

YANKTON SIOUX TRIBE

Enrollment Survey

Enrollment Office



YST Enrollment Office
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YOUR OPINION MATTERS!

YST TRIBAL MEMBERS AND DESCENDANTS, WELCOME TO THE YANKTON
SIOUX TRIBE ENROLLMENT SURVEY!

WE THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS VERY
IMPORTANT SURVEY. IT IS DESIGNED TO CAPTURE YOUR THOUGHTS AND
IDEAS RELATED TO YANKTON SIOUX TRIBE ENROLLMENT AND
MEMBERSHIP. PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME AND COMPLETE ALL ASPECTS OF
THE SURVEY.

ALL RESPONSES WILL BE GATHERED AND CONSIDERED AS A GROUP, NOT
INDIVIDUALLY, WHICH MEANS THAT YOUR RESPONSES REMAIN
ANONYMOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL. THE ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTS,
WHEN COMPLETED, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ON THE YANKTON
SIOUX TRIBE WEBSITE. (www.yanktonsiouxtribe.net)

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SURVEY CAN BE DIRECTED TO LAVONNE
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VIA EMAIL AT YSTENROLLMENT@YAHOO.COM

General Information

Your privacy comes first! Your name and tribal identification number is required to confirm your eligibility to take this survey. Beyond this purpose, this information is considered anonymous and held in confidence.

Tribal members, please enter your:

Tribal ID number: _____

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

1. Gender
 - a. Male
 - b. Female
2. Age
 - a. 18-29
 - b. 30-39
 - c. 40-49
 - d. 50-59
 - e. 60-69
 - f. 70-79
 - g. 80-89
 - h. 90+
3. Community Member Designation
 - a. Tribal Member
 - b. Tribal Descendent
4. Where do you live?
 - a. Yankton Sioux Tribal lands
 - b. Yankton Sioux Service area, but not on the reservation (Charles Mix)
 - c. Off reservation
5. Tribal Affiliation
 - a. YST Business & Claims Committee Member
 - b. Elder
 - c. Youth
 - d. YST Employee
 - e. Business Owner
 - f. YST Board Designee (School Board, Housing Board, Enrollment Board, etc.)

6. Are you head of household? (your name appears on the housing contract or lease)
- Yes
 - No
7. If you are head of household, please document the number of children under 18 years of age who are currently living with you in the boxes below.

Biological child (Yankton Sioux)	
Biological child (non-Yankton)	
Legally adopted children (Yankton Sioux)	
Legally adopted children (non-Yankton)	
Step-children (Yankton Sioux)	
Step-children (non-Yankton)	
Grandchildren (Yankton Sioux)	
Grandchildren (non-Yankton)	
Other children (not listed in above categories)	
Not applicable	

8. If you are a parent who is separated or divorced and your children spend more time of the year living with a non-tribal custodial parent, please document the number of children, under 18 years of age, who are:

Biological child (Yankton Sioux member) living with a non-tribal parent	
Biological child (non-Yankton) living with a non-tribal parent	
Number of children, under 18 years of age, living with a non-tribal parent	

9. If you have adult children, 18 years or older, who are enrolled tribal members, who are living:

In tribal housing	
On reservation	
Off reservation	
In another country (outside the US)	
Total number of adult children (Yankton Sioux)	

CULTURAL IDENTITY

10. Are you proud to be a Yankton Sioux Tribal member?

- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. If "No", please explain.
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11. Which community do you live in?

- a. Wagner
- b. Marty
- c. Lake Andes
- d. Greenwood
- e. Ravinia
- f. Pickstown
- g. Choteau Creek
- h. Other: _____

12. Do members of our tribal community share a common set of beliefs and principles?

- a. Yes
- b. No

13. Is our tribal cultural way of life strong?

- a. Yes
- b. No

14. Will our cultural way of life remain for future generations?

- a. Yes
- b. No

15. Is your identity as a Native person based on your experiences and knowledge of our tribal culture and language?

- a. Yes
- b. No

16. Does our tribal community place value on the importance of traditional knowledge?

- a. Yes
- b. No

17. Does our tribal community's approach to community development supports our cultural way of life?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
18. Does the tribe allocate funds and resources for teaching and continuing Yankton Sioux culture?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
19. In terms of tribal cultural and community identity, which of the following interests are most important to you? (Please rank the following items from most important to least important, with 1 being the most important and 7 being the least important).
- a. _____ Land and resource management/preservation
 - b. _____ Cultural maintenance and revitalization
 - c. _____ Return of sacred artifacts, sacred items and protection of Native graves
 - d. _____ Elder care/support that facilitates passing down of traditional knowledge
 - e. _____ The preservation and protection of oral traditional practices
 - f. _____ Language revitalization and preservation
 - g. _____ The enrollment of all Yankton Sioux people including descendants and persons mistakenly left out to ensure the YST legacy and community is preserved

TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP AND ENROLLMENT

20. Is it important for all Yankton Sioux to attend traditional and cultural functions?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
21. Currently, the term "enrolled tribal member" is used to describe individuals registered as Yankton Sioux on the official YST census roll. Please select the term the tribe should use to describe individuals on the official YST census roll.
- a. Enrolled tribal member
 - b. Yankton Sioux
 - c. Citizen
 - d. Other: _____

22. Do you consider yourself a dual citizen? (ex. Yankton Sioux Tribal member and United States citizen)

- a. Yes
- b. No

23. Who shaped your ideas about being a Yankton Sioux Tribal member or descendent?

(Select all that apply)

- a. Parents
- b. Grandparents
- c. Elders
- d. Teachers
- e. Other: _____

24. Do you feel you make a contribution to the future of the Tribe?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. If "Yes", please explain.

25. Under the Federally imposed $\frac{1}{4}$ blood quantum law, the YST lost its right to decide who was an enrolled tribal member and who was not. Did the blood quantum law have an impact on your life or on that of your family?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. If "Yes", please explain.

26. The YST can establish its own blood quantum. Select an option that you think the YST should adopt.

- a. The $\frac{1}{4}$ blood quantum requirements should stay the same
- b. The $\frac{1}{4}$ blood quantum requirement should be changed to a smaller fraction
- c. The $\frac{1}{4}$ blood quantum requirement should be eliminated
- d. Other: _____

27. If a minimum blood quantum is a requirement for tribal enrollment, what blood quantum should be required?

- a. $\frac{1}{4}$

- b. 1/16
 - c. 1/32
 - d. 1/64
 - e. 1/128
 - f. Blood quantum should not be required.
28. Should individuals who were not enrolled, but who have a direct blood relationship through a great-grandparent, grandparent and parent to persons of YST blood whose name appears on the official YST base-roll maintained by the YST since 1921 and 1972 be enrolled?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
29. Should individuals who were not enrolled, but who have a direct blood relationship through a brother, sister, aunt, or uncle to persons of YST blood whose name appears on the official YST base-roll maintained by the YST since 1921 and 1972 be enrolled?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
30. Should having a relationship with the Yankton Sioux community be taken into consideration when enrolling?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
31. Should participation in YST ceremonies and traditional events be taken into consideration when enrolling?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
32. Should residency be taken into consideration when enrolling? (i.e. living on the YST service area for at least 6 months?)
- a. Yes
 - b. No
33. Should DNA testing be completed before enrolling?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
34. Should there be an appeals process for individuals who do not meet the requirements for enrollment?

- a. Yes
- b. No

35. Who should sit on the appeals committee?

- a. YST elders with extensive knowledge of YST ancestry
- b. A trained, independent Tribal Enrollment Committee.
- c. Other: _____

36. The enrollment of tribal descendants will change the Yankton Sioux Tribe from a declining population to a growing population. The Yankton Sioux Tribe may double in size. The increase has the potential to expand and stabilize the Yankton Sioux economy, but the change may also increase costs for an already strained economy. This may require a decrease in benefits to provide essential services. Are you willing to make some sacrifices so that more individuals have the opportunity to become Yankton Sioux Tribal members?

- a. Yes
- b. No

37. Which of the services are most important to you? (Please rank the following items from most important to least important, with 1 being the most important and 16 being the least important).

