

ETHEL CURRY AMERICAN INDIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (GRADUATE STUDENT)

I. 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 a graduate degree.
4. You must have demonstrated an overall 3.0 GPA or higher on your most current educational transcripts.
5. You must be able to demonstrate leadership qualities within the American Indian community.
6. Preference given to Minnesota residents.

B. The Ethel Curry American Indian Leadership Scholarship (ECS) application (attached) must be legible and all lines must be completely filled out. **The initial submission MUST include all materials requested or the application will be disqualified. Please submit all required materials together by the application deadline to avoid disqualification.**

C. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Ethel Curry American Indian Leadership Scholarship application (next page)
2. Most recent official college transcript
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: (1) an academic reference letter that describes your academic leadership activities and connection to the American Indian community, and (2) a personal reference letter describing your character and leadership qualities, and connection to the American Indian community.

Completed applications MUST be POSTMARKED on or before May 31, 2016

If you have questions, please feel free to call LaDonna Mustin at 651-582-8832 or email her at: ladonna.mustin@state.mn.us.

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****All information is held in strict confidentiality****

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Social Security Number: _____

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

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

Mailing Address: _____
Street Address/Rural Route/Box #/include apartment #

_____ City State Zip Code

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____

E-Mail: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____

Name of Institution Attending: _____

Institution Mailing Address: _____
Street Address

_____ City State Zip Code

Institution Main Telephone: _____

Status in College: Graduate Student: First Year Second Year Third Year Fourth Year +

Degree: _____ Major: _____ Minor: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

Anticipated/actual graduation from current institution (month and year): _____ / _____

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

Signature of Applicant

Date

Return all materials to: Minnesota Department of Education
Attn: LaDonna Mustin
1500 Hwy 36 West
Roseville MN 55113-4266

Note: To be considered for a scholarship in the 2016-2017 academic year, materials must be POSTMARKED on or before May 31, 2016. All applicants will be notified no later than August 15, 2016 regarding their application status.