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BRIEF.

APPLICATION OF

*Paul Belcourt*

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

*himself*

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

*White Earth, Minn.*

Date of enrollment, *Sept 7*, 1907

Term of enrollment, ( ) years.

NAME OF COLLECTING AGENT:

Position, .....

# APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN A NONRESERVATION SCHOOL

(For a child enrolled at an Agency.)

For and in consideration of the Government of the United States assuming the care, education, and maintenance in the United States Indian School at Carlisle Penn.

of Paul Bellecourt, (Name of child.) ; M (Sex) ; date of birth Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 1885 ;  
Chippewa (Tribe.)

NAME OF FATHER. (Both Indian and English.)	Living or Dead	TRIBE	BAND	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD.
<u>Eastash Bellecourt</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>Chippewa</u>	<u>Mississippi</u>	<u>1/8</u>
<u>Isabele Bellecourt</u>	<u>yes</u>			<u>1/8</u>

I, Paul Bellecourt, (Parent, guardian, or next of kin.) do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to

enrollment in said school for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ years, and also obligate myself to abide by all the rules and regulations for Indian schools.  
(Not less than 3.)

The said child has been enrolled in the following schools:

NAME OF SCHOOL.	DATE OF ENROLLMENT.	DATE OF DISCHARGE.	CAUSE.	GRADE.
<u>Haskell. Mass.</u>	<u>1901</u>	<u>1902</u>	<u>Sickness</u>	<u>7<sup>th</sup></u>

Paul Bellecourt  
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

P. O. address: White Earth  
Minnesota

Two witnesses:

John Leecy  
Scott Porter

### PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that I have this day carefully examined the above-named child herein proposed for transfer and find him to be in proper physical condition to attend school, and not afflicted with tuberculosis or any disease which would be a menace to the health of other pupils.

This 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1907

Paul Richards

Physician at White Earth Agency.

### CERTIFICATE OF AGENT OR BONDED SUPERINTENDENT.

I hereby certify that the statements made in the foregoing application and certificate, to the best of my knowledge and belief, are true; that the consent of Paul Bellecourt was voluntary, and I recommend the transfer of the said child. (Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

This 5<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1907

Samuel J. ...  
Agent or Superintendent.

### SPECIAL NOTE.

This form must be executed in duplicate when a child is transferred from a reservation to a nonreservation school. The Superintendent of the nonreservation school will retain the original for his files, and the duplicate shall be deposited in the Agency records. The agent will then send to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs his certificate as provided by law. All the blanks must be properly filled in every case.

### NOTE

Age limits, fourteen to twenty years. Preferably fourteen to eighteen. Students must be at least one-fourth Indian, preferably full Indian. Special cases beyond the age limit will be given consideration. An industrial course only can be taken and the term reduced to three years, in exceptional cases.

## INDORSEMENTS

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The laws relating to the transfer of Indian children from reservations and schools are as follows:

That hereafter no Indian child shall be sent from any Indian reservation to a school beyond the State or Territory in which said reservation is situated without the voluntary consent of the father or mother of such child if either of them are living, and if neither of them are living without the voluntary consent of the next of kin of such child. Such consent shall be made before the agent of the reservation, and he shall send to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs his certificate that such consent has been voluntarily given before such child shall be removed from such reservation. And it shall be unlawful for any Indian agent or other employee of the Government to induce, or seek to induce, by withholding rations or by other improper means, the parents or next of kin of any Indian to consent to the removal of any Indian child beyond the limits of any reservation. (28 Stats., p. 906.)

*Provided*, That hereafter no Indian child shall be taken from any school in any State or Territory to a school in any other State against its will or without the written consent of its parents. (29 Stats., p. 348.)

The rules provide that—

A pupil who has been regularly enrolled in a nonreservation school must not be taken to any other nonreservation school without the consent of both Superintendents and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and Superintendents will be held to strict accountability for such pupils taken to their schools.

An Indian boy or girl 18 years old and over may, without the consent of parents or others, personally sign the application form on it; being changed to suit the case.

This form is to be used only in transfers from reservations or Indian schools to nonreservation schools.



