



CONTRACT POSITION: Elder Cultural Specialist

INFORMATION

Department:	Education TCLL
Location of Work:	Juneau, Harborview Elementary
Application Deadline:	Applications will be accepted and processed on a rolling basis until December 20, 2024

OVERVIEW OF TASK/WORK

Sealaska Heritage Institute, in collaboration with the Juneau School District, is seeking Elder Cultural Specialists to enrich classroom and cultural learning environments. The Elder Cultural Specialist will work closely with classroom and language teachers to support language preservation, cultural education, and related activities. This role offers a unique opportunity to make a meaningful impact by fostering cultural knowledge and language preservation among youth.

SCOPE OF WORK

1. Collaborate with teachers to integrate cultural and language activities into the curriculum.
2. Provide cultural expertise and share traditional knowledge with students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade.
3. Actively participate in the planning and execution of cultural lessons and events.
4. Serve as a role model and mentor for cultural understanding and respect.
5. Participate in professional development and Tlingit language Immersion Retreats for teachers of the TCLL program.
6. Attend and actively participate in cultural gatherings and program activities associated with the TCLL & SHI.

REQUIRED SKILLS

- Strong interpersonal skills to work effectively with teachers, students, and other staff.
- Ability to share cultural knowledge in an engaging and age-appropriate manner for K–8 students.
- Flexibility to collaborate with diverse teaching styles and adapt cultural teachings to fit educational contexts.

- Demonstrate patience, empathy, and a commitment to fostering understanding and respect for cultural heritage.
- Ability to serve as a cultural role model and mentor to students and staff.

PROJECT/CONTRACTOR TIMELINE

The grant award for this position is in its final year. The selected Elder Cultural Specialist will serve through the remainder of the 2024–2025 school year, with potential opportunities for summer work. This contract is set to begin as soon as possible and will conclude no later than September 30, 2025

NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE

- Knowledge of Tlingit cultural practices, traditions, and values.
- Familiarity with Tlingit language and significance in cultural preservation.
- Experience collaborating with educators, community organizations, or cultural programs to deliver cultural and language activities.
- Previous involvement in cultural gatherings, ceremonies, or activities, particularly those involving the TCLL or similar programs.
- Mentorship experience in promoting cultural understanding and respect.

While formal education is not required, candidates must demonstrate a deep commitment to language and cultural preservation and the ability to effectively share this knowledge with students and educators.

To Apply: Submit an interest form at this link: [Contractor Interest Form](#)

For this contract position, please make sure to include the following information in your application: a written proposal which documents why the contractor is qualified to do the work.

If you have any questions regarding this contract position, please contact Jamie Shanley, Assistant Education Director - jamie.shanley@sealaska.com

