The Chief Joe Mathias BC Aboriginal Scholarship Fund was established to honour the memory of the late Chief Joe Mathias, a hereditary and elected Chief of the Squamish Nation. Chief Mathias is remembered for his vision and his leadership for the rights of aboriginal people in British Columbia and across the country. Central to that vision was his passionate belief in and advocacy for higher education for aboriginal young people. This Scholarship Fund is dedicated to helping realize Joe’s dream of providing post-secondary opportunities for energetic, dedicated and aspiring young British Columbia First Nation students, opportunities to enable them to realize their dreams of becoming leaders of tomorrow in the career of their choosing. There is no more appropriate tribute to the work of Chief Mathias than to witness the success of the young aboriginal graduates and scholarship recipients presented here. First Nation doctors, businessmen and women, scientists, social workers, engineers, nurses, computer programmers, lawyers, and teachers…these are the leaders of the future who will continue his legacy and ensure a bright and prosperous future for First Nations citizens and their communities. The Chief Joe Mathias Scholarship has provided over 300 scholarships to over 240 students from almost 100 First Nations in BC since its inception in 2002.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AWARD RECIPIENTS OF

2019

Adam Gauthier
Tla’amin Nation
Bachelor of Child & Youth Care
University of Victoria

“The vision of uplifting First Nations students to achieve their dreams is encouraging. Thank you for recognizing and inspiring First Nations students.”

Daniel Kennedy
Cook’s Ferry Band
Bachelor of Science
UBC

“This scholarship gives much needed breathing room, allowing me to focus on my rigorous studies.”

Darlynda Jack
Ulkatcho
Bachelors of Social Work
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology

“These types of scholarships help out so many young Indigenous People, and I’m honored to have been chosen by the Chief Joe Mathias’ Scholarship Fund & their sponsors! Chanalya.”

Diamond Point
Musqueam Nation
NITEP Indigenous Teacher Education Program
UBC

“I am beyond grateful and appreciate the generous support.”
Dylan Whitney

Xaxli’p
Faculty of Medicine (MD Undergraduate Program)
University of Alberta

“With your donations, you enable more BC First Nation students to pursue diligent studies that further our employability and research interests.”

Emily White

Klahoose First Nation
Bachelor of Arts (Indigenous Studies)
University of Victoria

“This scholarship is going to greatly decrease my financial stresses during this upcoming year of studies and allow me to focus more on my academics and in community.”

Jobena Alec

Lake Babine
Social Sciences
University of Victoria

“I believe this award will send me forward by leaps and bounds in my educational journey. The heart of my community is the culture.”

Joseph Ledo

Musqueam Nation
Doctorate of Medicine
McMaster University

“My dream of becoming a medical doctor wouldn’t be possible without you.”

Joshua Houghton

Squamish Nation
Bachelor of Early Childhood Education
Capilano University

“This award will help on many levels for myself while going back to school but also my son.”

Karen Louie

Ahousaht, Nuu Chah Nulth
Master of Arts (Child and Youth Care)
University of Victoria

“Having this extra funding will allow me to focus on school and developing my career so I can be a supportive person in my community.”
Karla Joseph
Xw’isten
Master of Social Work
University of Toronto

“I am highly committed to completing this degree program and am very excited to use my new skills and knowledge to do good work in our communities.”

Katelyn Cooper
Lax Kw’alaams
Bachelor of Natural Resource Protection
Vancouver Island University

“I would like to express my gratitude for receiving the Chief Joe Mathias Scholarship Fund award and to thank you, the donors, for making this possible.”

Kathryn Ignace
Skeetchentn Indian Band
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Thompson Rivers University

“As I continue to further my career in healthcare and helping people, especially those in my Community, I am deeply appreciative of the donors picking myself as a candidate”

Keenan Andrew
Ahousat First Nation
Master of Arts (Child & Youth Care)
University of Victoria

“In my Nuučaan̓ul language we say ḱeekoo ḱeekoo (klecko klecko) for your ongoing support in my post-secondary journey. This award will help my family and I continue to volunteer”

Pala Kovacs
Lil’wat Nation
Bachelor of Business Management
UBC - Okanagan

“Stress, financial dismay, and poor health lead to an incomplete or low GPA post-secondary degree. Thanks to you, many students are relieved of those precursors.”

Rachael Franz
Haisla Nation
Bachelor of Biology
University of Victoria

“It means so much to have people like you supporting me and believing in me along the way. Receiving this award increases my confidence and helps relieve financial stress, allowing me to focus more energy on succeeding in my courses.”
Shane Baker  
*Gitxsan*  
Indigenous Studies (Diploma)  
Camosun College  

“I would like to thank the Chief Joe Matthias scholarship society for this amazing opportunity”

Susan Soloman  
*Gitanmaax*  
Master of Social Work (Trauma and Resiliency)  
University of Toronto  

“I am honoured and will one day return the kindness and in turn help a student out by donation!”

Sylena Romanyslyn  
*Tla’amin Nation*  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Camosun College  

“I cannot express my appreciation enough to this wonderful foundation for assisting me in achieving my future goal”

Taiden Galway  
*Squamish Nation*  
Bachelor of Arts (English)  
Simon Fraser University  

“I feel honored to be chosen for the Chief Joe Mathias Scholarship, and for that I thank you.”

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