

Date Received at Kawerak LMS:

Date Received at BIARealty Office:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Application for Gift Conveyance of Restricted Native Land

Restricted Native Land Owner: _____

Original Owner () Inherited Interest Owner ()

Document Type: Original Deed () Will () Probate Order ()

Reason for Gift Deed: _____

Recipient's Name, Relationship to You, Address, and Phone Number

Legal Description of Native Land to be Gift Deeded: _____

In justification of this application, true statements are made to the following items:

- 1. Age _____
- 2. Date of Birth _____
- 3. Degree of Native Blood _____
- 4. Married* Single* Separated* Divorced* Widow* Widower*
- 5. Education Years: Elementary _____ High School _____ College _____
- 6. The following persons are dependent upon me for support (Give name, ages and relationship)

*Please circle one that applies to you

7. Please identify the tribal organization you receive services from: _____

8. Your Permanent Address: _____

9. Phone Number LMS can reach you at (Please include area code): _____

Email address: _____

10. If indebted to the United States, state amount and purpose of indebtedness (If not, state none): _____

11. Are there any current encumbrances to the land you intend to gift deed?

Leases (state type, length, rent received and to whom, or write none) _____

Other (Please explain, or write none:) _____

12. I (do) (do not)* make personal use of this land covered by this application.

In consideration of love and affection toward the recipient of this gift, I hereby waive any monetary value which may be obtained from the stated property and request approval of my application.

Signature of Applicant

Date

I hereby certify that I have investigated this request and that the effect of this application was explained to and fully understood by the applicant. I therefore recommend approval.

LMS Director

Date

The application is hereby approved and the request for Gift Conveyance is granted.

Area Director

Date

*Please circle one that applies to you

D. GIFT DEED INFORMATIONAL SHEET FOR NATIVE LANDOWNERS OF RESTRICTED PROPERTY

You can gift deed all, or an undivided interest, of your restricted land to a relative or a person with whom you have a special relationship. If the person is Alaska Native then he/she can retain restrictions on the land and receive the same protection and services, from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, that you currently receive.

This can be done by you signing an Application for Gift Deed (enclosed) and you writing a letter to us indicating your interest to gift deed. Also, provide the name, address and phone number of the person to whom you are gift deeding.

If you own an undivided interest in the land, it means there are other owners and all of you must agree to your application to gift deed.

When we receive your Application for Gift Deed and the letter, a Realty Specialist will be assigned to you, who will explain the gift deed process, options available to you and assist you in completing the necessary documents. Be sure read all the documents carefully and ask questions about any part of the gift deed process that you do not understand. The person you are gift deeding to will also be counseled and if he/she is receiving your land in restricted status, then he/she will be required to submit proof of Alaska Native blood.

The Realty Specialist will prepare a legal description, and, in some cases, a survey may be required that you will have to pay for. After the land is described, the Realty Specialist will send forms to four different BIA offices requesting their services, of which will be no cost to you:

1. Appraisal Request: An appraiser will set an opinion of value of your land.
2. Archeological Inventory Request: An archeologist checks your land for any artifacts or historic sites. If either is found, then they must be investigated and protected.
3. Environmental Assessment Request: This determines if any change in land use will impact the environment. If there is a change in land use, then the Realty Specialist will submit the appropriate NEPA document to the BIA Environmental Scientist for review and approval.

4. Timber Clearance or Permit Request (if applicable): This is needed if there are any trees that will be cut down or damaged as a result of the gift deed.
5. If needed, include a Right-of-Way to provide access.

After the Realty Specialist has received the Appraisal Report, you will be contacted for another phase of counseling. After being informed of the value of your land and you still wish to continue with the gift deed process, the Realty Specialist will prepare the Gift Deed document for your signature.

When the other reports are received and everything is in order, the Realty Specialist will submit gift deed documents to BIA for approval and then record them in the BIA Alaska Probate and Title Services Center and the State of Alaska Records office. After which, a letter will be mailed to both of you saying the Deed is proof of ownership and must be kept in a safe place.

If the person you are gift deeding you land to is non-Native then restrictions cannot be retained and the Realty Service Provider will not provide further services.

Please keep in mind that the above described gift deed process can take anywhere from six months to one year.

For questions, you may contact the Realty Specialist at:

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