



## **Non-Eagle Feather Repository Program Inmate Feather Policy**

Liberty Wildlife is a non-profit organization that provides feathers to incarcerated Native Americans for religious and ceremonial purposes, at no cost. Providing feathers to incarcerated Native Americans is challenging. We receive hundreds of applications from inmates every year, most are incomplete, incorrect, or unauthorized. This situation has resulted in the return of applications, rejected shipments, and sadly the loss of valuable feathers. We are a non-profit working with a limited budget and cannot afford the cost or time necessary to deal with these problems. As a result.

**A.** We do not accept any communications directly from inmates, we only communicate with the appropriate prison authority. Applications filled out by inmates must be reviewed and submitted by an approved prison authority on behalf of the inmate, e.g. Chaplain.

**B.** Each application must be accompanied by an original letter, on prison letterhead, with a printed name, original signature and date from a prison authority stating.

1. The application has been reviewed and is complete and correct.
2. The bird species, feather type, and number of feathers the inmate is requesting and is approved to receive.
3. Address, email, and phone number of prison authority that will receive the feathers.

**C.** We do not provide any bird parts that contain bones; carcasses, wings, or talons. We only provide individual feathers with a maximum length of 12 inches. Orders are limited to 20 wing feathers or 12 tail feathers.

We hold the option to reject any application and/or letter of approval, that does not meet the requirements described in this letter.

We are committed to our mission and believe that our policy will address our requirements and insure that incarcerated Native Americans receive their feather orders in a timely manner.

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