

Application ID

2025-11373

Application Type

Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards

Organization Name

Individuals

We're glad that you're applying for a BBMA! Please read through these steps before you begin:

Step 1. Before you begin we recommend taking the time to read the [Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards Application Homepage](#), and the Frequently Asked Questions sheet available there.

Step 2. Be very aware of the Critical Dates for the application

- **Application Deadline:** March 31 2026 at 6:00PM.
- **Award decisions released:** Approximately late-June or early July.

Step 3. Gather all Required Documents

- Make sure all your contact information on your user profile is up-to-date and accurate. If you have moved or are planning to move while pursuing your education please update your profile so that we can contact you with information about your award.
- **One reference form is required to apply, but applicants can submit an additional form if available (maximum two forms).** References are required to use this [BBMA Reference Form](#)- References may be from teachers, volunteer contacts, employers, or others who can speak to how the applicant meets the criteria for the awards. The reference should be signed, dated, and less than one year old. **References from friends are discouraged and references from immediate family members will not be accepted.**
- A copy of your **most recent marks / grades**. If you have been out of high school for many years please go to [MyPass](#).
- Proof of **Citizenship with the Otipemisiwak Métis Government** or a **Métis Settlement** membership card.
- **If you do not have your MNA card by application deadline (March 31),** you may submit a recent

letter from Otipemisiwak Métis Government (MNA) confirming that you have applied for your Citizenship card. Métis Citizenship or membership will need to be confirmed at the time of a conditional award offer in July. To apply for Otipemisiwak Métis Government (MNA) citizenship please go to [Citizenship - Otipemisiwak Métis Government](#)

BBMA Criteria

- Citizenship with the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, a Métis Settlement membership, or an [Independent Métis Community membership](#).
- Alberta Residence and Canadian Citizenship
- Studying in an eligible program at a public university, college, technical institute, vocational school, or approved private institutions accredited by Alberta Advanced Education. Or a similarly accredited post-secondary intuition operating within Canada (Studies within Alberta will be prioritized, in order to receive a BBMA for studies outside Alberta, you must clearly address why this program/school was selected instead of one in Alberta).

BBMA Priorities (what you need to demonstrate in your application)

- **Métis Community Connection and Involvement:** The panel values demonstrated connection and commitment to the Métis community and cultural activities as well as volunteering with Métis organizations, such as Otipemisiwak Métis Government, Métis Settlements, Michif Cultural Connections, Métis Child and Family Services, Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards or Friendship Centers.
- **Financial need:** The BBMA funding can be used to support tuition and fee costs. BBMA cannot be used for living expenses. In the application please demonstrate how you will support your living expenses while you attend your program of study.
- **Career Goals:** Goals that are achievable and consistent with study plans
- **Other Circumstances:** Students involved in volunteering or leadership, or who have overcome personal challenges

Need help with your application?

We want to make sure that you have the best chance to be successful with your application. If you would like additional support with your application, or if you have questions, please contact **Theresa Majeran (BBMA Communications Coordinator)**.

Phone: 780-977-5515

Email: communications@bbma.ca



If you need **technical support**, please reach out to our Student Awards Associates (Christelle or Anna) via

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Eligibility

In order to be considered for this award you must meet the eligibility criteria.

I am an Alberta Métis Citizen or member of an Alberta Métis Settlement.

I am a resident of Alberta.

I plan to take a program of study leading to a recognized certificate, diploma, undergraduate, graduate or professional degree in Alberta (or elsewhere in Canada).

Funding my tuition and fees is a challenge due to my financial situation.

No Yes

General Questions

Personal Circumstances

What is your home town?:

The community to which you feel most connected.

What is your marital Please Select status?:**Do you have children or dependents?:****Where will you live while Please Select attending post-secondary?:****Are you part of the first generation in your family to attend a post-secondary institution?:****Will this upcoming year be your first year of post-secondary?:**

Employment and Finances

What is your main source Please Select of income?:

**What is your current Please Select
employment situation?:**

**What will your Please Select
employment situation be
while in school?:**

**Are you applying for funding provided for Métis students by other organizations? such as the
Rupertsland Institute Post -Secondary funding and Indspire Awards Building Brighter Futures funding?**

Important Note: Other organizations also offer funding for Alberta Métis Students.

