

**YAKAMA NATION HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**



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Yakama Language “Sapsikwala” Master Teacher
Yakama Language- (Ichishkin Sinwit)
Division of Cultural Services
Hourly Wage: \$24.90/Regular/Full-Time

The Master Teacher position is for a fluent speaker in Ichishkin Sinwit. The Master Teacher will work cooperatively in a Master-Apprentice learning community environment to ensure students are able to learn the language following the tribe’s unwritten laws, history, customs, traditions, beliefs, legends, and virtues. The Master Teacher will teach language skills and knowledge, according to tribal traditions, stories, seasons, and values respective of the diverse and rich languages and dialects spoken within a specific area and/or community. Official Seal of Approval of Yakama Language Certification.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Able to work cooperatively with other Master Teachers and Student Apprentices to help restore and revitalize Ichishkin Sinwit.
- Willing to share their knowledge about the 14 plus tribal histories, dialects and stories and that each specific locations differs, but is comprehensible, and will be recorded and published in Sahaptin stories to be archived in the Yakama Nation Language Program and Library.
- Will meet and train student Apprentice on a regularly scheduled basis to improve and increase language fluency through teaching, curriculum recommendations and activities.
- Able to develop and incorporate a plan for teaching the Ichishkin Sinwit and the intricacies of learning a language.
- Provides traditional and cultural leadership in project activities.

General Recruiting Indicators:

- Must be enrolled Yakama Member and speak Ichishkin Sinwit fluently.

Special Requirements:

- Be willing to make a long-term commitment to teaching apprentices.
- Provides repetitious teaching of respect, honesty, compassion, humility, responsibility, courage, self-respect, and virtues of the Tribal unwritten laws.
- Will work in a Master-Apprentice learning community environment in cooperation with the program.
- Not required to read or write the dialect.
- Provides motivation and encouragement to students working towards language fluency and productivity.
- Willing to sign a confidentiality of release form for media productions and curriculum purposes.
- Employee will honor the Yakama Nation confidential information policy during and after the employee’s terms of employment, strict confidentiality of information must be sustained.
- The employee of Yakama Nation are servants of the Yakama Nation and are to safeguard all information.