



# Chief Joe Mathias British Columbia Aboriginal Scholarship Fund

2020

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The Chief Joe Mathias British Columbia Aboriginal Scholarship 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 Nation persons. The Fund is an incorporated society under the Society Act of British Columbia.

The purposes of the Society are 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 persons can acquire the knowledge and skills needed to participate in a changing economy and society, including scholarships to enable deserving British Columbia First Nation students to engage in:

- ❖ Courses of study towards an academic degree, or a certificate 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, wherever located.

## ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

The Society will grant scholarships only to persons who:

- ❖ Are members or citizens of a British Columbia First Nation (or BC Indian Band) – British Columbia First Nation means a band (within the meaning of “band” in the *Indian Act*) that is located in British Columbia,
- ❖ 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 to a certificate or diploma from that institution; and
- ❖ Are in financial need and demonstrate merit.

Preference 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 aboriginal communities and causes.

Examples of Ineligible Fields of Study:

- ❖ Conferences / symposiums / workshops
- ❖ Professional Fees / schools
- ❖ Education at non-recognized post-secondary institutions
- ❖ Executive / Management programs
- ❖ Trades & Fine Arts programs

## **ELIGIBLE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION**

The scholarships will be provided to eligible recipients for post-secondary studies at:

- ❑ A public post-secondary educational institution that grants degrees, certificates or diplomas; or
- ❑ A private post-secondary educational institutional that grants degrees, certificates or diplomas and that is determined by the Board to be an eligible institution.

## **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Board may in its discretion establish, amend or revoke:

- ❑ Criteria, terms or conditions, that are not in conflict with the foregoing, or the Society's constitution or bylaws, that must be met or satisfied by a person applying for or receiving a scholarship from the Society, including criteria, terms or conditions that must be met or satisfied for continuation of scholarship payments; and
- ❑ Factors to be considered by the Board in the selection of a candidate for a scholarship that are not in conflict with the foregoing, or the Society's constitution or bylaws, and that 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**

Scholarship Applications will be reviewed at least once per year by the Board or by a committee formed for the purpose of making scholarship recommendations to the Board.

Scholarship Applications must conform with all requirements of the following application Form. Should you have any questions please email [chiefjoemathias@gmail.com](mailto:chiefjoemathias@gmail.com).