

# Chief Joe Mathias British Columbia Aboriginal Scholarship Fund

## 2025 BC First Nations Teacher Scholarship Application Form

### 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 BC *Societies Act*.

The purpose of the Fund is to advance education by providing educational scholarships to deserving British Columbia First Nation students and who demonstrate merit and financial need 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.

The goal of the Fund’s BC First Nations Teacher Scholarship Program, established with the financial assistance of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, is to provide scholarships for First Nations students in teacher education programs offered by public post-secondary institutions in British Columbia that **lead to a Certificate of Qualification to teach in K-12 schools**. All eligible applicants will be considered for up to a \$5,000 annual scholarship.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

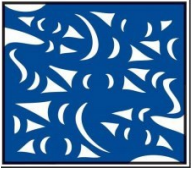
The Fund will grant scholarships only to people who:

- ❖ Are members or citizens of a British Columbia First Nation;
- ❖ Have been accepted or are enrolled in a teacher education program at one of the following public post-secondary institutions as a full-time, or part-time, student:
  - ❖
    1. Simon Fraser University
    2. Thompson Rivers University
    3. University of British Columbia
    4. University of British Columbia – Okanagan
    5. University of Northern British Columbia
    6. University of the Fraser Valley
    7. University of Victoria
    8. Vancouver Island University
- ❖ All teacher education programs leading to a Certificate of Qualification offered by the above institutions are eligible, including: (a) Bachelor of Education degrees; or (b) a post-degree professional/post-baccalaureate teacher education programs (i.e., where a student has already completed a bachelor’s degree in another subject)..

*Note that Early Childhood Education and Education Assistant programs are not eligible for this scholarship. Students in these programs may apply under the original Chief Joe Mathias Scholarship Application that is more broad-based.*

### 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).



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

1. A complete BC First Nations Teacher 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;
  - One (1) letter of reference from a teacher, academic supervisor, or current/former employer;
  - A copy of your valid status card or proof of First Nations citizenship;
  - Proof of enrollment: A letter from the post-secondary educational institution verifying your enrollment OR a copy of your current class registration form; and
  - A transcript of your grades including your most recent period of study.
  
2. Who do I send the Completed Application Form and Supportive Documentation to?

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.**
  
3. 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, 2025 at 11:59PM**. **Late applications will not be considered.**
  
4. *If you have any questions, please email [ChiefJoeMathias@gmail.com](mailto:ChiefJoeMathias@gmail.com).*

# Part I — All Applicants Must Complete This Part

1.1 Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name and Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

1.2 Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

1.3 Mailing Address:  as above, or: Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

1.4 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY)

