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 an undergraduate degree or apprenticeship program.
   4. You must have demonstrated an overall 2.0 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 or high school (if freshman student applicant) 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) a letter from your work or college experience and (2) a letter as a personal reference of your character and leadership.

Completed applications MUST be POSTMARKED on or before May 30, 2015

If you have questions, please call LaDonna Mustin at 651-582-8832 or email her at: ladonna.mustin@state.mn.us.
ETHEL CURRY AMERICAN INDIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT)

**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: Community or Technical College  
☐ First Year  ☐ Second Year

☐ 4-year Undergraduate Student  
☐ Freshman  ☐ Sophomore  ☐ Junior  ☐ Senior

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 2015-2016 academic year, materials must be POSTMARKED on or before May 30, 2015. All applicants will be notified no later than August 15, 2015 regarding their application status.