

# Your Cultural Connection-Get Your Legal Donated Parts

Navajo Department of  
Fish and Wildlife  
Wildlife Law Enforcement  
Program

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# Policy Statement

- It is the policy of the Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife to provide a legal means of distributing animal parts and Feathers, from Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife, in a fair and equitable manner for the spiritual well-being of the Navajo People.

# Eagle Feather Policy

- Purpose of the Policy:
  - is to establish guidelines for NNDFW to legally distribute eagle feathers to enrolled members of the Navajo Nation.
  - Feathers are naturally molted from 4 live eagles at The Navajo Nation Zoo
  - Policy only covers molted feathers from the Navajo Nation Zoo eagles, and does not allow for salvage
  - This distribution process is designed to provide efficient access to Eagle feathers for the Navajo People for traditional-use purposes.

# Federal Permits

- The Navajo Nation holds two federal permits which allow for the keeping of live Golden Eagles (and other Migratory birds) by the Navajo Nation at the Navajo Zoo, and for the authority to regulate an Eagle feather distribution policy and procedure.
- Live Eagle Possession For Indian Religious Purposes - Permit No. MB0545090. Authority Statute 16 USC 668a; Regulations 50 CFR Part 13, 50 CFR 22.22.
- Special Purpose Possession – Live Migratory Birds For Educational Use -Permit No. MB054521-0; Authority Statutes 16 USC 703-712, Regulations 50 CFR Part13, 50 CFR 21.27.

# REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

- Persons requesting Eagle feathers must apply in person at NNDFW, and meet all of the following requirements:
  - Prove membership as a Navajo Tribal Member.
    - Certificate of Indian Blood or Navajo Nation Identification Card.
  - Prove identification
    - State driver's license or state-issued identification card.
  - Complete Navajo Nation Eagle Feather Application.
  - Must not have received the maximum of two Eagle Feathers from the Navajo Nation within the last calendar.

# REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS (cont.)

- Must abide by all federal and Navajo-Tribal laws.
  - Navajo Nation Code – Bald and Golden Eagles (17 N.N.C. § 505)
  - Navajo Nation Code – Endangered Species (17 N.N.C. § 507)
  - Federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668c)
  - Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 (16 U.S.C. 703-712)
- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Provide a money order in the amount of \$20 for processing application fee.
- Violators of this policy will be prosecuted and will forfeit their eligibility to receive Eagle Feathers.

# RULES

- Eagle Feathers will be distributed in a fair and equitable manner based on availability of feathers.
- Eagle feathers will be provided to enrolled members of the Navajo Nation upon completion of the Application.
- A maximum of two (2) Eagle Feathers per calendar year will be provided per person, unless otherwise authorized by Director of the NNDFW.

## RULES (cont.)

- Feather applications will be processed within of 30 days.
- Feather may be gifted to another Navajo Tribal Member if the person is identified on the Application.
- Recipients must follow all laws and regulations regarding Eagles and the possession of Eagle Feathers.



# RECEIVING OF EAGLE FEATHERS

- Applicant must receive the eagle feather(s) in-person at the NNDFW in Window Rock. Applicant must present a valid form of identification to receive feather.

# DISAPPROVAL OF EAGLE FEATHER REQUESTS

- Applications for eagle feathers will be disapproved for any of the following reasons:
  - application was not completed properly or applicant does not meet all the requirements in section V
  - applicant has violated any current Navajo Nation and/or federal wildlife laws or regulations, especially those involving eagles and eagle feathers;
  - applicant has received their maximum number (2 feathers for most individuals) of eagle feathers for the calendar year; or
  - any other reason deemed necessary, on an individual basis, by the NNDFW Director.

# PROCEDURE WHEN NO FEATHERS ARE AVAILABLE

- If no eagle feathers are available, the NNDFW will cease to take applications and place all current applications on a waiting list.



# The Navajo Nation Eagle Feather Application

\* Application MUST be Complete for Processing\*



Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
PO Box or Street City State Zip

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Cell Phone

ID info: \_\_\_\_\_  
S.S. No. Census No. Driver License No. State Expiration

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 feather for religious purposes. Molted eagle feathers are accumulated by the Navajo Nation and made available to Native Americans under permit MB054509-0.

