



## CITC YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (YAC) GUIDELINES

**YAC PURPOSE:** In furtherance of Cook Inlet Tribal Council's (CITC) commitment to multi-generational programming and the transfer of Alaska Native knowledge and understanding, CITC's Board of Directors established a Youth Advisory Council (YAC) on September 30, 2016. The YAC shall represent the Board in the ongoing work of advising the President and staff on bringing youth voice and direction into service delivery and furthering program mission, including the following youth-related priorities:

- **to expand our focus on youth to develop programs that are youth driven, and**
- **to ensure programs develop necessary skills, meet Our youth's basic needs, recognize the role of technology in their lives, and partner with their families and parents to ensure their success, and**
- **to build capacity in the youth sector to understand and advocate for change in order to accomplish the above**

**YAC ROLE:** The role of the YAC is to provide multi-generational perspectives to CITC on issues or activities that support CITC's strategic plans, including but not limited to, planning and delivering the annual Tribal Youth Leadership Summit. YAC members have the opportunity to meet directors, executive and management staff from CITC and CITC-affiliated organizations, and to hear about CITC initiatives, programs, and partnerships; as well as the many programs and services offered by the CIRI family of nonprofits. In turn, the voices of YAC members allow CITC to learn more about what is important to the next generation of stakeholders. YAC members shall not act as official agents or in any role as official spokespersons of CITC and their input will be advisory.

**YAC QUALIFICATIONS:** YAC members must be at least 18 and be eligible and qualified as Alaska Native or American Indian pursuant to P.L. 93-638 Indian Self Determination Act and able to show proof of residence in the Cook Inlet Region of Alaska. Alaska Native/American Indian CIRI shareholders and descendants are strongly encouraged to apply. Must be able to attend YAC meetings and related activities in which members participate, including travel. YAC members are not employees of CITC and are not covered under CITC's workers' compensation or any other compensation or benefits program.

**YAC SELECTION:** The YAC shall consist of at least five (5) members who will convene meetings in coordination with the work of the President/CEO and staff. The CITC President/CEO, in consultation with the CITC Board Chair, shall appoint the members, including the Chair of the YAC. YAC members shall serve for one-year terms from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 and will participate in regular meetings as established by CITC.

**YAC APPLICATION:** Interested youth must submit a completed application, brief letter of introduction/interest, and one letter of support. Completed packets will be reviewed and selected council members will be contacted after September 30, 2024. Completed packets must be received by **Friday, August 30, 2024**. Application packets may be hand delivered, mailed, scanned, emailed to CITC.

**Hand Deliver/Mail:** CITC, Attn: Larry Oskolkoff, 3600 San Jeronimo Drive, Fourth Floor., Anchorage, AK 99508

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## CITC YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL APPLICATION, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

Name (first, middle, last) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing/Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- Do you have a Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)?  Yes  No  
Are you a CIRI Shareholder and/or descendant (check one):  Yes  No  
Shareholder/descendant of a Native Corporation?  Yes  No

If yes which corporation? \_\_\_\_\_

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: The following items must accompany an applicant's completed application:**

**Letter of Introduction & Interest:** Applicants must attach a letter of introduction briefly describing themselves, including interests, abilities or accomplishments, goals and participation in any cultural activities or community volunteer service. Applicants must also have a short paragraph (maximum 500 words) explaining what they know about CITC and their Alaska Native heritage and why they want to serve as a YAC member.

**Letter of Support:** Applicants must attach a letter of support from an individual who may be a teacher, employer, tribal member, or other non-family member who is familiar with the applicant. The letter should include information about the applicant's abilities, goals and character.

### **APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT**

**Through my signature below:**

- I affirm that I am at least 18 years of age I have read the YAC Guidelines and that the information and statements submitted on and with this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation or concealment of information will be grounds for rejection of this application or removal from the YAC.
- I authorize CITC, at its discretion, to use photographs taken of me, and my name, community and the contents of my introduction letter and essay for publication in CITC's print and online materials, including the CITC newsletter, and understand there will be no financial compensation of any type associated with any such use or publication.

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_