

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA
APPLICATION FOR LLEAP ADMISSION AND LLEAP FUNDING

For your application to be complete, you must do the following:

1. Complete and submit an application for admission to The University of South Dakota if you are not already an enrolled student.
2. Complete all other Financial Aid applications (PELL etc.) through the financial aid office at The University of South Dakota.
3. Complete a LLEAP application (below).
4. Send your transcript to LLEAP.
5. Send proof of enrollment in a state or federally recognized tribe with your LLEAP application.

Your application will be considered incomplete until all of the above materials are submitted. Personal interviews, which may take place online, by phone, or by videoconference, will be scheduled for all applicants.

Correspondence should be directed to the following address:

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The University of South Dakota
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Website: www.usd.edu and www.lleap.org

IDENTIFICATION DATA:

Name: _____
Street Address/P.O. Box #: _____
City, State, ZIP: _____
Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____
Email: _____
Tribal Affiliation: _____
College(s) Attended: _____
Dates of College Attendance: _____
Overall GPA: _____
Major (You may use undecided): _____
Degree completed, if any: _____

OPTIONAL DATA:

Do you speak a language other than English? ____ Yes ____ No
If yes, what language(s)? _____

How would you assess your fluency in that language? Circle the one that applies.

Completely fluent / Very good fluency / Somewhat fluent / Survival fluency / A few words

PROGRAM OF INTEREST:

To which program do you wish to apply? Check all that apply.

___ Bachelor of Liberal Studies with a focus on teaching Lakota language

___ Teaching minor in Lakota language (in conjunction with a different teaching major)

___ A K-12 Lakota Languages Education Endorsement for teaching Lakota Language only

ACADEMIC REFERENCES:

Please list the names and contact information of 3 academic references that can evaluate your college performance.

1. Name: _____

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Email: _____

2. Name: _____

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3. Name: _____

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Please write a short essay about why you want to be a teacher of Lakota language and culture; what you see as the strengths you would bring to the profession; and finally, how you see yourself contributing to your community using the skills you would learn in the LLEAP program. Use a separate sheet of paper and attach to this application. Your essay should be about 500 words.