



## Ordering Eagle Parts and Feathers from the National Eagle Repository

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

- Who may obtain eagle carcasses, parts, and feathers from the Repository?

Only enrolled members of federally recognized tribes who are 18 years of age or older may apply to receive and possess eagle carcasses, parts, and feathers from the Repository for religious purposes.

- How do I request these items from the Repository?

Applications can be found online at:

<http://www.fws.gov/permits/applicationforms/ApplicationB.html>

- ❖ **For First Time Applicants:**

1. Fill out Form **3-200-15A** (Permit Application and First Order Request )  
Online at: <http://forms.fws.gov/3-200-15a.pdf>
2. Have your tribal enrollment office fill out the “Certificate of Enrollment in a Federally Recognized Tribe form”.
3. Submit all documentation to the permit office designated for the state you live in (see page 4).
4. The permit office will process your permit application and, if approved, issue you a lifetime permit to possess eagle carcasses or parts (including feathers) provided by the Repository for religious purposes.
5. The permit office will forward your First Order to the Repository for processing.

After your first order has been filled, you will submit all Reorders directly to the repository.

**You may only have one pending request on file at any given time.**

- ❖ **For Reorders:**

1. Fill out Form **3-200-15B** (Reorder Request)  
Online at: <http://forms.fws.gov/3-200-15b.pdf>
2. You do not have to have your tribal office fill out another Certificate of Enrollment.
3. Submit completed form directly to the Repository.
4. A blue postcard acknowledging your request was received will be sent to you within 2 weeks. It is a notification only and there is no need to contact the repository.

Please contact the permit office if you need to change the name or address on your permit or request a copy. **You may only have one pending request on file at any given time.**

- What items may Native Americans order from the Repository?

1. Up to one whole Golden or Bald eagle or equivalent parts.
2. Loose feathers.
3. A pair of wings
4. A whole tail
5. A head, pair of talons, or trunk.

You may not order more of any part than is found on one whole eagle.

- How many loose feathers may an individual request?

There are two types of loose feather requests. You may only request one or the other but not both and the Loose Feathers cannot be added to a whole bird, pair of wings, or tail order.

- ❖ 10 Quality Loose Feathers:

- These consist of 8 wing feathers and 2 tail feathers.
- Hand-picked.
- No more than 2 tail feathers will be provided per order, due to limited supply.
- Wing feathers will be selected half from the left wing and half from the right wing, unless specified all from one side.
- Spike feathers will be utilized.
- Efforts are made to match the best quality feathers available.

- ❖ 20 Miscellaneous Loose Feathers:

- These consist of assorted feathers.
- Includes various type feathers (such as primaries, secondaries, tail, and plumes).
- All plumes may be requested.
- These are **lower quality** feathers and feather condition cannot be guaranteed.
- 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.

1. A representative from the school who is an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe should apply at the beginning of the school year for the 20 miscellaneous feather category which has the shortest turnaround time.
2. More than one representative may apply.
  - a. Only one order per applicant may be pending at a time. This includes orders placed for personal use.
3. 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.

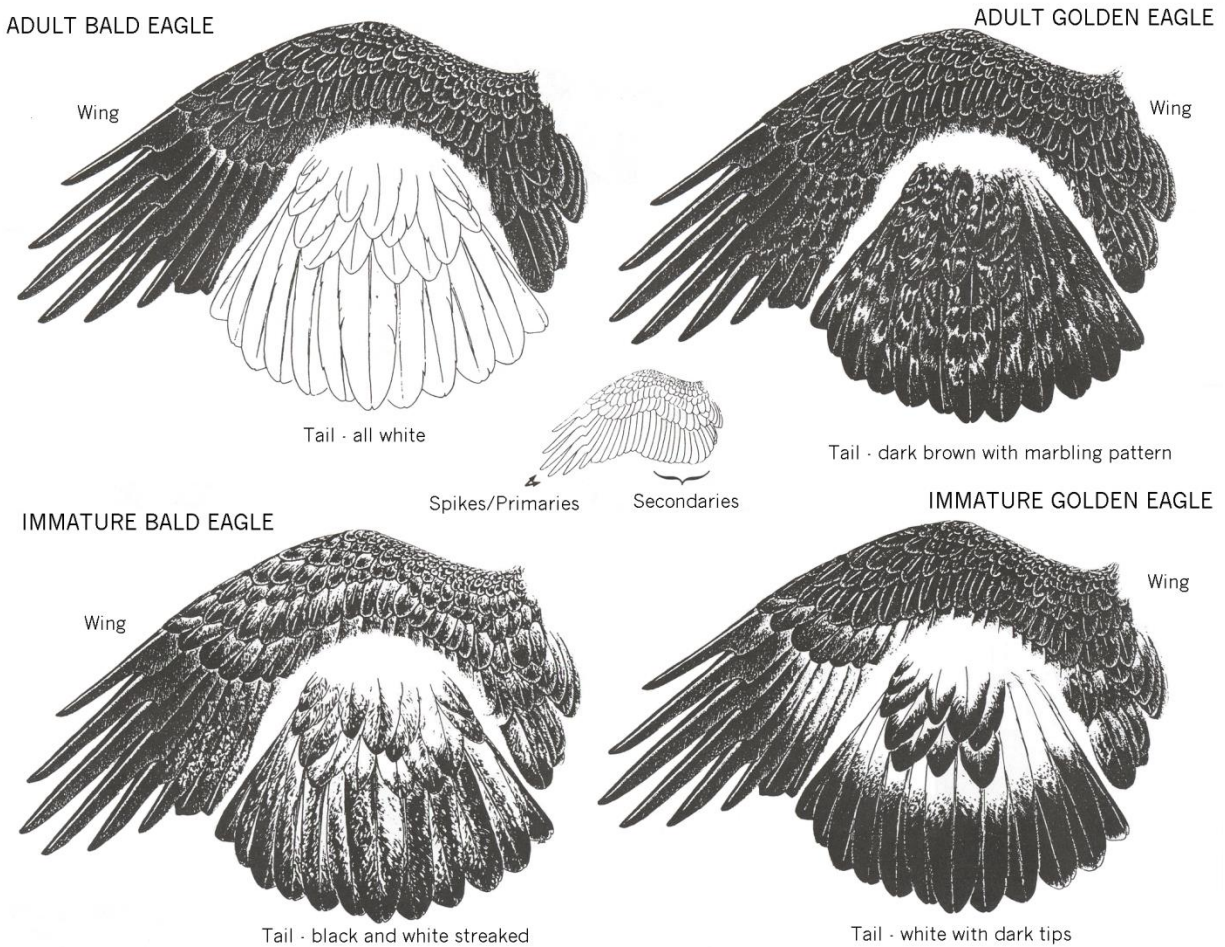
If your order is for graduation purposes, please write "GRADUATION" on the order form.