1.5 Which BC First Nation are you a member or citizen of? \_\_\_\_\_

1.6 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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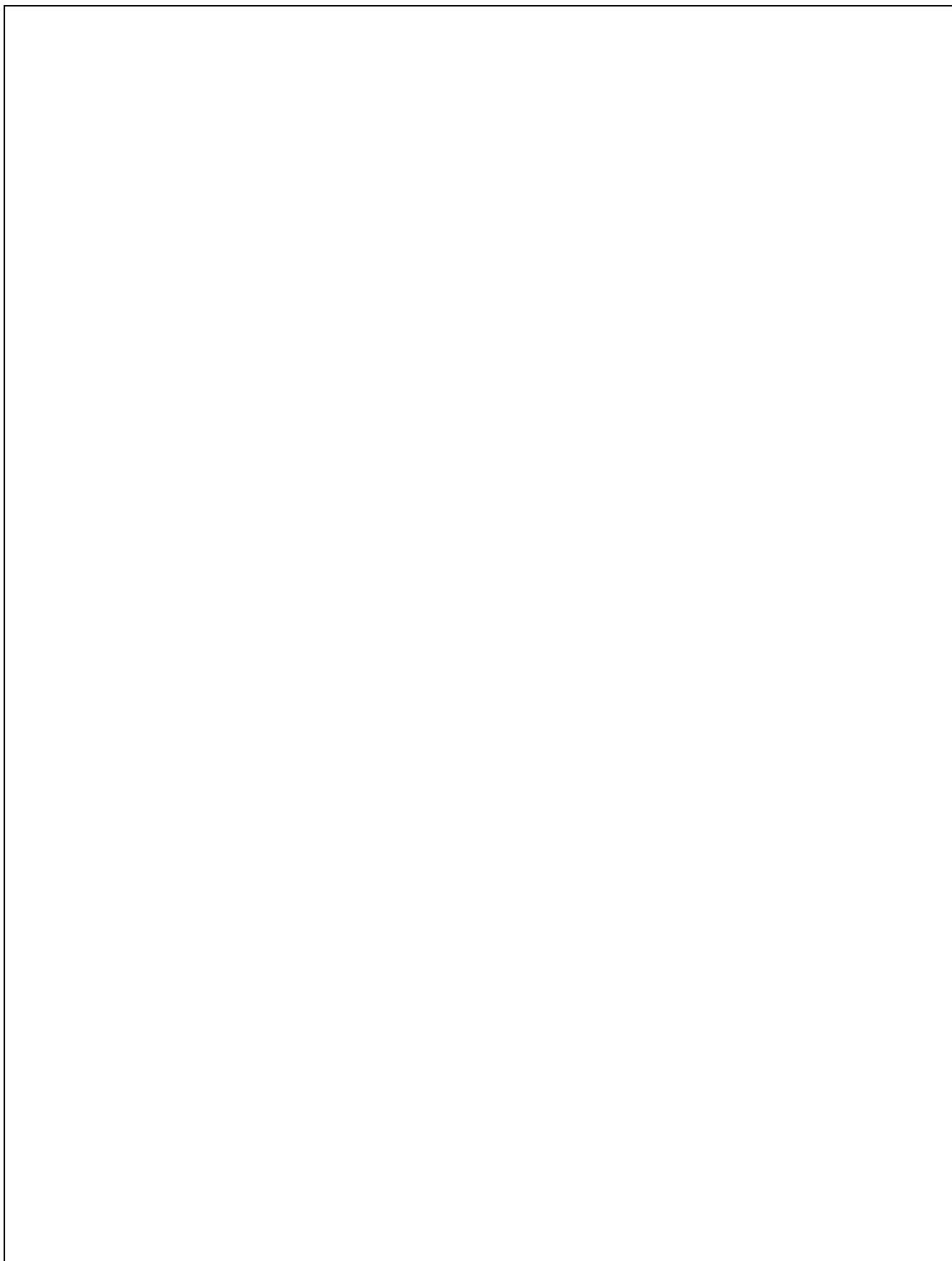
1.7 **Income:** What other sources income or funding will help cover your expenses (complete the following table)?

| Income                     | Annual Amount | Description of Funding |
|----------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Provincial Funding/Grants  | \$            |                        |
| Student Loan               | \$            |                        |
| First Nation/ Band Funding | \$            |                        |
| Scholarships               | \$            |                        |
| Personal Savings           | \$            |                        |
| Employment Income          | \$            |                        |
| Other                      | \$            |                        |
| <b>Grand Total</b>         | <b>\$</b>     |                        |

1.8 **Expenses:** What do you estimate your expenses will be for the following?

| Expense Type           | Annual Amount | Description of expense |
|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Tuition                | \$            |                        |
| Text Books             | \$            |                        |
| Academic Supplies      | \$            |                        |
| Accommodation          | \$            |                        |
| Food                   | \$            |                        |
| Transportation         | \$            |                        |
| Other (please specify) | \$            |                        |
| <b>Grand Total</b>     | <b>\$</b>     |                        |

1.9 Please describe your involvement within your First Nation community?



## Part II Teacher Education Program Information

2.1 What type of program are you completing:  Bachelor of Education  Post-Degree/Post-Baccalaureate |

2.2 What program are you enrolled in?

Official Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Minor/Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

2.3 When did you (or when will you) begin your program? \_\_\_\_\_

2.4 When do you anticipate graduating from your program? \_\_\_\_\_

2.5 Are you studying full-time or part-time? \_\_\_\_\_

2.6 What was your cumulative **grade point average** or **average grade (high-school)** from your most recent transcript? \_\_\_\_\_

2.7 We invite you to provide the committee with a statement describing your goals and aspirations upon completion of your studies:

***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: \_\_\_\_\_