

Chief Joe Mathias British Columbia Aboriginal Scholarship Fund

2025

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The Chief Joe Mathias British Columbia Aboriginal Scholarship Fund (“The Fund”) is a nationally registered charity established in memory of the late Chief Joe Mathias to support Chief Mathias’ vision of post-secondary education for all First Nations people. The Fund is an incorporated society under the Society Act of British Columbia.

The purposes of the Fund is to advance education by providing educational scholarships to deserving British Columbia First Nation students who are in financial need and who demonstrate merit, in order to improve access to post-secondary education so that deserving British Columbia First Nation people can acquire the knowledge and skills needed to participate in a changing economy and society, including scholarships to enable deserving BC First Nation students to engage in:

- ❖ Courses of study towards an academic degree or diploma, at an eligible post-secondary educational institution at an undergraduate level; or
- ❖ Post-graduate academic studies at an eligible post-secondary educational institution

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

The Fund will grant scholarships only to people who:

- ❖ Are members or citizens of a British Columbia First Nation;
- ❖ Are enrolled at an eligible post-secondary educational institution as a full-time, or part-time, student;
- ❖ Are pursuing studies that lead to a degree, or diploma from that institution; and
- ❖ Are in financial need and demonstrate merit.

Priority will be given to candidates who wish to pursue and excel in academic pursuits with the greatest potential benefit to the welfare and advancement of First Nations peoples and communities.

The Fund will NOT grant scholarships for the following:

- A. Education at non-recognized post-secondary institutions;**
- B. Attendance at conferences / symposiums / workshops; and**
- C. Professional fees / schools.**

ELIGIBLE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

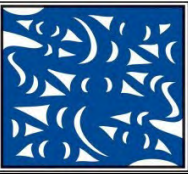
- The scholarships will be provided to eligible recipients for post-secondary studies at a post-secondary educational institution that grants degrees or diplomas.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Factors to be considered by the Board in the selection of a candidate for a scholarship may include academic achievement, personal qualities and character, interest and participation in post-secondary educational institution and community affairs, development of a program of studies and special aptitude and qualification for that program.

APPLICATIONS

Applications will be reviewed each year at a special meeting of the Board held for the purpose of awarding Scholarships. Scholarship Applications must conform with all requirements of the following application Form. Should you have any questions please email chiefjoemathias@gmail.com.



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2025 Scholarship Application Form

Be sure to read this Application Form carefully, answer each question, and sign this Application Form.

1. Who is eligible? An individual who is a member of a British Columbia First Nation.
2. What Parts of this Application Form must be completed?

Part I - All applicants must complete Part I of this Application Form.

Part II – Undergraduate Scholarship Applicants must complete.

Part III – Post-Graduate Scholarship Applicants must complete.

3. What support documents must I provide? All Scholarship levels must include the following with your application:

A complete Undergraduate Scholarship Application must include:

- Part I of the Scholarship Application Form;
- Part II of the Scholarship Application Form for Undergraduate Students;
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae;
- A thoughtful letter of personal introduction. Include any information that will make your request a compelling one (Single spaced, 10 – 12 point font);
- One (1) letter of reference from teacher, an academic supervisor, or current/former employer;
- A photocopy of your valid status card;
- Proof of enrollment: A letter from the post-secondary educational institution verifying your enrollment OR a copy of your current class registration form;
- A grade transcript including your most recent period of study.

A complete Graduate Scholarship Application must include:

- Part I of the Scholarship Application Form;
- Part III of the Scholarship Application Form for Graduate Students;
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae;
- A thoughtful letter of personal introduction. Include any information that will make your request a compelling one (Single spaced, 10 – 12 point font);
- One (1) letter of academic reference from those listed under section 3.4 of Part III;
- A photocopy of your valid status card;
- Proof of enrollment: A letter from the post-secondary educational institution verifying your enrollment OR a copy of your current registration form;
- A grade transcript including your most recent period of study.

4. Who do I send the Completed Application Form and Supportive Documentation to?

Email to ChiefJoeMathias@gmail.com. **Note that the assembled application packages sent electronically must be included in one PDF document sent in a single email with the subject line as your name and the type of scholarship you are applying for.**

5. Deadline for submitting applications: Scholarship Applications and Support Documentation are due, and must be received at, the above address by no later than **June 20, 2025 at 11:59PM**. **Late applications will not be considered.**
6. Scholarship amounts vary each year depending on the annual income earned by the Fund. *If you have any questions, please email ChiefJoeMathias@gmail.com.*

Part I — All Applicants Must Complete This Part
(Insert additional page(s) if required)

1.0 Which scholarship are you applying for: Undergraduate Graduate

1.1 Surname: _____ Given Name and Initials: _____

1.2 Home Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

1.3 Mailing Address: as above, or:

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

1.4 Date of Birth: _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

1.5 Have you applied for or received a Chief Joe Mathias British Columbia Aboriginal Scholarship before?

Yes No

If yes, please indicate:

