



Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Community

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Application for First-Year Dakota Language Program

Fall 2026

Overview: This is the application for the MMDTC's Dakota Language Program. The purpose of this program is to help students achieve functionality in the Dakota language at a level that they will be able to teach the language to others and/or use it appropriately and effectively in community settings. The full program will consist of eight semesters of instruction spread over four years. Classes will be held on Zoom from 5:15 to 6:15 pm CST on Monday through Thursday beginning September 7, 2026. Students who enroll in the first semester should expect to commit to the full four-year program. Those students who successfully complete the program will be expected to contribute one year of service to the MMDTC or another Dakota organization in Minnesota in which they will use the language knowledge they have acquired.

Requirements:

- (1) Must be 18 years of age or older
- (2) Must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized Dakota tribe, an enrolled member of the MMDTC, or a Dakota descendant
 - a. Enrolled tribal members may submit a copy of their Tribal ID card with their application
 - b. Unenrolled Dakota descendants must submit a CDIB, a letter of descendency issued by a federally recognized Dakota tribe, or genealogical documents showing their descent from Dakota ancestors
- (3) Must be willing and able sign a contract to commit to completing the full four-year program

Submission Instructions:

To apply for the Dakota language program, complete this application form and email it (with proof of your Dakota ancestry) to tribaloffice@mendotadakota.org

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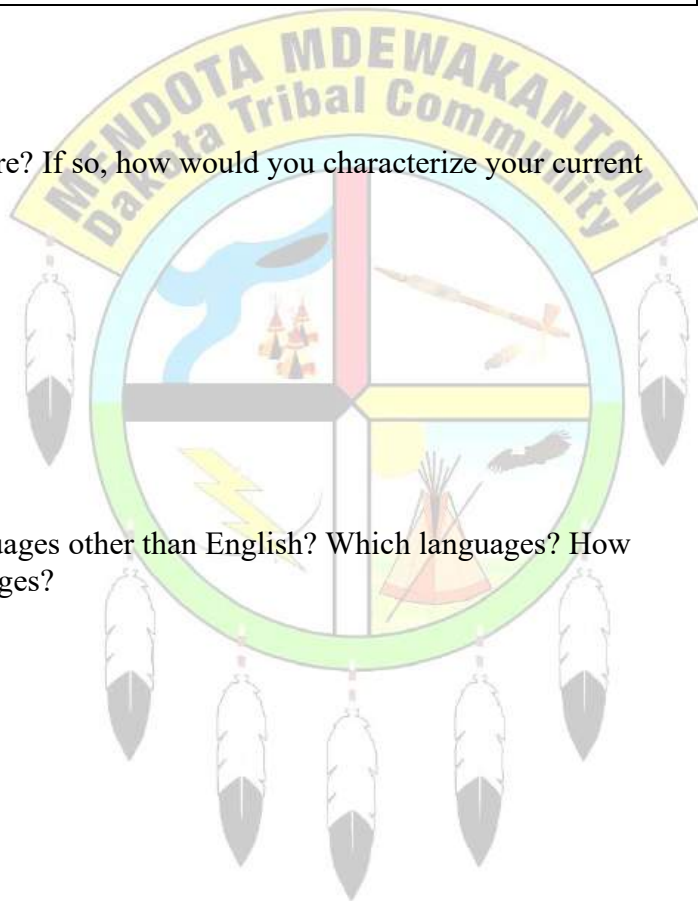
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Please provide the following information:

Name:
Dakota Name (if applicable):
Date of Birth:
Current Address:
Phone Number:
Email Address:

Please answer the following questions:

1. Have you studied the Dakota language before? If so, how would you characterize your current knowledge of the language?
2. Do you speak or have you studied any languages other than English? Which languages? How would you rate your fluency in these languages?



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3. Why do you want to enroll in this Dakota language program? What do you hope to accomplish by the time you finish the program?

4. How will you use the training and knowledge that you receive in this language program to revive



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