



## TYRA SHACKELFORD

Tribal Affiliation: Chickasaw

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Tyra Shackelford is an enrolled member of the Chickasaw Nation. She is the great granddaughter of original enrollee, Ozro (Zora) Willis-Heffington. Her father, Randy Shackelford, taught her about culture and traditions. Many others have shared their knowledge with her; one such woman is a Seminole elder, Wisey Narcomey, who taught Shackelford how to fingerweave. She has attended stomp dances with her parents since she was a child and has been a member of the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe since 2000. In 2009, Shackelford received a Bachelor of Science in chemistry with a minor in mathematics from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. Currently, Shackelford works for the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources Department as a special projects coordinator.

Shackelford is knowledgeable in many traditional crafts, but her love is fingerweaving. She has been fingerweaving traditional belts since the age of 12. Recently, Shackelford has expanded the traditional craft into a contemporary art form by incorporating fingerweaving into items such as handbags

1. "Untitled Bracelets" / Fingerwoven Yarn w/ Beadwork / Assorted Sizes