We strongly advise you to apply for both the [Rupertsland Institute](#) and the [Indspire Awards Building Brighter Futures](#) as additional funding may be needed to cover living expenses and other educational costs.

BBMA funding can **only** be used towards tuition, fees, textbooks, and supplies.

Education History

Please fill in the below table with your post-secondary history.

If you are currently enrolled in or continuing on in your program of study, please list your current program below and select "In Progress" in the "did you graduate" section.

| Start Date | End Date | School | Program Studied | Type of Program | Did you graduate? |
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Education Plans

What school will you be attending?

Please Select

Please check the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page to ensure your school is eligible for this award.

Why did you choose the school you plan to attend?

What is your Student ID number?

If known when you are applying.

What is your intended program of study?

This relates to your upcoming academic year.

What type of program are you pursuing?

Please Select

All graduate and professional degrees must lead to a designated profession, improved employment opportunities, and/or increase earning potential. The individual must speak to how they will contribute to the advancement of the Alberta Métis community. A limited number of awards are available at the professional/graduate level.

When does your program start this upcoming academic year?

Awards are for funding after . Start dates prior to this date may not be eligible for funding.

When do you expect to graduate from your program?

How many months will you be studying this upcoming academic year?

Most students will study 8 months in an academic year. If you plan to take Spring Term or Summer Term classes, this could be 10 or 12 months.

Please Select

Are you studying Full-Time or Part-Time?

Métis Connection

Please share a personal story, experience, or teaching that reflects what being Métis means to you. Explain how this demonstrates your connection to Métis identity, values, and traditions.

Consider including:

1. Past volunteer involvement in the Métis community (e.g., Métis organizations, Alberta Métis Youth, Indigenous Center at your university).
2. How this experience has inspired your current or future engagement with the Métis community.

What Otipemisiwak Métis Government District are you part of?

Please write only the number of your district. For example if you are part of the Fort Edmonton district please enter 9

If you do not know your district number you can used the citizen mapping tool provided by the Otipemisiwak Métis Government website [District tool](#)

Education and Career Goals

Share your career goal and explain how your education will support those ambitions. What drives your enthusiasm for the program you've selected?

If you have taken previous education in another field, explain how changing fields will lead to a designated profession, improved employment opportunities, and/or increase earning potential. You should speak to how you will contribute to the advancement of the Alberta Métis community.

Other Circumstances

Please explain any other circumstances you think the awards panel should know about.

You may wish to highlight personal circumstances, challenges you've overcome, volunteer work, leadership roles, or other experiences that strengthen your application.

Financial Plan

BBMA Financial Plan Questions

This section helps us understand your financial need. The BBMA panel wants to see that you have a plan for how you will support yourself while in school. If balancing your budget means taking on student loan debt, or if you have no savings available, please show this in this budget.

Important Financial Plan Notes

- BBMA funding can only be used towards your **tuition, fees, supplies, and textbooks**.
- This is a **monthly budget** that reflects the months you'll be enrolled in your program.
- If you are getting other awards, let us know. Awards that cover tuition may affect your ability to receive a BBMA. If the **funding is for living expenses (e.g. Rupertsland funding)**, include it under **"Other Income" in your Monthly Living Income section**.
- A strong application should include a reasonably balanced budget. If your expenses are greater than your income, explain how you plan to cover the gap in the Financial Need section below.

Things to consider:

- Review the Sample Budget provided before you begin filling out your budget.
- Are your living expenses covered while you're studying?
- Are your expenses reasonable?

Below is an example of what a budget could look like and how much detail to include.

Monthly Living Expenses

In the table below please enter the amount you will need for living expenses, and the monthly income you expect to have to pay for those expenses.

These expense and income estimations are based on the future while you are in school and the costs for expenses you have confirmed for your educational year.



Monthly Income

Monthly Expenses

Income Minus Expenses

Debt

In the table below please enter what you currently owe not what you plan to borrow.

Debt

Financial Need

How much do you expect to pay for tuition for this upcoming school year(one year only)?

