

Lakolya Waoniya Project

Application DEADLINE: January 21, 2022



The Lakolya Waoniya (Breathing Life into the Lakota Language) Project is dedicated to creating new Lakota language speakers through methodologies designed to honor and perpetuate the Lakota culture and language, in order to develop intergeneration language growth. Seven selected individuals will participate in a Lakota language immersion environment, five days per week, for three years. Participants will receive an annual wage of \$31,200 in addition to full benefits, including health insurance, vision & dental insurance, and paid time off.

Interested applicants must meet the following criteria:

- 18 years or older
- Proof of Rosebud Sioux Tribal enrollment (Tribal Abstract OR Tribal ID Card)
- Possess a strong desire to keep the Lakota language and culture alive through teaching
- Live in or near the Rosebud Reservation
- Ability to pass a background check
- Available Monday-Friday, 8:00AM - 5:00PM

Interested applicants must complete the application below by January 21, 2022. **No late or incomplete applications will be accepted, see check list on Page 7 to ensure all components of your application are complete.**

Submitting Completed Applications

Option #1: E-mail completed applications to: Lakotalearner@sicangucorp.com.

Option #2: Mail completed applications to:

Lakolya Waoniya
Attn: Sarah Hart
27565 Research Park Drive
P.O. Box 236
Mission, SD 57555

Applications will be scored blindly by a selection committee using a rubric. Applicants will be contacted for an in-person oral exam. All applicants who receive a 100% on their oral exam will be entered into a lottery, which moves them onto the final stage. Finalists will be announced March 1, 2022. Additional information about Lakolya Waoniya can be found at: <https://www.sicangucorp.com/lakolya>. For application questions, please contact Christina Johnston at Christina.Johnston@sicangucorp.com.

Lakolya Waoniya Project Application

Contact Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email:

Primary Phone:

Personal Statement

Please answer the following questions. You may answer the questions in written, video, audio, or visual format.

1. What motivates you to want to learn and speak the Lakota language?
2. Choose 1 or 2 of the values below:

Woc'ekiya (Praying)

Wawokiye (Generosity and Caring)

Wa o' hola (Respect)

Wah'wala (Humility)

Wa on'sila (Caring and Compassion)

Woksape (Wisdom)

Wowijke (Honesty and Truth)

Tell us why the value is important to you and describe a time you lived it out. You may use an example from a school, work, family, or cultural/spiritual setting.

3. If chosen to participate in Lakolya Waoniya, how do you plan to keep the language alive inside your family or within your community?

Experience

Please answer the following questions. You may answer the questions in written, video, audio, or visual format.

1. Tell us about a commitment you made and followed through on. What allowed you to see the commitment through? You may use an example from a school, work, family, or cultural/spiritual setting.

2. Describe a significant goal you have accomplished. Tell us why this was important and how you accomplished it. You may use an example from a school, work, family, or cultural/spiritual setting.
3. Please tell us anything else that you feel is important for us to know about you.

Recommendations

Please provide recommendations from two people who are familiar with how you live the Lakota values. Recommendations can be e-mailed to Lakotalearner@sicangucorp.com. Recommendation instructions can be found on Pages 4 & 5.

Proof of Rosebud Sioux Tribal Enrollment

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Lakolya Waoniya Recommendation Form

Name of Applicant:

To the Person Making the Recommendation

The applicant listed above has requested a recommendation from you for the Lakolya Waoniya Project, which is a new project dedicated to creating new Lakota language speakers through methodologies designed to honor and perpetuate the Lakota culture and language, in order to develop intergeneration language growth. Seven selected individuals will participate in a Lakota language immersion environment, five days per week, for three years.

All references will be reviewed solely by the review committee.

Please answer the following questions. You may answer the questions in written, video, audio, or visual format.

1. Why should Lakolya Waoniya invest in this person?
2. Why should Lakolya Waoniya put the future of the Lakota language in this person's hands?
3. What tells you this person will pass on the language?

Submitting Recommendations

Recommendation letters can be e-mailed to Lakotalearner@sicangucorp.com. Please put the applicant's name in the subject line of the e-mail.

Recommender's Name:

Signature:

Phone Number:

Date:

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Signature:

Phone Number:

Date:

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR INTAKE PURPOSES ONLY

ANSWERS WILL NOT AFFECT DECISION

Lakota Proficiency

Based on the following scale, please rate your language proficiency:

Beginner

Intermediate

Advanced

Lakota Literacy

I do not read or write in the Lakota Language.

I do read and write in the Lakota Language.

Learning Experience

My language learning experience includes the following (Mark all that apply):

Lakolya Waoniya Project will be my first Lakota language learning experience.

I am an independent Lakota learner- I study on my own using language material.

I regularly work with other Lakota language learners.

I regularly work with native Lakota speakers.

I grew up around native Lakota speakers.

Complete Application Checklist

Be sure to include the following items with your application:

- Completed contact information section
 - Completed responses to all three personal statement questions
 - Completed responses to all three experience questions
 - Two completed recommendations
 - Proof of Rosebud Sioux Tribal Enrollment (Tribal Abstract or Tribal ID)
 - Completed intake questions on Page 6
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Thank you for your interest in Lakolya Waoniya!