Application for a permit to acquire an eagle feather 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 USC 479a-1, 108 Stat.4791. Proof of tribal membership must be presented, and verified, to complete this application.

I hereby certify that I am requesting an eagle feather for religious purposes and that the information submitted herein is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false statements made here may subject me to criminal penalties of 18 USC 1001. I hereby agree that I understand and will comply with all Navajo Nation and Federal Laws regarding eagles and eagle feathers.

Applicant Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* If feather will be given to another person, provide their name and ID info.:**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

ID info: \_\_\_\_\_  
S.S. No. Census No. Driver License No. State Expiration

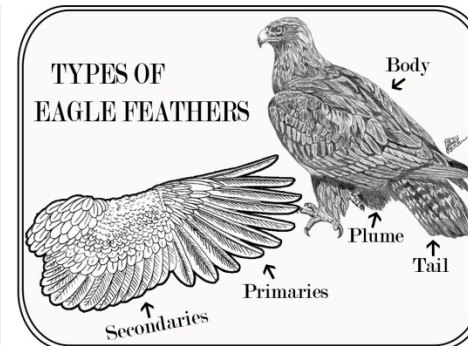
## FEATHER(S)

REQUESTED : \_\_\_\_\_ Tail \_\_\_\_\_ Plume \_\_\_\_\_ Body \_\_\_\_\_ Wing (Primary) \_\_\_\_\_ Wing (Secondary)

IDENTIFY PURPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Use \_\_\_\_\_ Navajo Ceremony \_\_\_\_\_ Native American Church  
FOR FEATHER(S): \_\_\_\_\_ Pow Wow \_\_\_\_\_ Gift for Other Person \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Official Use Only: applicant does not complete this section

Application Complete:	_____
	sign & date
Review Complete:	_____
	sign & date
Application Eligible?:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
If NO, State Reason:	_____
Database Entry:	_____
	sign & date
Application Processed:	_____
	sign & date
Type of Feather(s):	_____
No. Feather(s) & Database No.:	_____



# Tail Feathers



# Primaries



# Other Feathers Distributed to enrolled members

- ◉ Turkey Feathers
- ◉ Owl Feathers
- ◉ Red Hawk Feathers
- ◉ Crane Feathers
- ◉ Others



# FEATHERS

## Turkey Feathers



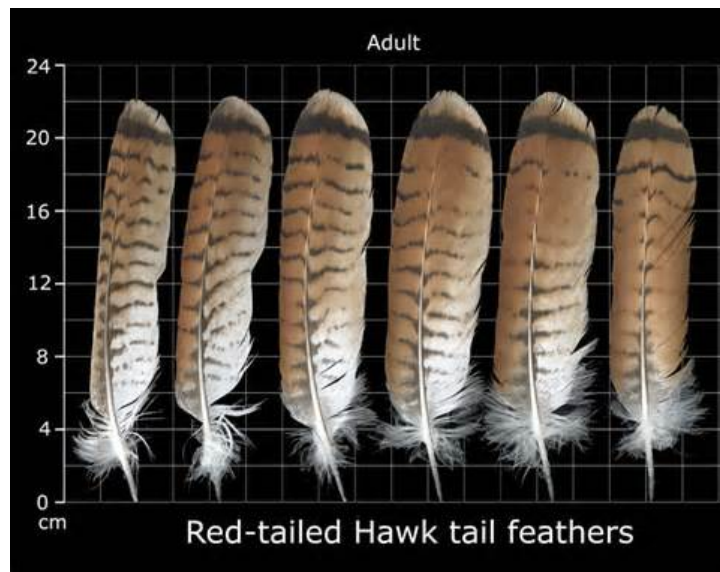
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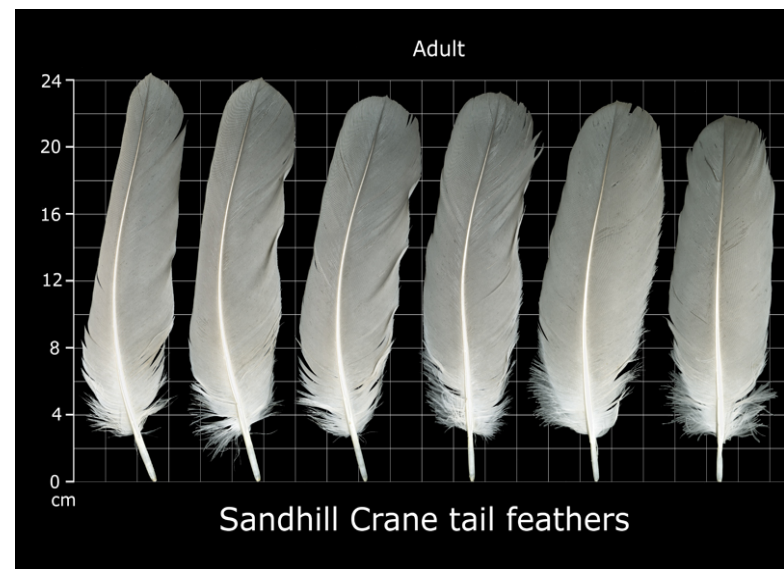


