



Chilliwack Metis Association

2017 Scholarship Information

The Chilliwack Metis Associations' (CMA) Scholarship Program provides funding to BC students of Metis ancestry to help support their post-secondary education. 100% of the funds are raised from the CMA's annual fundraising raffle.

Note: this is not in conjunction to the local bursaries CMA gives out annually.

CMA's program is separate from the Metis Nation BC's (MNBC) Employment & Training Program, but still requires acceptance by MNBC. For more information, please see the last section of "Who is Eligible".

Description:

Metis students who are residents of BC and enrolled full-time in a recognized post-secondary university or college in a minimum two-year program are eligible to apply. Award amounts are determined by academic achievement and need, and will reflect the amount of assistance received from other sources.

Who is Eligible:

- High-school graduates and post-secondary students of Metis ancestry
- Applicants who are permanent residents in British Columbia for six months or more at the time of application (not including attendance at post-secondary institution)
- Applicants registered full-time* in a minimum two-year academic program at any BC recognized post-secondary institution

*Full-time is considered as follows:

- undergraduate students, at least 3 full-time credit courses (60%) per term
 - students with a disability that affects academic performance, at least 2 full credit course (40%) of term
 - graduate students, a letter from your academic advisor confirming satisfactory progress at a full-time level (for a maximum of 3 years for Masters students, and 5 years for Doctorate students)
- Acceptance by MNBC by either providing a photocopy of a Metis identification card issued by a community recognized by the MNBC, or a letter verifying Metis citizenship from a community recognized by the MNBC. If you need further assistance, please feel free to contact us at chilliwackmetisfundraising@gmail.com

What are the Selection Criteria:

- Applicant is of Metis ancestry
- Applicant must provide a letter of recommendation from Metis community

- Applicant must attain a minimum 2.5 grade point average or C+ grade equivalent
- Applicants completing graduate studies demonstrate satisfactory progress at a full-time level
- Applicants completing a 40% course load have provided proof of permanent disability
- Applicant must demonstrate financial need
- Students will not be eligible for a scholarship to repeat a course or academic year, for which a scholarship has already been received

How to Apply:

Students must complete the following:

1. Completed, signed and dated application form
2. Letter written by the applicant on ancestry, family background, education and employment history, and career or academic goal (first time applicants only)
3. Proof of full-time registration in a college or university
4. Letter of support from recognized Metis community
5. Supporting evidence of Metis ancestry, or a further explanation (first time applicants only)
6. Applicants with a disability that affects academic performance must provide **one** of the following documents explaining academic performance limitations:
 - a. Verification of receipt or qualification for federal or provincial assistance
 - b. Medical certificate from a licensed medical practitioner (physician or specialist), that must be signed by the prescribing practitioner
 - c. Learning disability assessment
 - d. Verification of permanent disability form

Graduate students must provide:

1. Official transcript verifying enrollment
2. Letter from academic advisor confirming advisors role, full-time level and satisfactory progress. Letter must be dated and signed on university letterhead with advisor's contact information.

Other Information:

- Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding
- If you are moving or have a change of circumstance, it is your responsibility to notify us by email to chilliwackmetisfundraising@gmail.com

Please mail your application to:

Chilliwack Metis Association
Re: 2016 Scholarship Application
 P.O. Box 2037
 Chilliwack, BC V2R 1A5

Questions? Please email chilliwackmetisfundraising@gmail.com

