Tail, etc.)	Species (Eagle, Hawk, Owl, etc.)

For each feather request, please give a detailed description how each item will be utilized:

Birds of Prey Body Parts Request	
Body Parts (Wing, Bone, Talons, etc.)	Species (Eagle, Hawk, Owl, etc.)
For each body part request, please give a detailed description how each item will be utilized:	

In each Saskatchewan First Nation culture, there are specific protocols an individual must meet in order to possess birds of prey feathers and/or body parts. Briefly describe your understanding of the protocols and practices of your culture as it relates to Birds of Prey feathers, etc.

References (Please note that we must have two references for a complete application)		
Examples may be a First Nations Elder, Veteran, Chief or other respected leader.		
Name:	Phone:	Phone:
Name:	Phone:	Phone:
Applicant Signature		
By signing this form, I commit to attend the Feather Issuance Ceremony or have a representative in my absence, or forfeit the items I have requested.		
Signature:	Date:	

**Changes for the current year and beyond**

1. A complete application will have all portions of the form filled out - individual or institutional requests.
2. Requests for feathers and body parts are not available for Pow Wow Regalia
3. Requests for feathers and body parts are not available for persons under the age of 18.
4. Requests for feathers and body parts are for ceremonies that originate from the Saskatchewan area.
5. Requests for feathers and body parts are not available to institutions on behalf of graduating students; students must apply for their own feathers, if he or she wishes.
6. Applicants will be telephoned and notified in writing of the results of the decision of the Elders Council.
7. Successful applicants are obligated to obtain their feathers and other items in person at the Feather Issuance Ceremony to be held in late May of each year in Saskatoon.
8. Successful applicants are responsible for their travel costs to the Feather Issuance Ceremony.
9. Consistent with First Nations and ancestral protocols, an offering of tobacco and cloth must be presented at the Feather Issuance Ceremony.
10. At the Feather Issuance Ceremony, the successful applicants will be spoken to by Elders about the responsibilities and appropriate protocols for the handling of feathers and/or talons/bone parts.

**PART B****INSTITUTIONAL REQUEST**

Organization Name:
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Contact Name:	First Nation:
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Mailing Address:	Home Phone:	Fax:
	Work Phone:	Fax:
	Cell Phone:	Email:

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For each body part request, please give a detailed description how each item will be utilized:

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**Applicant Signature**

As the contact person, by signing this form, I commit to attend the Feather Issuance Ceremony or have a representative in my absence, or forfeit the items I have requested.

Signature:	Date:
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