- How long does it take the Repository to fill orders?

The demand for eagle carcasses, parts, and feathers is high and supplies are limited. The time needed to fill requests will vary depending on the items ordered and as the inventory permits. Estimated time frames for various items are provided below.

Approximate Waiting Period*			
Item requested:	Bald Eagle	Adult Golden	Immature Golden
Whole Bird	2 years	2 years	5 years
Whole Tail	2 years	2 years	5 years
Pair of Wings	1 year	1-2 years	1-2 years
Wings & Tail	2 years	2 years	5 years
Loose Feathers:			
10 Quality	6 months	6 months	1 year
20 Miscellaneous	3 months	3 months	6 months
Other Items/Parts	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal

**\*Waiting Period is approximate and may be longer than expected for all Golden eagles/parts due to the high demand and low supply.**



**Permit Office contact information:**

<b>Region</b>	<b>State in which you live</b>	<b>Mailing Address</b>	<b>Phone Number and Email Address</b>
1	Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Pacific Island Territories	911 N.E. 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Portland, OR 97232-4181	(503) 872-2715 <a href="mailto:permitsR1MB@fws.gov">permitsR1MB@fws.gov</a>
2	Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas	P.O. Box 709 Albuquerque, NM 87103	(505) 248-7882 <a href="mailto:permitsR2MB@fws.gov">permitsR2MB@fws.gov</a>
3	Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin	5600 American Blvd. West Suite 990 Bloomington, MN 55437-1458	(612) 713-5436 <a href="mailto:permitsR3MB@fws.gov">permitsR3MB@fws.gov</a>
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 <a href="mailto:permitsR4MB@fws.gov">permitsR4MB@fws.gov</a>
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 <a href="mailto:permitsR5MB@fws.gov">permitsR5MB@fws.gov</a>
6	Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming	P.O. Box 25486, DFC Denver, CO 80225-0486	(303) 236-8171 <a href="mailto:permitsR6MB@fws.gov">permitsR6MB@fws.gov</a>
7	Alaska	1011 East Tudor Road (MS 201) Anchorage, AK 99503	(907) 786-3693 <a href="mailto:permitsR7MB@fws.gov">permitsR7MB@fws.gov</a>
8	California, Nevada	2800 Cottage Way, Room 2606 Sacramento, CA 95825	(916) 978-6183 <a href="mailto:permitsR8MB@fws.gov">permitsR8MB@fws.gov</a>

**Repository contact information:**

National Eagle Repository  
 6550 Gateway Road, Building 128  
 Commerce City, Colorado 80022  
 (303) 287-2110  
[www.fws.gov/eaglerepository](http://www.fws.gov/eaglerepository)



Department of the Interior  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
**PERMIT APPLICATION AND FIRST ORDER**  
EAGLE PARTS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIOUS PURPOSES

OMB Control #1018-0022  
Expires 5/31/2017  
**OFFICE USE ONLY**  
Date Completed Request  
Revd \_\_\_\_\_  
Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Completed Certificate of Enrollment must be attached to process application.**

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Suffix (Sr., Jr., etc.)
Physical address (Street address; Apartment #, Suite #; <i>no P.O. Boxes</i> )			
City		State	Zip code/Postal code
Mailing Address (if different than physical address)			
City		State	Zip code/Postal code
Date of Birth	Permit Number: MB <i>(Not Applicable for 1<sup>st</sup> Order)</i>	Social Security Number	
Home Phone Number	Cellular Phone Number	Work Phone Number	
Email Address	Contact Person ( if you have no phone)	Phone Number of Contact Person	
Name of Tribe		Enrollment Number*	

Have you been convicted, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, forfeited collateral, or are you currently under charges for any violations of the Lacey Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, or the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act?  Yes  No If you answered "Yes" provide on a separate sheet: a) name at time of conviction, b) date of charge, c) charge(s), d) location of incident, e) court, and f) action taken for each violation.

**DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED MATERIAL** *(You can only have one pending request at a time.)*

Approximate Waiting Period*				Species:	Section 1: If a whole eagle is <b>not</b> needed, please request only the parts necessary for your religious purposes. Note: Parts cannot be added to whole eagle orders.	
Item:	Bald	Adult Golden	Immature Golden		Items:	Parts:
Whole Eagle	2 yrs	2 yrs	5 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> Golden	<input type="checkbox"/> Whole Eagle Or	<input type="checkbox"/> Head
Whole Tail	2 yrs	2 yrs	5 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> Bald	<input type="checkbox"/> Pair of Wings Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Pair of Claws
Pair of Wings	1 yr	1-2 yrs	1-2 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> Either	<input type="checkbox"/> Whole Tail Only Or	<input type="checkbox"/> Trunk (body minus the head, claws, wings and tail)
Wings and Tail	2 yrs	2 yrs	5 yrs		<input type="checkbox"/> Wings and Tail	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please specify)
Loose Feathers						
10 Quality	6 mths	6 mths	1 yr	<b>Age:</b>	<b>Section 2: Loose Feather orders cannot be added to whole eagle, pair of wings, or tail orders.</b>	
20 Miscellaneous	3 mths	3 mths	6 mths			
Other Items/Parts	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	<input type="checkbox"/> Immature	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 Quality (8 wing and 2 tail)	<input type="checkbox"/> 20 Miscellaneous <b>(Lower Quality, mixed)</b>
*Waiting Period is approximate and may be longer than expected for all Golden Eagles/parts due to the high demand and low supply. <b>Requests are filled as inventory permits.</b>				<input type="checkbox"/> Adult	<b>OR</b>	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Either		

I hereby certify that I am requesting eagle items 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.

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

===== OFFICIAL USE ONLY BELOW HERE =====

Date Forwarded to NER: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ MBPO initials: \_\_\_\_  
Date Received at NER: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ NER initials: \_\_\_\_



Department of the Interior  
**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**  
**Division of Migratory Birds**

Eagle Permit Applicant:

(Please print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT IN A U.S. FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE**

(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.

# APPLICATION FOR A FEDERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE PERMIT

## Paperwork Reduction Act, Privacy Act, and Freedom of Information Act – Notices

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

1. The gathering of information on fish and wildlife is authorized by:
  - a. Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668), [Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 22 \[50 CFR 22\]](#);
  - b. Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544), [50 CFR 17.1 to 17.95\(b\)](#), [50 CFR 17.95\(c\)](#), [50 CFR 17.96 to 17.99](#), and [50 CFR 17.99 to end](#);
  - c. Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712), [50 CFR 21](#);
  - d. Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361, *et seq.*), [50 CFR 18](#);
  - e. Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916), [50 CFR 15](#);
  - f. Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42); Injurious Wildlife, [50 CFR 16](#);
  - g. [Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora \(TIAS 8249\)](#); [50 CFR 23](#);
  - h. General Provisions, [50 CFR 10](#);
  - i. General Permit Procedures, [50 CFR 13](#); and
  - j. Wildlife Provisions (Import/export/transport), [50 CFR 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. Certain applications for permits authorized under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1374) will be published in the **Federal Register** as required by the two laws.
4. Disclosures outside the Department of the Interior may be made without the consent of an individual under the routine uses listed below, if the disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the record was collected. (Ref. 68 FR 52611, September 4, 2003)
  - a. Routine disclosure to subject matter experts, and Federal, Tribal, State, 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 an FWS function related to this system of records.
  - b. Routine disclosure 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. Routine disclosure to Federal, Tribal, 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. Routine disclosure to 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. Routine disclosure to Federal, Tribal, 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. Routine disclosure 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. Routine disclosure to the appropriate Federal, Tribal, 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. Routine disclosure to a congressional office in response to an inquiry to the office by the individual to whom the record pertains.
  - i. Routine disclosure to the Government Accountability Office or Congress when the information is required for the evaluation of the permit programs.
  - j. Routine disclosure 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.
5. 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 & First Order** application is 1 hour. 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.

### Freedom of Information Act – Notice

For organizations, businesses, or individuals operating as a business (i.e., permittees not covered by the Privacy Act), we request that you identify any information that should be considered privileged and confidential business information to allow the Service to meet its responsibilities under FOIA. Confidential business information must be clearly marked "Business Confidential" at the top of the letter or page and each succeeding page and must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary of the confidential information. The non-confidential summary and remaining documents may be made available to the public under FOIA [43 CFR 2.26 – 2.33].