



# IACA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## ARTIST CATEGORY

If you choose to join the Indian Arts and Crafts Association, there is an \$80.00 annual fee for the artist/craftsperson category.

**Enclose documentation of American Indian Heritage and three (3) photos of work.** (Photos need to show type and quality of work, but need not be professionally taken.)

Name		
Tribal Affiliation	Tribal Enrollment #	
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone	Fax	
Email	Website	

A non-refundable application fee of **\$25.00** is due with the application. The **\$80/year** membership dues will be invoiced when the application is approved. (Foreign applicants, excluding Canada, add \$15.00 for shipping.)

### Method of Payment:

Check (made payable to IACA)  VISA  Mastercard  American Express  Discover

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Security # \_\_\_\_\_

## CODE OF ETHICS

I, as a member of the Indian Arts and Crafts Association, an international association of artists, retailers, wholesalers, museums, collectors and supporters concerned with the image and marketing of American Indian arts and crafts, agree to adhere to the following:

- to honestly represent American Indian arts and crafts as to nature and origin within the realm of my control and offer return privileges for articles found by the Indian Arts and Crafts Association to have been misrepresented by me;
- to abide by all federal, state, local and tribal laws pertaining to Indian Arts and Crafts, artifacts and natural resources;
- to abide by ethical business conduct regarding advertising, appraising, pricing and guarantees offered by me;
- to respect and support ethical business activities of all Indian Arts and Crafts Association members;
- to encourage consumer confidence in the authenticity of all articles identified with the IACA seal;
- to cooperate with the law enforcement agencies and the IACA in the investigation of crimes involving Indian arts and crafts and to promote proper identification of Indian arts and crafts.

I have read the IACA Code of Ethics and, with my signature below, agree to adhere to these principles. I understand that my membership can be revoked if the Code of Ethics is not adhered to, subject to the action of the IACA Ethics Committee.

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



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Established in 1974, the Indian Arts and Crafts Association is the world's leading Indian art alliance. It is an international organization whose mission is to support the effective protection and ethical promotion of authentic American Indian arts and crafts.

## **THE ARTIST CATEGORY IS OPEN TO:**

1. Any individual who is a member of an Indian Tribe or is certified as an Indian artisan by an Indian Tribe. a)

The term Indian means:

- i. Any Indian Tribe, Band, Nation, Alaska Native Village, or as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.
  - ii. An Indian group that has been formally recognized as an Indian tribe by Senate legislature or by a State legislature or by a State Commission or similar organization legislatively vested with State tribal recognition authority.
- b) In order for an individual to be certified by an Indian Tribe as a non-member artisan:
- iii. The individual must be of Indian lineage of one or more members of such Indian Tribe; and
  - iv. The certification must be documented in writing by the governing body of the Indian Tribe or by a certifying body delegated this function by the governing body of the Indian Tribe.
  - v. Any individual who can provide official documents from the Canadian government certifying his/her status as Canadian Registered Indian, Metis or Inuit.

## **WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF JOINING IACA?**

1. The most valuable benefit of membership is identification with an international organization that symbolizes authenticity, quality and integrity in Native American arts and crafts.
2. Use of the IACA logo assures buyers, customers and other interested persons that members adhere to the high standards of the industry and that they can purchase authentic Native American handmade arts with confidence.
3. Membership in IACA also provides members with the satisfaction that they are helping preserve America's only truly indigenous art.
4. Free listing in the IACA online Directory of Members. Free links from IACA website to your home page.
5. Free copy of the IACA Journal published quarterly, which keeps you informed about current events.
6. Free consultation with highly qualified members in area such as press releases, photographic design, legislation and marketing.
7. Free seminars in connection with its wholesale markets.
8. Opportunity to exhibit in the world's largest wholesale markets featuring authentic American Indian art in the Spring and Fall.
9. Opportunity to participate in the juried competition for the prestigious "IACA Artist of the Year" awards.
10. Opportunity to attend IACA Board meetings and express your concerns and views, or seek appointment or election to the Board.
11. Opportunity to participate in low cost national magazine and newspaper advertising in cooperative ad program.