

# IANA apprenticeship deadline is Aug. 15

Applications for Apprenticeship Grants in Traditional Native Arts are due in the State Arts Council offices by Aug. 15. Apprenticeship grants are cash awards of up to \$2,000 to qualified, experienced persons for serious study with a master-traditional craftsworker, musician, dancer, storyteller or singer. These awards are designed to pay the fees of the Master Artist as well as incidental expenses of the apprenticeship.

Apprenticeships are open to persons who are residents of Alaska; and have demonstrated experience in a traditional Native art form for which they are applying. Highest priority

is given to applications from qualified artists and musicians who wish to study within their own cultural traditions, for example, an Inupiaq drummer who wishes to learn from a master drummer in his own village, or an Athabascan basketmaker who wishes to work with a master basketmaker within her own community.

Past apprenticeships have been awarded in Tsimshian carving and design; Athabascan skin sewing; Yupik storytelling; Tlingit carving; Yupik dance and basketry; Inupiaq skin sewing; Chilkat blanket making; Tlingit beadwork; and Athabascan moosehide tanning and bead and quill work.