



Ordering Eagles, Parts and Feathers from the National Eagle Repository

For hundreds of years, Native Americans have used eagle feathers for religious and cultural purposes, including healing, marriage, and naming ceremonies. Recognizing the significance of these feathers to Native Americans, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service established the National Eagle Repository in the early 1970s to provide Native Americans with the feathers of golden and bald eagles needed for religious purposes.

Who may obtain eagle feathers from the Repository?

Only enrolled members of federally recognized tribes may apply to receive and possess eagle feathers from the Repository for religious purposes.

How do I order feathers from the Repository?

You must submit a Permit Application & Shipping Request (FWS form 3-200-15) to the Regional Migratory Bird Permit Office responsible for your State. The Permit Office will transmit your request to the Repository. After the Repository fills your order and you mail your signed Acknowledgment of Receipt that you that you received with your order, the Permit Office will send you an eagle permit for the items.

What items may Native Americans order from the Repository?

Native Americans may order up to one whole golden or bald eagle or equivalent parts at a time. They may also order specific eagle parts or loose eagle feathers.

What kind of parts are available?

Orders may be placed for wings only, tail only, head and claws, or trunk only.

How many loose eagle feathers may an individual request?

There are two types of loose feather requests:

- **10 Quality Loose Feathers:** These consist of 8 wing feathers and 2 tail feathers which are hand picked. Because supplies are limited, no more than 2 tail feathers will be provided per order. Efforts are made to match the best quality feathers.
- **20 Miscellaneous Eagle Feathers:** These consist of assorted bald and golden eagle feathers and may include various size feathers (such as primaries, secondaries, tertiaries, coverts, body feathers and plumes). Quality may vary. **Applicants may not customize orders.**

May a school request eagle feathers for graduation?

Yes, schools may request eagle feathers to present at graduation to Native American students who are enrolled members of federally recognized tribes. A representative from the school who is an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe should apply at the beginning of the school year under the miscellaneous eagle feather **category**. **More than one representative may apply, however, only one order per applicant** may be placed at a time. Upon receipt of feathers, applicants may reorder and may continue to do so throughout the year until the number of feathers needed have been acquired.

How long does it take the Repository to fill orders?

The demand for eagles and eagle parts and feathers is high, and supplies are limited. The time needed to fill requests will vary depending on the items ordered. **Estimated** time frames for various items are provided below. (Please note that requests are filled based on current inventory.)

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| Whole immature golden eagles | Approximately 4 years |
| Whole adult golden eagles | Approximately 3 ½ years |
| Whole adult and immature bald eagles | Approximately 2 ½ years |
| Whole tail only | Approximately 3 ½ years |
| Pair of eagle wings | Approximately 1 year |
| 10 loose quality feathers | Approximately 6 months |
| 20 miscellaneous feathers | Approximately 3 months |
| Trunks only | On receipt of request |

For information about permit requirements, contact:

The Permit Office responsible for your State
(see attached list of Migratory Bird Permit Offices).

For more information about the Repository, contact:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
National Eagle Repository
Rocky Mountain Arsenal
Building 128
Commerce City, Colorado 80022
(303) 287-2110

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**EAGLE PARTS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIOUS PURPOSES
PERMIT APPLICATION
& SHIPPING REQUEST**

OMB No. 1018-0022;
Exp. 7/31/2007
OFFICE USE ONLY
Date Completed Request
Rcd. in Regional Office:
____/____/____
Initials: _____

Please see reverse for instructions

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| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | MIDDLE NAME | SUFFIX (SR., JR., ETC.) | DATE OF BIRTH |
| MAILING ADDRESS | | | | SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER |
| CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE | NAME OF CONTACT PERSON (IF YOU HAVE NO PHONE) | |
| HOME PHONE NUMBER () - | WORK PHONE NUMBER () - | PHONE NUMBER OF CONTACT () - | | |
| Do you currently have, or have you ever had, a Federal fish and wildlife permit or license? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES If yes, list the permit or license number(s): | | | | E-MAIL ADDRESS |

DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED MATERIAL

(You may order either a whole bird or parts; not both. Only one request may be pending at any time.)

| Is this your | Item | Species | Age |
|---|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First request for Eagles | <input type="checkbox"/> Whole Carcass | <input type="checkbox"/> Golden | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult |
| <input type="checkbox"/> or | <input type="checkbox"/> Whole Wing(s) only | <input type="checkbox"/> Bald | <input type="checkbox"/> Immature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a Reorder | <input type="checkbox"/> Whole Tail (only) | <input type="checkbox"/> Either | <input type="checkbox"/> Either |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Loose Feathers (limit is 10) (specify type) _____ | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Parts (specify) _____ | | |

