

Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards (BBMA)

Frequently Asked Questions – 2026

Can I apply if I have not been accepted into a school yet?

Yes. You may apply as long as you have a plan to attend post-secondary studies in the upcoming academic year. If you are selected for an award, you will be required to provide proof of acceptance and your confirmed tuition costs before funds are released.

When do I apply for BBMA, and when do I apply for Rupertsland Institute funding?

BBMA applications - Application period: **January 2 – March 31 at 6 p.m. (annually)** - BBMA supports **Years 1–4** of study - A **separate application is required each year** by March 31

Rupertsland Institute funding - Application intake opens at various times throughout the year - Visit the website regularly for updates: <https://www.rupertsland.org/find-out-more-about-funding-through-rupertsland-institute/> - Apply online at: <https://apply.rupertsland.org/> - Questions: inquiries@rupertsland.org

What documents are required to apply for a BBMA?

You must submit: - **One recent reference** (a second reference is optional) - Use the BBMA Reference Template: https://ecf.smartsimple.ca/iface/ex/ax_index.jsp - **Most recent marks** (official transcript not required) - Alberta students can access marks here: <https://public.education.alberta.ca/PASI/mypass/welcome> - **Proof of Otipemisiwak Citizenship, or - A letter confirming you have applied for Otipemisiwak Métis Citizenship** - Apply at: <https://albertametis.com/registry/>

What programs are eligible for a BBMA?

Eligible programs include: - Certificates and diplomas - Applied degrees - Undergraduate degrees - Graduate and professional degrees - Academic upgrading

Graduate and professional programs must: - Lead to a designated profession, improved employment opportunities, and/or increased earning potential - Demonstrate how the applicant will contribute to the advancement of the Alberta Métis community

Note: A limited number of awards are available at the graduate and professional level.

Where can I study with a BBMA?

BBMA funding may be used at: - Any **public university, college, or technical institute in Alberta**, and - Any **private institution or vocational school accredited by ApplyAlberta** - <https://applyalberta.ca/>

Can I apply for more than one BBMA?

Yes. You may receive a BBMA more than once; however, you must **apply each year** before the March 31 deadline.

When will I be notified of award decisions?

Award decisions are typically released in **early July**. Notifications are sent by email and may also be viewed through the online application portal.

What does a BBMA cover, and how is the award paid?

BBMA funding covers: - Tuition - Mandatory fees

Once your award is confirmed, payment is **sent directly to your institution**. BBMAs do **not** cover living expenses.

Does BBMA cover housing costs?

No. However, housing support may be available through **Métis Urban Housing's Student Rental Supplement Program**: - <https://www.metishousing.ca/programs/student-rental-supplement/>

Who should I ask to provide a reference?

Appropriate references may include: - Teachers or instructors - Employers - Volunteer supervisors - Coaches or mentors

Your reference should provide **specific examples** of your community involvement, leadership, or personal circumstances.

Which Métis organizations can I volunteer with?

Examples include: - Otipemisiwak Métis Government - Métis Crossing - Michif Cultural Connections - Métis Child & Family Services - Alberta Métis Youth - Your local Métis Settlement

You should also join the **Otipemisiwak Métis Student and Alumni Association**: - Apply at: <https://msa.rupertsland.org/>

Who can help me with my BBMA application?

We are here to support you.

BBMA Contact - Theresa Majeran

BBMA Communications Manager

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Edmonton Community Foundation

Anna Opryshko, MLIS or Christelle Agahozo

Student Awards Associates

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How do I apply or learn more?

Visit: <https://ecf.ca/student-awards/belcourt-brosseau-metis-awards/>