Qualifications

A. Minimum Qualifications for Obtaining Scholarship Funding:
   1. You must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe.
   2. You must be attending an accredited college or university in the state of Minnesota.
   3. You must be pursuing an undergraduate degree or apprenticeship program.
   4. You must have demonstrated an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher on your most current educational transcripts.
   5. You must be able to demonstrate leadership qualities within the American Indian community.
   6. Preference is given to Minnesota residents.

B. All Submissions MUST Include the Following:
   1. Ethel Curry American Indian Leadership Scholarship application.
   2. Most recent unofficial college transcript, or high school transcript if you are a freshman student applicant.
   3. Proof of enrollment in a federally recognized tribe.
   4. An essay expressing the reasons why you should be awarded this scholarship. It should be no longer than 400 words and must include your educational goals, professional/work goals and the impact you want to have within your tribal community.
   5. Two letters of recommendation:
      • Letter One: An academic reference letter that describes your academic leadership activities and connection to the American Indian community, and
      • Letter Two: A personal reference letter describing your character and leadership qualities, and connection to the American Indian community.

C. Additional Requirements
   1. The Ethel Curry American Indian Leadership Scholarship application must be legible and filled out in its entirety.
   2. All submissions MUST include the required materials as outlined above in POINT B.
   3. All of the required materials must be submitted together by the application deadline – NO EXCEPTIONS.
   4. Completed applications, including unofficial transcripts, MUST be received or POSTMARKED on or before May 31, 2017.

Submit All Required Items as Outlined Above to:
Minnesota Department of Education
Office of Indian Education
Attn: Kristen Aeikens
1500 W. Hwy. 36
Roseville, MN 55113

If you have questions, please contact Kristen Aeikens:
O: 651.582.8558, E: Kristen.Aeikens@state.mn.us.

All applicants will be notified no later than August 15, 2017, regarding their application status.
ETHEL CURRY AMERICAN INDIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
– UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT –

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name – First, Middle, Last ____________________________________________

Date of Birth _______________________________ Social Security Number _______________________________

Primary Address _______________________________________________________

City, State, Zip Code ___________________________________________________

Telephone – Home ___________________ Telephone – Mobile ____________________

E-Mail _______________________________________________________________

New/Returning? (Check one): ☐ First-time applicant  ☐ Returning Ethel Curry Scholar

Full/Part-time? (Check one): ☐ Full-time student status  ☐ Part-time student status

Tribal Affiliation ______________________________________________________

B. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Institution of Attendance _______________________________________________

Institution Mailing Address _____________________________________________

Institution Telephone _________________________________________________

Status in Community or Technical College: ☐ First Year  ☐ Second Year

Status in 4-year Undergraduate Program: ☐ Freshman  ☐ Sophomore  ☐ Junior  ☐ Senior

Anticipated Degree ______________________________________________________

Major _______________________________ Minor __________________________

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) _________________________________

Anticipated/Actual Graduation Date – Month and Year _______________________

I certify that I have met all of the requirements for eligibility for the Ethel Curry American Indian Leadership Scholarship. I understand that this scholarship is annual and competitive. I certify that I am not a family member or relative of any Minnesota Department of Education employee. I understand that by completing this application, I am not guaranteed funding.

Signature of Applicant/Date ____________________________________________

All Information Provided in Accordance with the ECS Application is Held in Strict Confidentiality.