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Read Instructions on this Application Blank carefully

**BRIEF**



**Application of**

*Lena Pelcher*

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

*of three years*

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

**Carlisle, Pennsylvania**

POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Date of enrollment ..... 191.....

Term of enrollment ..... (.....) years

*Important*—Only those students who desire to come to Carlisle because they have a definite purpose in view will be admitted. Applications for enrollment must be submitted in all cases for consideration before transportation can be made available. Time will then be taken to find out the records students have made in the schools previously attended, and to secure recommendations as to their *moral character* and their worthiness for further attendance at a Government institution.

# Application for Enrollment in a Non-Reservation School.

(For a child not enrolled at an Agency.)

For and in consideration of the United States assuming the care, education, and maintenance in the United States Indian School at Carlisle Indian School of Leona Pelcher, Female, I, Maria Pelcher (Name of child.) (Sex.) (Parent, Guardian, or next of kin.) of Mt Pleasant P. O., State of Michigan, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to her enrollment in said school for a period of three years, and also obligates and bind myself to abide by all the rules and regulations for Indian schools.

I further say that the said child was born at Isabella on Oct 2 1898 (Date.) that the father, Moses Pelcher, is a first Indian of the Chippewa (Name.) (Is or was.) (Degree.) Tribe located at Mt Pleasant Agency; that he left the tribe about \_\_\_\_\_; (Approximate date) that the mother, Maria Pelcher, is a first Indian of the Chippewa (Name.) (Is or was.) (Degree.) Tribe located at Mt Pleasant Agency, and left the tribe about \_\_\_\_\_; (Approximate date) that the said child was born and reared in the United States, and now actually resides therein; and that he has attended the following schools:

NAME OF SCHOOL—PUBLIC, GOVERNMENT, OR MISSION.	LOCATED AT—	DATE OF ENROLLMENT.	DATE OF DISCHARGE.	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE.	GRADE.
<u>Public School</u>	<u>Isabella</u>	<u>1907</u>	<u>1913</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>5</u>

This 20th day of September, 1915

Two witnesses:

Wm. Pelcher  
Mrs Lucy Pelcher

Mrs Maria Pelcher  
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)  
P. O. Mt Pleasant, Mich

(NOTE.—Every blank in this application must be properly filled out by the applicant, in his own handwriting, if possible. The signature, whether by mark or otherwise, must be attested by two witnesses.)

## AFFIDAVIT.

I, Mrs Maria Pelcher, do hereby swear that the statements made in the above application are true.

Lucy Pelcher (Signature of applicant.)  
Maria Pelcher (Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of Sept, 1915

Thomas L. Gray Notary Public

(NOTE.—This application and affidavit must be executed before some officer authorized to administer oaths by the parent with whom the child is living; if the parents are dead, by the guardian or next of kin.)

My com Expires July 15 1916

**Certificate of Physician.**

I, B. H. Johnston, a practicing physician of Rosebush Mich., do hereby certify that I have carefully examined Lena Pelcher, the child named in this application, and find that she is in proper physical condition to attend school, and is not afflicted with tuberculosis or other disease which would be a menace to the health of other pupils.

This 25<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1915  
B. H. Johnston, M. D.

**Vouchers of Disinterested Persons.**

VOUCHER No. 1.

I, Nat Whitney Director of School District no 4 of Township of Isabella, do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with Maria Pelcher who makes the foregoing application; that I believe her statements therein are true; that I am acquainted with Lena Pelcher;

(Business, calling, or profession.)  
(Name of Child.)

that she is known and recognized in the community in which she lives as an Indian; and that in my opinion she can not receive proper and adequate schooling at home for the reason that she had poor health and that she is well and healthy now.

This 25 day of Sept, 1915  
Nat Whitney

VOUCHER No. 2.

I, Wm. Thering, a Farmer of Isabella of Co. Mich., do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with Maria Pelcher, who makes the foregoing application; that I believe her statements therein are true; that I am acquainted with Lena Pelcher;

(Business, calling, or profession.)  
(Name of Child.)

that she is known and recognized in the community in which she lives as an Indian; and that in my opinion she cannot receive proper and adequate schooling at home for the reason that she don't want to go to public school any more and would like to learn a trade.