Please include any fees such as student union fees and other compulsory fees of your educational institution

How much do you expect to pay for textbooks and supplies?

How much do you anticipate receiving from scholarships, bursaries, sponsorships, and/or grants (not including BBMA) for the upcoming school year?

Other funding may not be confirmed yet. Please list the annual amount(s) you expect to receive, name the source(s), and indicate whether each is confirmed or pending. You can also reference these in your Financial Need long-answer question below.

How much financial support for your educational expenses (eg. tuition) are you receiving from family, spouse, or partner(s)?

Please list the amount of any RESP's or special education savings that you plan to use towards your schooling this upcoming school year.

If you do not have any savings or RESP's just put 0.

Please describe your financial circumstances and the specific challenges you face. How would receiving an award contribute to your academic success? Additionally, what steps are you taking to support your education and cover your living costs?

This is an opportunity to explain your financial situation and help us understand why you applying for this award.

In addition:

- If you have listed "other" expenses or income in your financial plan (budget table above) please let us know what they are here.
- Are there any extraordinary expenses that you expect to incur as part of your program? (For example: additional living expenses while on a practicum, specialized equipment for your studies, special licenses or insurance costs required by your program, etc.).

Attachments

What documents do I need to provide?

With the completed application form, applicants must provide:

- **References using this [BBMA Reference Form](#)**

One reference form is required to apply, but applicants can submit an additional form if available (maximum two forms). References may be from teachers, volunteer contacts, employers, or others who can speak to how you meet the criteria for the awards. References from friends are discouraged and references from immediate family members will not be accepted. The reference should be signed, dated, and less than one year old.

- **Your marks or grades from your most recently completed studies***

Please upload your most recent grades as of the time of your application. You can get your Alberta high school grades from to [MyPass](#). For post-secondary, you can submit an unofficial transcript. If you cannot get your most recent grades, please contact studentawards@ecf.ca to discuss other options.

- **Proof of Alberta Métis identity, or application to the to [Otipemisiwak Métis Government](#) (previously MNA) or the Métis Settlements of Alberta**

We will consider the following as proof of Alberta Métis Identity:

- Picture of your Otipemisiwak Métis Government Citizenship Card or paper Certificate
- Picture of your Alberta Métis Settlement Membership card
- Other Métis communities may be accepted. Please reference [Independent Métis communities](#) for information.

Please note: If you do not have one of the options noted above, you can submit a letter from the Otipemisiwak Métis Government or Métis Settlements of Alberta saying that you have applied for membership (if you are approved for an award, your membership will need to be confirmed before the award can be finalized).

BBMA Reference Form #1

BBMA Reference Form #2

Statement of Marks/Recent Grades

Proof of Métis identity

Before you submit your application please verify that the contact and birthdate information you have provided in your applicant profile is complete and up to date.

if you need to add or update your birthdate, address, preferred name, etc. please click on the pencil button on the top right of your portal home page (the page that you see when you first enter the application portal after you log in), You can quickly access the portal home page from the application by clicking the home button on the top right of the application page. The edit profile button will take you to your user profile information and allow you to update it. If you have any questions please contact studentawards@ecf.ca

Yes

I confirm the information I have provided in this application is true, accurate, and complete. I confirm that I the student, have completed this application, and it reflects my personal experiences and individual need. I am aware that providing false or misleading information will be considered fraud and will affect my ability to access funding. I authorize the staff of Edmonton Community Foundation to share the content of my application with the Awards Panel and other volunteers for review purposes only, and to contact my references for further information.

I agree that ECF may contact me to discuss opportunities to celebrate and/or promote this award.



I permit ECF to share my name, but not my contact information, with the donor(s) who made this award possible.

- Yes
- No

I permit the BBMA program to share my email as requested with potential employers in my field, who are Donors or Sponsors of this award.

The practise of connecting BBMA recipients with career opportunities available at our sponsor organizations has helped many students find employment in areas such as leadership, engineering, health, and citizenship. If you would like your email shared with BBMA donor organizations promoting employment opportunities please select yes

- Yes
- No

How did you find out about this student award?

Family/Friends