



## 2024 CHIEF JOE MATHIAS BRITISH COLUMBIA ABORIGINAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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, and providing them the 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 First Nations graduates and scholarship recipients presented here. First Nation doctors, businesspeople, 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 480 scholarships to over 330 students from over 100 First Nations in BC since its inception in 2002.



# Chief Joe Mathias British Columbia Aboriginal Scholarship Fund

2024

## 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](mailto:chiefjoemathias@gmail.com).



# Chief Joe Mathias British Columbia Aboriginal Scholarship Fund

## 2024 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;
- 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?

*For Electronic Submissions:* Email to [ChiefJoeMathias@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

*For Mail-In Submissions:*

Chief Joe Mathias British Columbia Aboriginal Scholarship Fund  
PO BOX 51511  
West Vancouver RPO, BC V7T 2X9

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 14, 2024 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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 (corporate 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)			
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

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?

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** for your most recent year of full-time studies? \_\_\_\_\_

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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# 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

Field: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of focus and/or concentration: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide your current cumulative grade point average and average grade for your current program (if applicable):

\_\_\_\_\_

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 _____

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**

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- Part III of the Scholarship Application Form for Graduate Students.
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