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| NAME OF YOUR TRIBE: | ENROLLMENT No. |
| Name of Religious Ceremony in which these materials will be used. (You may choose not to provide the name of the religious ceremony(ies) if doing so would violate your religious beliefs.) | |
| Your signature affirms that you are requesting an eagle carcass or eagle parts for religious purposes. | |
| Signature: _____ | Date: _____ |

OFFICE USE ONLY BELOW HERE

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| APPLICANT CONTACT NOTES: | REQUEST # |
| Date approved application forwarded to Eagle Repository: ____/____/____ Initials: _____ | |
| Date approved application received at Eagle Repository: ____/____/____ Initials: _____ | |
| Date of shipment to applicant: ____/____/____ Initials: _____ | |

**Application Instructions for Eagle Parts
for Native American Religious Purposes**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, the Federal law protecting bald and golden eagles. This law provides for the use of eagle feathers for religious purposes by Native Americans. Eagles and eagle feathers are accumulated by, and made available to Native Americans through, the National Eagle Repository. In order to receive material from the Repository, you must obtain a permit from the Service Regional Migratory Bird Permit Office responsible for your state. To qualify for a permit, you must be a member of a federally recognized tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community recognized by, and eligible to receive services from, the Bureau of Indian Affairs. You must be at least 18 years old to apply for a permit.

The Repository serves Native Americans throughout the entire 50 states. Shipments of feathers are prioritized according to the date the Regional Migratory Bird Permit Office receives a complete application. You can avoid delays in the processing of your application by ensuring that your forms are complete and legible. We must have your current address and telephone number for the Repository to contact you when your request is ready to be filled. The Repository will NOT ship any eagle or eagle parts without prior telephone contact.

Note: Because the supply of eagle carcasses and eagle parts is limited, you may have only one request pending at a time, and you may not request both a whole bird and parts in the same request. Requests for whole carcasses average 3 ½ to 4 years to fill. Requests for loose feathers can usually be filled within 6 months to 1 year. An order for parts or feathers may not exceed the equivalent of a whole bird.

Follow the instructions below to apply for an Eagle Permit and obtain material from the Repository:

| If this is | then you should | Mail to |
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| <u>your first request</u> for an eagle or eagle parts, ⇒ | 1. Fill out the Permit Application & Shipping Request. Request <u>either</u> a whole bird <u>or</u> parts. Do not ask for both. 2. Fill in your name and address at the top of the Certification of Enrollment. Then have the tribal official who is authorized to certify that an individual is a duly enrolled member of your tribe fill in the information requested in the box on the form and return the form to you. Attach it to your application. Then, ⇒ | the Regional FWS Migratory Bird Permit Office responsible for your state. |
| a request for an <u>additional</u> eagle or parts after your initial request has been filled and you have sent your Acknowledgment of Receipt to your Permit Office, ⇒ | Fill out the Permit Application & Shipping Request. Request <u>either</u> a whole bird <u>or</u> parts. Do not ask for both. (You do not need to resubmit your Certification of Enrollment.) Then, ⇒ | the Regional FWS Migratory Bird Permit Office responsible for your state. |

Important

Keep your Migratory Bird Permit Office advised of any address or telephone number changes so that you can be promptly notified when your shipment is ready. The Repository will not ship items if they cannot reach you in advance.

APPLICATION FOR A FEDERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE PERMIT

Paperwork Reduction Act and the Privacy Act – Notices

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), please be advised that:

