Fire Regulation Exemption Application

As an American Indian student at the University of South Dakota, I am aware of the Board of Regents fire regulations for the University of South Dakota. Based upon my spiritual beliefs and practices I am requesting an “Exemption” from these regulations. (More information regarding application procedures can be found on the back of this form)

1. I believe having access to and the opportunity for the utilization of my sacred medicines (cedar, sage and/or sweet grass) in personal prayer is essential to my traditional American Indian cultural ways of life and for my wellbeing as a student at the university. I engage in spiritual practice, morning and evening.
2. I am also aware that my roommate(s) or those closes to my living arrangement may have allergies to one or some of these medicines. Therefore, I will take the appropriate and necessary precautions in utilizing the medicines in the privacy of my own room.
3. I will also discuss the burn exemption with my roommate(s).

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: ___________________________ USD ID#: _________________ Date: _____________

Phone Number: ___________________________ Email: _________________________________

Roommate Agreement

With my signature below, I agree to share the common areas of my assigned residential space with a roommate that has been approved to have a “Fire Regulation Exemption” for American Indian cultural/spiritual purposes. Should I have any concerns, disagreements, or inability to come to agreement regarding the use of sacred medicines (sage, sweet grass and/or cedar), I/we will discuss our concerns as roommates or with our Resident Assistant and/or Residence Hall Director.

Roommate Name: ___________________________ USD ID#: __________________________

Roommate Signature: ___________________________ Date: ______________________

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APPLICANT SIGNATURE: ________________________________

Office Use Only: Approved ____ Denied: _______ Date ______________

Comments: __________________________________________________

Director, Native Student Services Date

Director, University Housing (or Designee) Date
Fire Regulation Exemption Procedures

All applications are considered on a case by case basis and will utilize the following procedures for consideration:

1. Students can obtain an application at the Native Student Services Center or at the University Housing Office (now located in the Center for Continuing Education).
2. Guidance can be sought at either location or from residence hall staff regarding completion of the application.
3. Once complete, the application can be submitted to the Native Student Services Center for review.
4. Following review by Native Student Services, the application will be sent to the University Housing Office for review.
5. Following final review, the University Housing Office will inform the student of the decision via their USD Student Email. The University Housing Office will maintain the official record of the application.
6. The University Housing Office will also inform other applicable parties (Residence Hall Directors, RAs, etc.).