This 25 day of Sept, 1915  
Wm. Thering

## Certificate of School Physician.

I hereby certify that on ....., I made a careful examination  
(As soon after arrival as possible.)  
of the physical condition of ....., the child named in the fore-  
going application, and found.....to be .....

I therefore recommend that the said child be ..... enrolled in this school.

This ..... day of ....., 191.....

*School Physician.*

### INDORSEMENT.

A child showing one-sixteenth or less Indian blood, whose parents live on an Indian reservation, Indian fashion, who, if debarred from the Government schools, could not obtain an education, may be permitted in the reservation day and boarding schools, but it is preferable that it be not transferred to a nonreservation school, without permission from the Office. Children showing one-eighth or less Indian blood, whose parents do not live on an Indian reservation, whose home is among white people where there are churches and schools, who are presumed to have adopted the white man's manners and customs, and are to all intents and purposes white people, are debarred from enrollment in the Government nonreservation and reservation schools. Superintendents, in all cases where doubt exists as to the degree of Indian blood of a child proposed for transfer, should fully satisfy themselves of the facts by affidavits from reliable persons, which affidavits must be kept on file at the school.

A pupil who has been regularly enrolled in a nonreservation school must not be taken to any other non-reservation 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.

A pupil dismissed from school for cause must not be enrolled in any other school without the permission of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Full facts must be submitted with each request.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Carlisle, Pa.  
Jan. 19th., 1916.

Mr. Meyer:

Neither Lena nor Cecilia Pelcher are very strong, both having been treated for minor ailments at various times. Lena has had glandular tuberculosis in the past and there is no assurance but that she may become tubercular at some future period. Just now, however, there is nothing really seriously wrong with the girl and I hardly feel that I should recommend her immediate dismissal.

Respectfully,

Walter R. Dutton, M.D.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Carlisle, Pa.

Jan. 7th., 1916

Mr. Meyer:

Lena Pelcher and Cecilia Pelcher are both in the hospital at this time. They had the Grippe, which in Lena's case was followed by neuralgia of the face and in Cecilia's case by a running ear. Neither Girl is at all serious. There is no good reason for sending them home on account of health conditions.

Chas. Cox's home station is

*Walthill, Nebraska*

William Pelcher's home station is

*Rosebush, Michigan*

Respectfully,

*Walter Rindtloff M.D.*

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Jan. 31st, 1916.

Mrs. Isaac (Pelcher)  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

My dear Madam:

In reply to that part of your letter of recent date which conveys to me the request from Mr. and Mrs. Moses Pelcher that their daughter (Lena) be sent home, this is to state that favorable consideration cannot be given the request until an amount required to pay for the girl's return to Carlisle after the termination of her period of leave is deposited here. If her permanent release from Carlisle is to be effected it will be required that her parents reimburse the government for the amount that had to be expended to bring Lena to Carlisle last fall.

Will you please have me advised further what action the parents of the girl desire to have taken?

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

(Copy to Mr. and Mrs. Moses Pelcher.)

Jan. 31st, 1916.

Mrs. Isaac Pelcher,

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

My dear Madam:

Referring to that part of your letter of recent date in which the return home of Celia Pelcher is requested, this is to inform you that arrangements are being made to have her leave here tomorrow afternoon. A ticket for her use to Rosebush is being procured and she should arrive at that station between one and two o'clock on the afternoon of February 2nd.

Favorable consideration is being given the request of Celia's parents because there seems to be a need of her services at home and because she came to Carlisle at her own expense for transportation.

Please notify me when Celia has arrived at home so that our records will be complete.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

(Copy to Mr. Joe Pelcher.)

Mt. Pleasant Mich  
Jan 22. 1916.

