



## ATTENTION NATIVE AMERICAN ARTISTS

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service in Florida is conducting a contest for the national 2017 American Indian / Alaska Native Heritage Month Poster. The winning artist will be awarded \$2,000 and the poster will be shown in NRCS offices throughout the nation to celebrate American Indian Heritage Month during November. The submission deadline is June 14.

American Indian artists in Florida are invited to create an original painting that reflects the artist's interpretation of American Indian culture and heritage with the title **"Big Water of Life,"** and the theme: "Water is the Essential Element" (Okeechobee means Big Water in the Seminole language). Following are the guidelines:

- Open to American Indian/Alaska Native artists in Florida.
- Submit one original piece of artwork, 18 by 24 inches, acrylic or oil on canvas.
- Include a brief written narrative about how the artwork relates to the title and theme.
- Winner must sign an agreement allowing NRCS the right to reproduce and distribute copies of the artwork. The artist may keep artwork and agrees to identify that the artwork was used for the NRCS AIAN Heritage Month Poster.

Artwork will be judged on: 1) creativity and originality; 2) portrayal of the heritage and culture of American Indians in Florida; 3) incorporation of the title and theme and, 4) artistry and skill. Artwork not selected will be returned to the artist. Submit artwork, narrative and contact information to NRCS, Labelle Field Office, 1085 Pratt Blvd., Labelle, FL 33935. For information contact Katy Greene, (352) 538-4655 or [katherine.greene@fl.usda.gov](mailto:katherine.greene@fl.usda.gov).

