ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Admission Criteria:
1. ISU Application for Admission submit to Registrar’s office or apply on-line at (If you’re already an ISU student, you don’t need to re-apply):  http://www.isu.edu/prospect.shtml; click on “admissions”. The code for Educational Interpreting is “1235”. ISU Registrar’s office, Campus Stop 8196, Pocatello, ID 83209; (208.282.2661)
2. Sign Lang Interpreting Program Application submit to: Sign Lang Interpreting Admissions, CSD, Box 8116, Pocatello, ID 83209
3. Completion or near completion of A.A. or A.S. from an accredited institution.
4. Cumulative GPA 2.75 or higher.
5. Program GPA 3.0 or higher (sign classes, interpreting classes, etc.)
6. Application Video – see requirements below
7. Academic writing sample – see requirements below
8. Two letters of recommendation – see requirements below

Required Documentation:

Preference will be given to completed applications to the Sign Lang Interpreting Major received by April 1st. A completed application includes the application form, transcript copies, a written essay, and USB. Attach the following and submit to  Sign Lang Interpreting Admissions, CSD, Box 8116, Pocatello, ID 83209-8116 for priority consideration.

1. Copy of transcripts from college/university currently attending or previously attended. Official transcripts need to be sent to ISU Admissions office; include unofficial copies with your application packet.

2. Two letters of recommendation –these letters must be from people who have knowledge of your American Sign Language or written English proficiency and/or work with the Deaf Community, but not your current ISU instructors. (Yes, if you’ve taken ASL from another university or college, you may ask that instructor). If these individuals are not available, the applicant may contact people who are familiar with his/her work as a student and/or employee, and who can address potential success both as a student and as a professional interpreter.

3. Academic writing sample – prepare and enclose with this application a brief two to three page double-spaced, typewritten essay. Use American Psychological Association (APA) style guidelines with 12 point Times New Roman font. Include a bibliography documenting your references. Citations of at least two current references are required. References should be published scholarly texts and articles.

Topic: Describe the pros and cons of mainstreaming versus residential schools for educating Deaf and Hard of Hearing students.
4. **Application video**: record a sample of your skills using a USB thumb drive that includes the following information (If you don’t know what this means, ask. Other formats will not be accepted):

A. **American Sign Language Introduction** – This portion of your work should be 3-5 minutes in length. Use ASL to describe:
   1. how you first became interested in American Sign Language;
   2. your reasons for wanting to become a professional interpreter; and
   3. your professional goals following completion of the interpreting program

B. **Spoken English Introduction** – This portion of the USB should be 3-5 minutes in length. Use spoken English to describe:
   1. how you first became interested in American Sign Language;
   2. your reasons for wanting to become a professional interpreter; and
   3. your professional goals following completion of the interpreting program

C. **American Sign Language** – This portion of the USB should be 10-15 minutes in length. Using American Sign Language, describe:
   1. four different components of Deaf Culture
   2. how has the Deaf culture/community changed in the last 20 years?
   3. what are your experiences with the Deaf Community?

*NOTE:* In addition to the materials required here, we may contact you to arrange for an assessment of your ASL skills and/or an interview.
SIGN LANG INTERPRETING APPLICATION FORM
ISU MERIDIAN CAMPUS

Application Date: _____________________________

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please print)

Name ____________________________________________________________ SSN ______ - ______ - ________
   Last   First     Middle
Street # ________________________ Apt./Unit # ________________________
City ________________________ State ________________________ Zip Code ________________________
Telephone: Work __________________ Home __________________ Cell/mobile ______________________
Birthdate ______/______/______  E-mail ______________________________
State of Residency: _______________________________________________

II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION
   1) List of college(s) attended and degrees awarded

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   2) List of courses/credits/certifications in sign language and/or interpreting if they are not listed on a transcript from a College/University in #1 above:

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Sign Lang Interp Program Application
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