



## St'át'imc Lifelong Learning Scholarship Application Guideline

Dear Student,

A scholarship is a non-repayable grant for all lifelong learning students focusing on academic study or achievement learning of a high level. All students who lack resources to cover living and other education-related costs during their study period should apply for a scholarship. The award is made to support a student's education, awarded on the basis of academic or other achievement. St'át'imc Government Services understands the struggles and challenges students encounter while going to school and leaving their community to attend a post-secondary institution, therefore a scholarship is given to a student because of a reason: the student has qualified for or won it by academic or professional ability, or by agreeing to follow a particular career, or other characteristics. Scholarships are not given for financial need alone.

### Types of Scholarships

- **Merit-based:** These awards are based on a student's academic, artistic, athletic or other abilities, and often factor in an applicant's extracurricular activities and community service record. The most common merit-based scholarships, awarded by either private organizations or directly by a student's intended college, recognize academic achievement or high scores on standardized tests.
- **Career-specific:** These are scholarships a college or university awards to students who plan to pursue a specific field of study. Often, the most generous awards to students who pursue careers in high-need areas such as health careers.
- **Professional Development:** Awarded to students with exceptional skill in leadership or professional development, so that the student will gain the skills needed to build local capacity through training.

Lifelong learning and skill development in post-secondary education opens many doors and opportunities. We the St'át'imc recognize that "education and training" is one of the most important priorities for all St'át'imc people today. We recognize that education not only contributes to better jobs and higher pay, but is also associated with social benefits and economic growth.

According to the St'át'imc Vero Research completed in 2012, statistics tell us there are 6,492 St'át'imc members. The St'át'imc members are younger than other British Columbians in the St'át'imc Territory.

Therefore, the St'át'imc workforce population is estimated to grow in population by more than 40% by 2017. Which is almost double the rate of the overall working age population.

We believe the improved education outcomes for St'át'imc people can improve economic growth in the territory, mitigate the skills labor shortage, and reduce St'át'imc social costs. The St'át'imc Scholarship is award of financial aid for a student to further their education Scholarships are awarded based upon various criteria, which reflect the values and purposes of the St'át'imc Government Services Education Program.

All St'át'imc individual and community members who are either First Nation status or non-First Nations status of Aboriginal descent, Inuit, Metis and enrolled full time in a post-secondary institution are eligible to apply.

Sincerely,

*Laura Grizzlypaws*

St'át'imc Education & Training Manager

	NAME	ELIGIBLE FIELDS OF STUDY	TYPES OF PROGRAM
PSE	Post-Secondary Education (merit-based)	Postsecondary education refers to a university degree - bachelor's degree; university certificate or diploma above bachelor level; master's degree; earned doctorate.	Full-time programs; undergraduate and graduate degree programs from an accredited post-secondary institution.
HC	Health Careers (Career-Specific)	Studies in health care such as; Nursing; Physiotherapy; Medicine; Occupational Therapy; Dietician; Medical Lab Technology; Pharmacy; Dentistry; Veterinary; Leadership; and Protection.	Full time programs, undergraduate, professional and graduate degree programs at an accredited post-secondary institution.
SNCB	St'át'imc Nation Capacity Building (Professional Development)	Capacity-building efforts in St'át'imc communities, particularly as they relate to building increased knowledge, skills and professional development needs of the St'át'imc in areas such as; Leadership Capacity Building; Economic Development; Governance; Knowledge Management and Sharing Initiatives; Policy Initiatives; along with other Initiatives that will contribute to the St'át'imc in other capacity building initiatives.	Build local capacity through training, coaching and mentoring as well through Institutional Training and Capacity Assessments; Leadership Capacity Building; Education and Administration Training.

## PERSONAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION

All personal and contact information is CONFIDENTIAL. We do not include this portion when it is sent for internal review, however, if you receive an award, your personal photo and name are shared with the donor St'át'imc Government Services, BC Hydro, and the St'át'imc Nation. Please ensure that all current information is included, such as address, telephone and email address, if you have any change in these addresses, please notify us as soon as possible.

Once you receive an award you will be asked to submit a thank you letter to the St'át'imc Government Service Scholarship Bursary Awards program acknowledging the receipt of the award.

We require your social insurance number and this is primarily for taxation purposes if you receive an award. You will also be issued a T4A for the applicable taxation year.

