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The Ethel Curry American Indian Leadership Scholarship Now Accepting Applications

FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION – 2017-2018

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) Office of Indian Education is pleased to announce that the Ethel Curry American Indian Leadership Scholarship program is actively seeking new applicants for the 2017-2018 academic year.

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be an enrolled member of a Federally recognized tribe;
- Be accepted to or currently enrolled in an accredited community college, or four-year college or university within the State of Minnesota;
- Be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree;
- Possess a minimum GPA of 2.0 for undergraduate applicants and 3.0 for graduate applicants.

A complete list of applicant requirements can be obtained from the [Indian Education page](#) of the MDE website, by downloading the Undergraduate or Graduate student application. Required materials may also be obtained by contacting Kristen Aeikens in the Office of Indian Education: kristen.aeikens@state.mn.us or 651.582.8558.

Award amounts range from \$500-\$2000 per term, and are quite competitive, therefore all scholarship materials must be received or postmarked by May 31, 2017.

ABOUT ETHEL CURRY:

Ethel Curry was born in Hixton, Wisconsin in 1888. In 1914 she graduated from the University of Minnesota with a B.A. in Mathematics and Biology. Post-graduation, Ms. Curry was accepted into two medical schools, but due to health considerations, did not attend either. She instead worked for the Mayo Clinic for nearly 40 years as a surgical secretary.

According to her niece, Jeanne Angel, Ms. Curry lived simply and frugally, without television or telephone. She was a lifelong scholar with a lively, inquiring mind and an independent spirit. Her tremendous wealth was attained through investments in Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing (3M). Ms. Curry was a warm and sociable person, who held a deep compassion for American Indian people. Ethel Curry died in 1995 at the age of 107.