Year _____ If received, value of award _____

Year _____ If received, value of award _____

Year _____ If received, value of award _____

Year _____ If received, value of award _____

1.6 Have you applied for a Student Loan?

Yes No

Value of Assistance (if known): _____

1.7 Have you applied to your First Nation for funding?

Yes No

Has your First Nation agreed to fund you? Yes No

How much will you receive? \$ _____

1.8 Have you explored other sources of funding (other scholarships, university scholarships, other scholarships, etc.)?

Yes No If yes, how much will you receive? \$ _____

1.9 Is your family able to contribute to your education costs or living expenses?

Yes No

1.10 Are you currently employed?

Yes No

1.11 Are you able to contribute to your own educational expense this coming year?

Yes No

If so, approximately how much? _____

1.12 Expenses: What do you estimate your following expenses will be?

Expense Type	From Jan 1 - Jun 30	From Jun 30 - Dec 31	Total
a) Tuition			
b) Text Books			
c) Other Academic Supplies			
d) Accommodation			
e) Food			
f) Transportation			
g) Other (Identify)			
Grand Total	\$	\$	\$

1.13 Which British Columbia First Nation are you a member or citizen of? _____

Include a copy of your valid status card.

1.14 Please describe your involvement within your First Nation community? (insert additional page(s) if needed)

I hereby declare that the information in Part I of this Application Form is correct, that I shall be a full-time or part-time student for the academic period stated in this Application Form and that if I discontinue full-time or part-time studies during the stated period or if my submitted information is found to be fraudulent, I am liable to return all or a portion of any award provided to me.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Part II — Applicants Undergraduate Scholarship Applicants Must Complete this Part

(Insert additional page(s) if required)

Is your program leading towards a:

Bachelor's Degree Associate Degree Diploma

2.0 What program are you enrolled in?

Official Program Name: _____

Major/Minor/Concentration: _____

Institution: _____

Location: _____

2.1 How long is your program? (NOTE: One year equals 8 months of full-time studies)

1 year 2 years 3 years 4 years 5 years

2.2 What year of your studies are you applying for a scholarship for? (Example: Year 1 of 4)? Year _____ of _____

2.3 Indicate the date on which your proposed course of study begins and ends for the year in which you are applying for funding:

Begin: _____ (MM/DD/YYYY) End: _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

2.4 How many courses equal a full course load in your program? _____ How many courses are you enrolled in? _____

2.5 What was your cumulative **grade point average** from your most recent transcript? _____

2.6 What month and year do you anticipate receiving your degree/diploma? _____

2.7 We invite you to provide the committee with a statement describing your goals and aspirations upon completion of your studies. (Insert additional page(s) if needed).

2.8 Have you ever enrolled in or completed a post-secondary education program? If so, please list the programs below.

Yes

No

Institution	Program	Year	Did you graduate? (Yes/No)

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Date: _____ Signature: _____

COMPLETE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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- Resume or Curriculum Vitae.
- A thoughtful letter of personal introduction. Include any information that will make your request a compelling one (Single spaced, 10 – 12 point font).
- One (1) letter of reference from teacher, an academic supervisor, or current/former employer.
- A copy of your valid status card
- Proof of enrollment: A letter from the post-secondary educational institution verifying your enrollment OR a copy of your current class registration form.
- A grade transcript including your most recent period of study.

Part III — Applicants for Graduate Scholarship Applicants Must Complete this Part

(Insert additional page(s) if required)

3.0 Please indicate the program you are enrolled in: Doctorate Masters Advanced Degree

Official program name: _____

Area of focus and/or concentration: _____

Institution: _____

Location: _____

What was your cumulative **grade point average** from your most recent transcript? _____

3.1 Previous degree(s)	Institution and Location	Grade Average	Year

3.2 What awards have you received or will you be entitled to (including teaching assistanceships) during this academic year?

Type _____	Value _____
Type _____	Value _____
Type _____	Value _____
Type _____	Value _____

3.3 When did you begin your advanced degree/ masters/doctorate program? Month: _____ Year: _____

When do you anticipate graduation? Month: _____ Year: _____

Indicate the dates on which you begin and end classes and/or research for the year for which you are applying for a scholarship.

Begin: ____ / ____ / ____ (MM/DD/YYYY) End: ____ / ____ / ____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

3.4 Provide a description of your major research project or thesis. (Insert additional page(s) if needed).

I hereby declare that the information provided in Part III of this Application Form is correct, that I shall be a full-time or part-time student for the academic period stated in this application and that if I discontinue full-time or part-time studies during the stated period or if my submitted information is found to be fraudulent, I am liable to return all or a portion of any award provided to me.

Date:

Signature:

COMPLETE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

A complete Graduate Scholarship Application must include:

Part I of the Scholarship Application Form.

Part III of the Scholarship Application Form for Graduate Students.

Resume or Curriculum Vitae.

A thoughtful letter of personal introduction. Include any information that will make your request a compelling one (Single spaced, 10 – 12 point font).

One (1) letters of academic reference from those listed under section 3.4 of Part III.

A copy of your valid status card

Proof of enrollment: A letter from the post-secondary educational institution verifying your enrollment OR a copy of your current registration form.

A grade transcript including your most recent period of study.