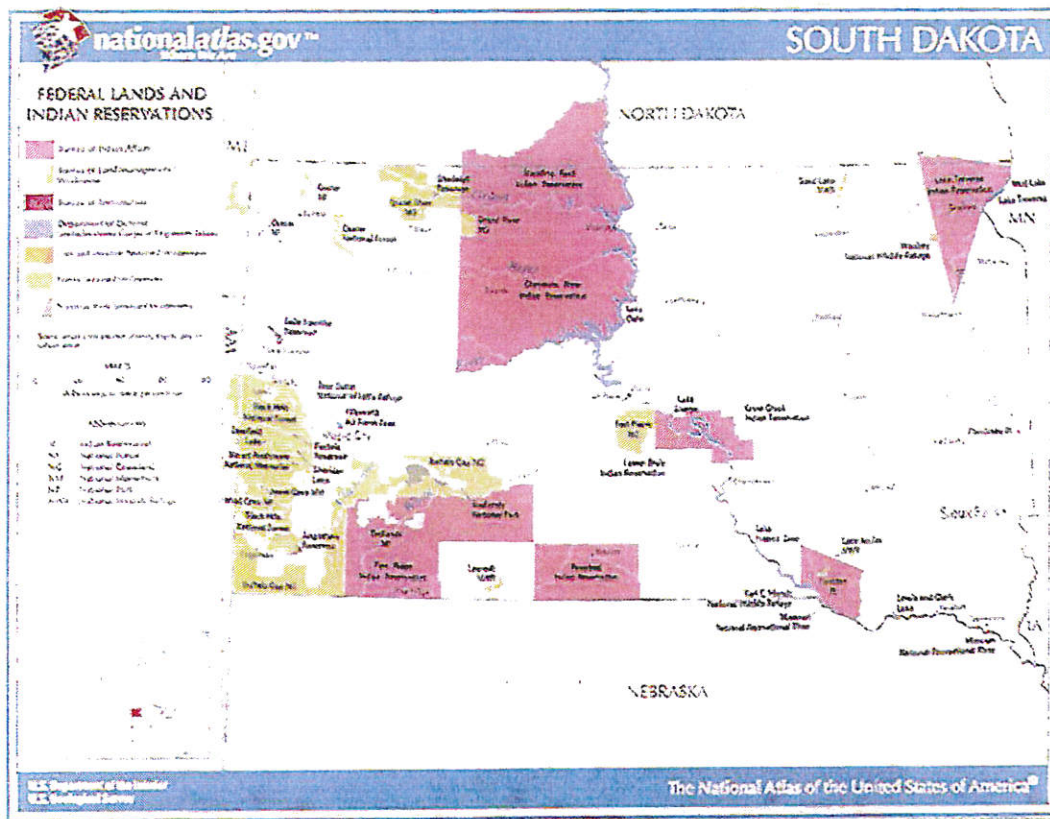
- a. _____ Healthcare Services
- b. _____ Health Prevention Education Services
- c. _____ Social Services
- d. _____ Mental Health Services
- e. _____ Home Ownership
- f. _____ Housing
- g. _____ YST Daycare Service Centers
- h. _____ YST Pre-Kindergarten Program
- i. _____ After-School Cultural Enrichment Program
- j. _____ YST Tutoring
- k. _____ Higher Education Scholarships
- l. _____ Environmental Education & Recycling
- m. _____ Workforce Training
- n. _____ Yankton Sioux Culture and Language Education
- o. _____ Small Business Development Services
- p. _____ Recreation and Wellness Center

38. Which of the following tribal benefits are you willing to give up? (check all that apply)

- a. ☐ Christmas incentives for elderly
- b. ☒ Memorial Day incentives for elderly
- c. ☐ Elderly Meals at the Fort Randall Casino/Hotel
- d. ☐ Turkey Tickets (Thanksgiving & Christmas)

39. The Yankton Sioux service area consists of Charles Mix County, only. Using the map, illustrated below, select the land areas that you think should be included.

- a. All tribal lands
- b. Delmont
- c. None
- d. Other: _____



40. Should the Yankton Sioux Tribe take financial eligibility into consideration for the following services? (check all that apply)

- a. ☐ Healthcare
- b. ☐ Mental Health
- c. ☐ Social Services
- d. ☐ On-reservation Housing
- e. ☐ Education (Pre-K, Tutoring, After-school Programs, etc.)
- f. ☐ Higher Education
- g. ☐ Workforce Training
- h. ☐ Environmental Education and Recycling
- i. ☐ Small Business Development
- j. ☐ Recreation and Wellness Center

41. Yankton Sioux Higher Education funding has assisted many Yankton Sioux students attend colleges and universities of their choice. Should eligibility requirements be changed to require a commitment to the Yankton Sioux Tribe?

- a. Yes
- b. No