



**Pine Ridge Indian Reservation**  
*Home of the Oglala Lakota (Sioux) Nation*  
**Cultural Immersion and Mission Trip Application**

**June 15 – July 1, 2021**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE APRIL 1, 2021**

**Apply online: [brebeuf.org/pineridge](https://brebeuf.org/pineridge)**

**or**

***Complete this application in hard copy format.  
Please refer to the accompanying trip overview for all  
the details, including pricing.***

**\*\*COVID 19 UPDATE: VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS. FOR THOSE 16-18 YEARS OF AGE, PLEASE HAVE PARENTS CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX ON THE PARENT PAGE. FOR PARTICIPANTS 18 AND OLDER: WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO BE VACCINATED, AS THAT MAY BE A REQUIREMENT FOR PARTICIPIATION IN THIS YEAR'S TRIP?**

**YES**       **NO**

## APPLICATION PART I: GENERAL STUDENT INFORMATION

STUDENT INFORMATION <b>(PLEASE PRINT OR ELECTRONICALLY ENTER ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY)</b>		
Student Name	Grade	Student's e-mail
Home Address (including <b>city and zip code</b> )		Student's Cell Phone
Mother's Name	Mother's Home Phone	Mother's Cell Phone
Father's Name	Father's Home Phone	Father's Cell Phone
Mother's email:	Father's email:	
Physician's Name & Address		Physician's Phone
Emergency Contact	Relationship	Emergency Phone
SCHOOL INFORMATION		
<b>EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE, OR EXPERIENCE SERVING COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY POVERTY</b>		
<b>ACADEMIC EXCHANGE PROGRAM EXPERIENCE OR CULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAM EXPERIENCE; OTHER TRAVEL EXPERIENCE</b>		

## APPLICATION PART II: *ESSAY*

Write an essay (minimum 500 words) that explains your reasons for applying to the **Pine Ridge Reservation Cultural Immersion and Mission Trip 2021**. In this essay, you must clearly address the following: This essay should be typed and attached to the application.

- Describe your personality, addressing both strengths and weaknesses.
- Is this your first trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation or are you returning?
- Briefly describe your reason for applying to this trip. What do you know about (or, in the case of returnees, what have you learned about) the Native American tribes of north America?
- Briefly explain why an exchange trip to a Native American reservation is of interest to you.
- In what ways do you think that this experience might challenge you or change you?
- How do you view your role in helping to create intercultural bridges and friendships?
- How will your participation in this immersion experience move you to be more (a) *open to growth*; (b) *intellectually competent*; (c) *religious*; (d) *loving*; (e) *committed to promoting justice*?

## APPLICATION PART III: *PARENT RECOMMENDATION*

**Parent(s)/guardian(s):** Please write a short essay including the following information. Please attach a separate document.

**\*\*COVID 19 UPDATE: WOULD YOU ALLOW YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER, (AGES 16-18) TO BE VACCINATED, AS THAT MAY BE A REQUIREMENT FOR PARTICIATION IN THIS YEAR'S TRIP?  YES  NO**

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

In your essay, please comment on the following:

- Why have you agreed to allow your son/daughter to apply to participate in this cultural immersion and mission program?
- What do you hope s/he will learn from this experience?
- What strengths will s/he add to the group?
- Are there any concerns of which you feel the chaperones should be aware?

## APPLICATION PART IV: *TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS*

On the final pages of this application, you will find two **TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORMS**. Please ask two Brebeuf Jesuit teachers to complete the attached recommendation forms on your behalf. Ask them to use the printed recommendation form. Please ask these teachers to return the recommendations to Sra. Beck in the World Languages Department.



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### *GENERAL TEACHER RECOMMENDATION I*

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time you have known this student: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you in advance for your willingness to write a letter of recommendation for the above-named student. This student is applying to participate in the **Pine Ridge Reservation Cultural Immersion Trip 2021**. Your opinion will serve as a critical component in our evaluation process. It is important that we take students who are open to growth and willing to respect the customs and traditions of the Oglala Lakota (Sioux) community.

On the checklists below, please evaluate the applicant according to the listed criteria, using the student’s peer group as a reference point.

	EXEMPLARY	ABOVE AVERAGE	AVERAGE	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	NO BASIS FOR JUDGMENT
<b>Achievement:</b> achieves ambitious, measurable results	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Perseverance:</b> persists when times are stressful and remains positive in the face of obstacles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Adaptability:</b> adjusts to new task demands without becoming overly frustrated and/or shutting down	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Integrity/Maturity:</b> honest and ethical in behavior; assumes responsibility for mistakes; behaves in a respectful manner; complies with requests, directives and guidelines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Overall</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Please describe this student’s strengths and weaknesses based on the information described above. Please indicate whether you would feel confident and willing to supervise this student.**



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### *GENERAL TEACHER RECOMMENDATION II*

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Teacher/Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time you have known this student: \_\_\_\_\_

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