# FEATHERS

## Hawk Feathers



## Crane Feathers



# REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE OTHER FEATHERS

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  - Certificate of Indian Blood or Navajo Nation Identification Card.
- Prove identification
  - State driver's license or state-issued identification card.
- Must abide by all federal and Navajo-Tribal laws.
- Must not have any criminal wildlife violations
- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Violators will be prosecuted and will forfeit their eligibility to receive any Feathers.
- Items must be available to be distributed to tribal members by Navajo Fish and Wildlife

# DISAPPROVAL OF FEATHER REQUESTS

- Applications for feathers will be disapproved for any of the following reasons:
  - application was not completed properly.
  - applicant has violated any current Navajo Nation and/or federal wildlife laws or regulations.
  - Applicant is currently listed as ineligible on the departments ineligible list.
  - any other reason deemed necessary, on an individual basis, by the NNDFW Director.

## OTHER ANIMAL PARTS THAT CAN BE DISTRIBUTED TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

- ◉ Deer Parts
  - ◉ Fat, hooves, horns, hide, etc.
- ◉ Antelope Parts
  - ◉ Fat, hooves, horns, hide, etc.
- ◉ Elk Parts
  - ◉ Fat, hooves, horns, hide, etc.
- ◉ Bighorn Sheep Parts.
  - ◉ Fat, Claws, hide Etc.
- ◉ Mountain Lion Parts
  - ◉ Fat, Claws, hide Etc.
- ◉ Bobcat Parts
  - ◉ Fat, hooves, horns, hide, etc.
- ◉ Other animal parts.
  - ◉ Depends on species-on a case by case basis

# TYPE ANIMALS

Pronghorn Antelope



Desert Bighorn  
Sheep



# TYPE ANIMAL

Elk



Mountain Lion



# TYPE ANIMALS

Mule Deer



Bobcat





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- Prove identification
  - State driver's license or state-issued identification card.
- Must abide by all federal and Navajo-Tribal laws.
- Must not have any criminal wildlife violations
- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Violators will be prosecuted and will forfeit their eligibility to receive any Feathers.
- Items must be available to be distributed to tribal members from Department of Fish and Wildlife limited inventory.



# DISAPPROVAL OF OTHER ANIMAL PART REQUESTS

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  - application was not completed properly.
  - applicant has violated any current Navajo Nation and/or federal wildlife laws or regulations.
  - Applicant is currently listed as ineligible on the departments ineligible list.
  - any other reason deemed necessary, on an individual basis, by the NNDFW Director.

# APPLYING PROCESS FOR OTHER FEATHERS AND ANIMAL PARTS

- Applicant must provide the following information in writing:
  - Name and physical address
  - Phone number (House or Cell or both)
  - Type of item requested (Example: 02 deer hooves and 01 deer hide)
  - Census Number
  - Copy of a valid driver license or ID.
  - Items must be picked up by person who submitted the request-**NO EXCEPTION**
  - All items donated will be documented by Department of Fish and Wildlife on a Donation Form

ANY QUESTIONS

