

12431

OFFICE OF
Indian Affairs
Rec. FEB 24

1903

7/13

Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 21, 1903.

Ch. 23, 22, 19

Franklin, Pa.,

Col. 15th Cav'y, Supt.

Forwarding and endorsing application of Sophia American Horse for position in Indian Service.

1 inc

~~To Supt 2/27/03
" American horse 3/9/03
" Shawnee " "~~

E

M

Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, pa., Feb. 21, 1903.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir :

I enclose application of Sophia American Horse for position of matron in the Indian service. Miss American Horse, who graduated on the 12th of February, is a daughter of Chief American Horse of Pine Ridge. It has required much persistency on my part to keep her from going back to the reservation as did all her brothers and sisters who preceded her, and to almost impossible-of-progress conditions there. Her sister Alice, who was here with her for a number of years, was induced to go to Hampton from Pine Ridge a year ago and is there now. She was here at commencement and urges her sister not to go home.

Sophia is a sensible young woman and would make an exemplary and competent assistant matron. We count her here of exceptional character and dignity. Her two years' training in the normal department adds to her abilities and management of children.

Very respectfully,

R. H. Pratt
Colonel & Supt.

12431

Indian Office

Incl. No.

1

1903

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT.

Applicant will write his full name, post-office address, and date of application in the blanks below.

Name, *Sophia Americanhorse*Tribe, *Sioux*P. O. address, *Ind Sch. Carlisle, Pa.*Date, *Feb. 19, 1903.*

APPLIES FOR APPOINTMENT

as *Mation.*at *Any place where there is a
vacaney.*

Approved:

Agent.

TO APPLICANTS.

Indians may be appointed in the Indian School Service at large as superintendents, teachers, manual training teachers, kindergartners, and physicians upon a noncompetitive examination which shall consist of such tests of fitness not disapproved by the Civil Service Commission as may be determined by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior. Certificates of graduation from reputable colleges or non-reservation Indian schools may be accepted in lieu of a non-competitive examination in some instances. For all other positions in the Indian School Service, Indians may be appointed by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, without examination.

Answer every question definitely applicable to your sex. A fair English education and ability to speak and write the English language fluently are essential in an Indian employee. Conversation in the Indian language is positively prohibited except in such cases as it may be necessary for instruction. Therefore all Indian employees must obligate themselves not to use their own language. A failure to comply with this requirement will be sufficient to warrant dismissal from the service. It is desirable, so far as possible, to give Indians the preference for those positions which they are competent to fill. This means exactly what is stated; competency, good health, and a moral character are the essentials of an efficient employee, as well as a fair English education.

When this application is received it is placed on file for future reference and applicants must not expect an immediate appointment.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE.

To the COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C.

I, Sophia Americanhorse, hereby apply for appointment
as Matron at any place, there is vacancy
and declare upon honor that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers made
by me to the following questions are true, and that they are made in my own hand-
writing:

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. Your Christian name and surname [in full].	<u>Sophia Americanhorse</u>
2. Date and place of birth.	<u>1881. Pine Ridge Agency S. Dak.</u>
3. Present post-office address.	<u>Carlisle, Pa.</u>
4. Name of tribe.	<u>Sioux</u>
5. Are you an allottee, if so, when and where?	<u>No.</u>
6. (a) Married or single.	<u>Single.</u>
(b) Number and ages of children.	<u>None.</u>
(c) What members of your family will be with you at the school?	<u>None.</u>
7. State your present and your usual occupation, and the experience and degree of success you have had.	<u>assistant to the matron here in girls quarters.</u>
8. What has been the state of your health during the past five years? [Answer explicitly and positively.]	<u>Good.</u>
(a) Are you now physically capable of a full discharge of the duties of the position in which you are seeking employment?	<u>Yes.</u>
(b) Have you any defect of sight?	<u>No.</u>
(c) Have you any defect of hearing?	<u>No.</u>
(d) Have you any defect of speech?	<u>No.</u>
(e) Have you any defect of limb?	<u>No.</u>
9. Are you subject to any chronic disease, disorder, or infirmity which at any time unfit you for the duties of your present vocation or that for which you are seeking appointment?	<u>No.</u>
10. Do you now habitually use, or have you ever been addicted to the use of alcoholic liquors, tobacco, morphine, or opium?	<u>No.</u>
11. Do you pledge yourself not to use intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and narcotics, while you are in the Indian Service?	<u>Yes.</u>
12. Where were you educated, and how old were you when you left school?	<u>Carlisle, Indian School Carlisle, Pa. Twenty-two.</u>
13. Write the Commissioner of Indian Affairs a letter briefly stating your qualifications and training for the place you seek.	<u>I have been here ten yrs and spent half of that time in house work.</u>

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
* 14. Have you been trained in the usual household duties, such as cooking, sewing, laundrying, and care of the house generally? If so, when, where, and how?	Yes here in Carlisle Indian School, and in country homes under the outing.
* 15. Have you had experience and success in managing, instructing, and caring for the bodily comfort of children? State particulars.	Yes as assistant to the matron in girls quarters and as pupil teacher.
* 16. Do you understand butter making, care of milk, canning, drying, pickling, and preserving fruits, curing meats, and preparing household delicacies and necessities as usually understood by thrifty, intelligent housewives, in farming communities? Answer very fully.	Yes I can dry and preserve fruits and prepare household delicacies.
* 17. Can you cut, fit, and make garments for males and females; crochet, knit, and operate a sewing machine? Can you patiently and carefully instruct young Indian girls in all the sewing, darning, mending, etc., usual in large families in our best white homes?	Yes I can cut, fit and make female's garments and operate a sewing machine. Yes
* 18. Can you wash and iron clothing neatly?	Yes.
* 19. Can you perform or direct, or both perform and direct, the kitchen duties incumbent upon a cook in a boarding school for Indian children?	Yes.
† 20. What mechanical trades do you understand, and how much experience have you had?	
† 21. Are you accustomed to the duties of a farmer and a stockgrower?	
† 22. Are you handy with ordinary farm tools and implements; able to make repairs of buildings, vehicles, harness, fences, and do rough carpenter work?	
23. Have you ever been in the Indian Service? If so, when and where? Why did you leave, and at what time? [Year, month, and day, if possible.]	No.
24. Do you sing, and are you able to teach vocal music? Do you play any instrument? If so, what? Are you able to teach instrumental music?	Yes Yes Guitar No.
25. Have you skill in drawing and painting?	Yes.
26. Do you understand kindergarten methods, and have you applied them in your teaching?	Yes.
27. Give the names and addresses of two responsible persons who are thoroughly acquainted, by personal observation, with your qualifications for the position for which you apply, to whom I may refer for further information.	Miss K. L. Bowersox, Ind. Sch. Mr. E. A. Allen, Carlisle, Pa.

* To be answered by female applicants only.

† To be answered by male applicants only.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
28. Give names of one agent, one superintendent, and one matron to whom you can refer.	I have been away from the Agency for ten yrs and therefore I can not give the name of an agent Lupt. Lt. Col. R. H. Brett. Matron C. E. Wakley.
29. Why do you wish a position in an Indian school?	To work and be able to help others.

I herewith inclose my certificate of graduation (or attendance) at the last Indian or other school attended.

(Applicant's signature.) Sophia Americanhouse,

(Post-office address.) Ind. Sch. Carlisle, Pa.