State arts council is seeking Native artists for fellowships

The Alaska State Council on the Arts is seeking nominations of Alaska Native and folk artists to compete for National Heritage Fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The awards would enable traditional artists to pursue their art form and purchase materials and equipment.

In order to be considered as a candidate, the artists must exhibit authenticity, excellence and significance to their art tradition. Nominees should have a regionwide reputation and be actively pursuing their art form, either as practitioners or teachers.

The State Arts Council has detailed information on what material should be provided for each nominated artist. Anyone needing additional information about the fellowships or wishing to nominate an artist should contact Shirley Hauck at 279-1558.

The deadline for nominations is Nov. 1.