1. The gathering of information on fish and wildlife is authorized by, among other statutes, the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668), Title 50, Part 22, of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712), Title 50, CFR Part 21, Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42); Injurious Wildlife, Title 50 CFR Part 16; General Provisions, Title 50 CFR Part 10; General Permit Procedures, Title 50 CFR Part 13; and Wildlife (Import/export/transport), Title 50 CFR Part 14.
2. Information requested in this form is purely voluntary. However, submission of requested information is required in order to process applications for permits authorized under the above laws. Failure to provide all requested information may be sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny the request. Response is not required unless a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number is displayed on the form.
3. Routine use disclosures outside the Department of the Interior may be made without the consent of an individual if the disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the record was collected. (Ref. 69 FR 52611, September 4, 2003). Disclosures outside the DOI may be made under the routine uses listed below without the consent of the individual if the disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the record was collected.
 - (a) To subject matter experts, State, Federal, local, and foreign agencies for the purpose of obtaining advice relevant to making a decision on an application for a permit or when necessary to accomplish a FWS function related to this system of records.
 - (b) To the public as a result of publishing Federal Register notices announcing the receipt of permit applications for public comment or notice of the decision on a permit application.
 - (c) To Federal, State, local, or foreign wildlife and plant agencies for the exchange of information on permits granted or denied to assure compliance with all applicable permitting requirements.
 - (d) Captive-bred Wildlife registrants under the Endangered Species Act for the exchange of authorized species, and to share information on the captive breeding of these species.
 - (e) To Federal, State, and local authorities who need to know who is permitted to receive and rehabilitate sick, orphaned, and injured birds under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act; federally permitted rehabilitators; individuals seeking a permitted rehabilitator with whom to place a bird in need of care; and licensed veterinarians who receive, treat, or diagnose sick, orphaned, and injured birds.
 - (f) To the Department of Justice, or a court, adjudicative, or other administrative body or to a party in litigation before a court or adjudicative or administrative body, under certain circumstances.
 - (g) To the appropriate Federal, State, tribal, local, or foreign governmental agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing statutes, rules, or licenses, when we become aware of a violation or potential violation of such statutes, rules, or licenses, or when we need to monitor activities associated with a permit or regulated use.
 - (h) To a congressional office in response to an inquiry to the office by the individual to whom the record pertains.
 - (i) To the General Accounting Office or Congress when the information is required for the evaluation of the permit programs.
 - (j) To provide addresses obtained from the Internal Revenue Service to debt collection agencies for purposes of locating a debtor to collect or compromise a Federal claim against the debtor, or to consumer reporting agencies to prepare a commercial credit report for use by the FWS.
4. For individuals, personal information such as home address and telephone number, financial data, and personal identifiers (social security number, birth date, etc.) will be removed prior to any release of the application.
6. The public reporting burden on the applicant for information collection varies depending on the activity for which a permit is requested. The relevant burden for an Eagle Indian Religious permit application is 30 minutes. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. You may direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop 222, Arlington Square, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20240.
7. There is no application processing fee for Eagle Indian Religious permits. (50 CFR 13.11(d)(4)).

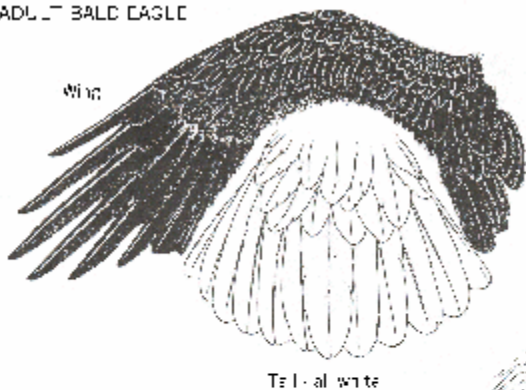
MIGRATORY BIRD PERMIT OFFICES

| USFWS Region | Area of Responsibility | Mailing Address |
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| 1 | California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Pacific Island Territories | 911 N.E. 11 th Avenue Portland, OR 97232-4181 (503) 872-2715 |
| 2 | Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas | P.O. Box 709 Albuquerque, NM 87103 (505) 248-7882 |
| 3 | Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin | One Federal Drive Ft. Snelling, MN 55111-4056 (612) 713-5436 |
| 4 | Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands | P.O. Box 49208 Atlanta, GA 30359 (404) 679-7070 |
| 5 | Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia | P.O. Box 779 Hadley, MA 01035-0779 (413) 253-8643 |
| 6 | Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming | P.O. Box 25486, DFC Denver, CO 80225-0486 (303) 236-8171 |
| 7 | Alaska | 1011 East Tudor Road (MS 201) Anchorage, AK 99503 (907) 786-3693 |

BALD AND GOLDEN EAGLE FEATHERS

(There is no size difference between adult and immature eagles.)

ADULT BALD EAGLE



ADULT GOLDEN EAGLE



Balds/Primaries Balds/darks

IMMATURE BALD EAGLE



IMMATURE GOLDEN EAGLE





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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of Migratory Birds

EAGLE PERMIT APPLICANT:

(Please print)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO: _____

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

(By Certifying Tribal Official)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, the Federal law protecting eagles. This law provides for Native American use of eagle feathers for religious purposes. Eagles and eagle feathers are accumulated by the Service's National Eagle Repository and made available to Native Americans.

Application for a permit to acquire eagle feathers requires certification that the requesting individual is an enrolled member of an Indian tribe that is federally recognized under the Federally Recognized Tribal List Act of 1994, 25 U.S.C. 479a-1, 108 Stat. 4791 (1994). The certificate must be signed by the tribal official who is authorized to certify that an individual is a duly enrolled member of that tribe, and must include the official title of that certifying official. (50 CFR 22.22)

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Name of certifying official (print): _____

I certify that _____ is an enrolled member of the
_____ Tribe, Enrollment # _____.

I understand that making a false statement can make me subject to the criminal penalties of 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Office phone no. (____) _____

NOTE TO CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Please expedite this completed Certification of Enrollment to the applicant at the above address.

APPLICANT: Attach this completed certification to your Eagle Permit application and mail them to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Migratory Bird Permit Office responsible for your state.