**\*Three Scholarship Awards of \$1000 will be awarded to Undergraduate Students.**

**\*Two Scholarship Awards of \$1000 will be awarded to Health Career Students.**

**\*Two Scholarship Awards of \$5000 to Graduate Students.**

**\*Two SNCB Awards of \$1000 will be awarded to Professional Development.**

**\*The application deadline is at 4:30 pm on the deadlines provided.**

PROGRAM OF STUDY	APPLICATION OPENS	APPLICATION CLOSES	PAYMENT	APPLICATION OPENS	APPLICATION CLOSES	PAYMENT
Under Graduate	September 15	October 15	Mid November	January 15	February 15	Mid-March
Graduate	September 15	October 15	Mid November	January 15	February 15	Mid-March
Health Care	September 15	October 15	Mid November	January 15	February 15	Mid-March
SNCB	September 15	October 15	Mid November	January 15	February 15	Mid-March

## DECLARATION AND CONSENT

This section is to verify that you understand the required documents that need to be submitted in order for your application to be sent for Internal review. If all mandatory documents are sent with your application, your application will be considered for review. All applications are screened. If any mandatory documents are missing your application will not be considered.

### Mandatory Documents:

- St'át'imc Scholarship Application form, completed and signed.
- Proof of First Nation (status or non-status), Inuit or Metis Status.
- Letter of introduction (maximum 1,500 words)
- Proof of Enrollment
- Transcripts (Official) from your most recent academic program.
- Recent, clear color electronic photograph of head and shoulders in jpg.
- Verification of current tuition fees from program calendar, brochure, web page, or the Registrar's Office.
- 2 Reference Letters
- Current Resume

### Your signature confirms that:

- You are enrolled in a full time program.
- You have read and fully understand the guidelines that govern your application.
- You certify that all the information contained in your application is true and correct.
- You understand that any false information intentionally given on this application, by email, or telephone will disqualify your application.
- You hereby give your consent to St'át'imc to release your contact information to use, publish your name, photo, and relevant information on St'át'imc website, in St'át'imc brochures for promotion, marketing, advertising, or in sponsor communications.
- You acknowledge that if your application package does not include all required documents your application will be deemed ineligible.
- You understand that it is your responsibility to ensure that all supporting documents are dated and received by the St'át'imc Government Services Office by the deadline.

## ABORIGINAL AFFILIATION

The St'át'imc Scholarship and Bursary Awards Program is intended for the St'át'imc First Nation Community members attending full time post-secondary studies who are recognized as status, or non-status First Nations, Inuit, or Metis as recognized by the St'át'imc Government Services.

### **Status First Nation**

All applicants who declare they are “Status First Nation” must provide a front and back photo-copy of their “Certificate of Indian Status” as issued by the Government of Canada or through their respective Bands.

### **Non-Status First Nation**

Applicants who declare they are “non-status First Nation” must provide a front and back photo-copy of their parent(s) or grandparents(s) “Certificate of Indian Status” with a birth certificate(s) clearly showing the relationship to the person identified on the “Certificate of Indian Status” card.

### **Metis**

All applicants who declare they are Metis must provide a front and back photo-copy of their “Certificate of Metis Status” card or an official letter from a Metis organization that identifies the person registered as a member in good standing with that Metis Organization. Documentation must also be provided to show that the applicant has made an application to become a member of their Metis organization.

### **Inuit**

Applicants who declare their status as “Inuit” must provide a front and back photo-copy of their Inuit Certificate card or a letter from a recognized Inuit territorial organization.

**\*Preference will be given to candidates of St'át'imc descent  
(Please self-identify in your application).**

## LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

Your letter of introduction is your opportunity to tell us all about you! Of key importance, is your past, present and future involvement with the St'át'imc. Be sure to elaborate and provide details and/or examples of how you contribute and or are involved in the St'át'imc community.

Your letter of introduction is assessed by the selection board, so remember the board doesn't know anything about you, so you have to provide the details! Do not be shy in communicating your strengths, goals and objectives. Look at the following example:

Dear Scholarship Committee Members:

This paragraph should include information about you and your connection to the St'át'imc community. You should also tell where you are attending school and what level university program you are enrolled in.

This paragraph should tell about your skills & abilities. What are you learning? What can you do? This is where you "sell" yourself.

This paragraph should tell about your future goals. What do you plan to do after the completion of your education, program?

Be sure to thank the committee for their time and effort in reviewing your application or portfolio

Sincerely,

Type your name here

Ensure that your letter is typed, double spaces and preferably size 10-11 font.

## WHERE TO SEND YOUR APPLICATION

Once you have completed your application you may mail your documents to:

**St'át'imc Government Services  
Scholarship & Bursary Awards Program  
St'át'imc Education & Training  
#10 Scotchman Road  
Box 2218, Lillooet, BC, V0K 1V0**

Please note – faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.