Supt Mr. Lipps

Indian School

Carlisle Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Just a few lines

this afternoon. Mr & Mrs Joe  
Pelcher want their daughter  
Celia Pelcher to come home  
right away for Celia Aunt  
is awfully sick, she is  
wants a to help taking care  
of ~~her~~ sick body.

beside they are building  
 a new house <sup>Mr</sup> mother got lot  
 of work to do. money has  
 send to her to come home  
~~hope~~ Mr & Mrs Moses Pelcher  
 want their daughter Lena  
 Pelcher also to come home  
 that if she wants to and  
 money has been send to her  
 also.

But Mr & Mrs Joe Pelcher  
 want their daughter Celia to come  
 home the worse way to take care  
 brother William Pelcher is sick

to much work to mother  
to home hoping you give  
them orders to come home  
soon Respectfully yours  
Mrs. Isaac Pelcher

P.S.

Elia Pelcher father address  
Mr Joe Pelcher  
Clara  
Michigan

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Jan. 20th, 1916.

Mrs. Moses Pelcher,

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

My dear Madam:

When your letter of the 17th instant in regard to a complaint that has come to you from Lena Pelcher that she is not well was received here it was referred to our School Physician. A statement as follows has been submitted by the Physician:

"Neither Lena nor Cecelia Pelcher are very strong, both having been treated for minor ailments at various times. Lena has had glandular tuberculosis in the past and there is no assurance but that she may become tubercular at some future period. Just now, however, there is nothing really serious wrong with the girl and I hardly feel that I should recommend her immediate dismissal."

The young lady has been seen at this office and has been questioned about the necessity for her return home. Although she has evidently never been a very robust girl the chief cause for her complaint seems to be that she wants to get home.

-2- Mrs. Moses Pelcher.

There is now no reason why she should not continue with her work here, but if you insist on having her at home I must request you to reimburse the Government for the amount that was expended to bring her to Carlisle.

Will you let me hear from you again in regard to this matter?

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Acting Superintendent.

(Copy to Superintendent Cochran.)

out Wick  
Jan, 17, 1916,

1st - Mr. Lipps.  
Carlisle Pa.

Dear sir,

Just a few  
lines this morning.  
I learn that Lene Pelcher  
is sick most the time,  
and she think that she  
can not stand to stay  
in school account of her  
poor health and I would  
like to have her come home  
soon before she gets worse  
again. I think she got  
enough money to use way

friend  
Mrs. Mares Pelcher  
hopes to hear from you  
soon.

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March 15th, 1916.

Mr. Moses Pelcher.

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

My dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 7th instant, with which you enclosed a Money Order in the sum of \$16.75 to reimburse the Government for the amount that had to be expended to bring your daughter Lena to Carlisle last fall.

This is also to advise you that Lena has deposited an amount of \$18.00 with me to pay for her transportation home and that arrangements are being made at her request so that she can leave here on Monday afternoon of next week. She should arrive at your home the following afternoon, Tuesday, March the 21st.

A small balance of the \$18.00 deposited will not be required to pay for Lena's ticket and that amount will be given her to pay for incidental traveling expenses enroute home. That should enable her to make the trip without discomfort and after she has arrived at your home please let me hear from you.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

at Pleasant Mich,

March 7<sup>th</sup> 1916

Dear Sir, -

Mr & Mrs. Moses Pelcher  
desire their daughter Lena  
Pelcher to come home for  
she is complaining she's not  
in good health for lack  
of your doctor's assistance  
and we are enclosing \$16.75  
to pay her fare up to Carlisle  
last fall and we send her  
money before.

34.75  
O. V. Bell  
3-15-16

yours Truly  
Moses Pelcher

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March 31, 1916

Miss Lena Pelcher,  
c/o Moses Pelcher,  
Rosebush, Mich.

My dear Lena:

I am enclosing herewith for your signature a certificate of payor for the \$16.73 refunded by you for the cost of your ticket from Mount Pleasant, Mich., to Carlisle last fall. I had this ready for your signature before you left but overlooked the matter.

I am enclosing herewith a franked envelope for the return of the certificate after you have signed same. It requires no postage.

Your early attention to this will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Superintendent.

CVP:LG  
Encl.