This Online Application helps you start the process of applying for free legal help from South Dakota. Filling out the application does not mean that Legal Aid will help you. Legal Aid has limited resources and cannot assist everyone who needs help. The information collected in the application is only used to help Legal Aid decide if you are eligible for our help.

Application Process:

Before you go to the Online Application, let’s review the process. The process has 3 steps.

1. **You fill out the application.** We ask you questions about the type of problem you have. We also ask about the monthly income and assets of all the people that you live with. You should get this information together before you start the application.

2. **We may contact you for additional information.** We make every effort to contact you within 3-5 business days.
• Please DO NOT fill out more than one application for the same legal issue. Filling out multiple applications for the same legal issue may cause a delay in us being able to complete your application.

• If you miss our first phone call to you, we will leave a voicemail for you to call us back at your convenience between normal business hours. If you do not return our phone call within 30 days, we will close your case without further notice to you.

3. **We let you know if you are eligible for help.** Even if you are eligible for help, we may not be able to go to court with you. Instead, we may provide you with information or advice. If we cannot help you, we will give you information about other places you may be able to get help.

When you have completed the questions, click the button that says **Submit Application**. Your information will be sent to a South Dakota Legal Services Intake Specialist for your area.

If the phone in your home is not safe for you to use, please give us a safe phone or email address so we can reach you.