

To whom it may concern,

Ya'at'eeh , My name is Pete Nez, I am Kinyaa'áanii (Towering House) born for Ta'neeszahnii (Tangle people). My maternal grandfather is 'Áshj̣ihi (Salt people),my paternal grandfather is Tódich'ii'nii (Bitter water). That is how I am Dine' (Person, Navajo). I am writing to inform you of my belief on why we like our Native kids wearing Eagle feather. I was always taught that the Eagle was one of the most sacred bird and that it has special powers. Their feathers carry alot of healing and are used in alot of traditional ceremonies for most tribes. Graduations and coming into adulthood ceremonies are pretty much similar. When you graduate it is a very huge success in any person's life but as a Navajo it seems bigger because you have successfully accomplished something that was forced on our people. That's how the eagle feather is represented by it representation by flying high into the heavens we have a part of it that can help us believe that we can accomplish more! Eagle feather is one of the highest of honored gift that you can recieve. They are not given out like candy. You have to earn it.

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Pete Nez