Youth Commission Guidelines

I. Vision
Build up our youth leaders by connecting back to our traditional values by coming together to share issues, concerns, and develop solutions while celebrating the successes and achievements within our communities. Develop a strong relationship between Tlingit and Haida, Tribes, ANCSA corporations, and other entities looking to help create strong advocates for our people and the generations that are still yet to come.

II. Purpose
The purpose of these guidelines is to document the eligibility of candidates, and the relationship that the Youth Commission applicant has to the Executive Council and Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska administrative staff as well as the procedures that will enhance the effectiveness of the Youth Commission.

III. Eligibility
The Youth Commission shall be open to those who are an enrolled tribal citizen or eligible to be an enrolled tribal citizen of Tlingit & Haida between the ages of 15-27.

IV. Term of Office
The Youth Commission will be appointed each appointment year by the President and will serve a two-year term. The successful candidates will serve until the following Tribal Assembly appointment after which a new Youth Commission will be appointed.

V. Orientation
Immediately following the appointment of the Youth Commission at the annual meeting he/she will be provided a copy of these guidelines and all other tribal organic documents. In the event the Youth Commission is not present at that particular meeting, the information will be mailed within 5 working days following the Tribal Assembly.

Orientation documents include:
A. Youth Commission guidelines.
B. Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska Constitution and Rules of appointment.
C. Tribal Assembly Standing Rules of Order.
D. Executive Council Meetings
E. Youth Commission By-Laws
The Youth Commission has all rights of attendance at all Executive Council meetings but does not have voting privileges. He/she may speak on any business that is before the Executive Council. It is the responsibility of tribal administrative staff to notify the Youth Commission of all official meetings at the same time other Executive Council members are notified.

A. Travel. The Youth Commission is authorized to travel to any Youth Commission meetings that require travel and all expenses will be paid at the rate of other council members.

B. Computer. The Youth Commission will be provided a desktop computer or laptop of a value not to exceed $1,500. The computer may be used by the Youth Commission for the term that he/she is on the Youth Commission and may keep the computer without charge, as well as receive $1,200 scholarship to the school of their choice, if he/she attends all meetings during their term.