



# Chief Joe Mathias British Columbia Aboriginal Scholarship Fund (The “Society”)

## Post-Secondary and Post Graduate Studies Scholarship Application

### 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 a degree, or a certificate or diploma, at an eligible post-secondary educational institution in Canada at an undergraduate level; or
- Post-graduate 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 – 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.

### 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.

## **DURATION**

Each scholarship will be granted for a period of not more than twelve months.

The maximum number of months of study in respect of which scholarships will be granted to a person who is engaged:

- In full-time studies, is thirty-two months, which need not be consecutive; and
- In part-time studies, is the number of months that the Board considers appropriate in the circumstances, taking into account the total number of months of study in respect of which scholarships may be granted to a person who is engaged in full-time studies.

## **AMOUNT AND PAYMENT**

The maximum total amount a person may receive as scholarships from the Society is \$15,000 (as adjusted by the Board if the Board considers it necessary to do so in order to maintain the year 2001 value of \$15,000).

In determining the amount of a scholarship, the Board may take into account, among other things, whether the person receiving the scholarship will be incurring higher costs because they:

- Will be attending an eligible institution outside the person's ordinary region of residence;
- Will be pursuing studies outside Canada while enrolled in a program of studies at an eligible educational institution; or
- Have significant living expenses due to dependent children for whom they are responsible.

A scholarship may be paid in a lump sum or in periodic payments, as the Board may decide.

## **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.