

# 2023 Student Scholarship Showcase



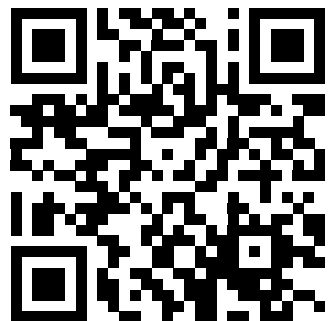
# Student Scholarship Program

The British Columbia Métis Federation is honoured to support Métis students in pursuing educational opportunities at the post-secondary level. The BCMF Student Scholarship Program provides financial awards to Métis students with full BCMF membership that are enrolled in post-secondary education. Scholarships of \$1,500 are awarded to students who meet all eligibility requirements.

## Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to be considered for a scholarship, applicants must be:

- » A full BCMF member
- » A permanent resident of BC
- » Registered at a recognized and accredited post-secondary institution in Canada



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# Celebrating Métis Student Success

It is with great pride that we celebrate the 2023 recipients of the BC Métis Federation Student Scholarships. These seventeen students have worked hard to further their education, and we could not be more proud of them for their efforts.

BCMF recognizes the importance of higher education but, as costs have increased across the board, paying for tuition has become increasingly difficult. With this in mind, and as part of our dedication to helping our members succeed, BCMF has stepped up to provide financial support.

The scholarship applications we received were overwhelmingly impressive, and gave us great hope for the future of our young people. They presented excellent grades, determination, resilience, a hard work ethic, and a desire to succeed. Many of these incredible students are working towards careers in areas that will help their communities, such as healthcare, education and Indigenous studies.

BCMF was happy to be able to support these seventeen students with financial awards of \$1,500 each, for a total distribution of \$25,500. It's because of the support of our members and the belief in the next generation that we are able to do this work – and we know that Métis students in British Columbia will continue to make us proud.

Once again, congratulations to those students who have received this scholarship – we cannot wait to see how you continue to grow on your educational journeys.

Thank you for your dedication. ***You are our future!***



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Henry'.

**Keith Henry B.ED, LL.D.**

President & CEO, BC Métis Federation

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## Jennine Adams

University of the Fraser Valley

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Jennine Adams has been working in the field of Early Childhood Education for the past 30 years in a variety of roles, and is now finishing up her Bachelor of Arts in Adult Education at the University of the Fraser Valley.



## Kateri Belisle

Vancouver Island University

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Kateri Belisle is a Kinesiology Student at Vancouver Island University. Upon completion of her Bachelor's Degree, she would like to further her education with a Masters in Physiotherapy. Her interests lie in rehabilitation for children who have undergone traumatic accidents or have lifelong conditions.



### **Zev Demman**

Okanagan College

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Zev Demman is currently enrolled in Okanagan College's Honours program. Because of his interest in Mandarin Chinese, he plans to apply to the Master of Finance program at Queen's Smith School of Business, which is taught at the Renmin University of China in Beijing.



### **Ashley Desjarlais**

University of British Columbia

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Ashley Desjarlais is a Red River Métis living on the unceded territory of the Syilx People. They attend the University of British Columbia, and will soon graduate with a Bachelors of Fine Arts. Going forward, Ashley hopes to attend the University of Victoria, where their goal is to obtain a Masters of Fine Arts.



## Nicholas Desjarlais

New Image College

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After completing high school, Nicholas took a gap year and attended University of the Nations through “Youth With A Mission” in Kona, Hawaii. He now attends New Image College, completing a two-year diploma program and pursuing his dream of becoming a successful actor.



## Brooke Greenhough

Vancouver Island University

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Brooke Greenhough has worked in the dental field for the past two years as a hygiene assistant. She is working toward becoming a Certified Dental Assistant through Vancouver Island University.



### **Ethan Hart**

Vancouver Island University

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Ethan Hart is in the third year of the Bachelors of Education program at Vancouver Island University. Upon completion, he hopes to pursue a Masters degree in Physical Therapy.



### **Madeline Hart**

University of British Columbia

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Madeline graduated with an undergraduate Biology degree with distinction from Vancouver Island University in 2022. She now attends the University of British Columbia's Faculty of Medicine in the Southern Medical Program. Madeline hopes to one day practice as a family physician in rural BC.



### **Brenda Hebert**

University of British Columbia

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Brenda Hebert is proudly Métis and is in her fourth year of her BA in Indigenous Studies with a minor in Cultural Studies at UBC Okanagan. She is the first in her family to go to university, and she's proud of her accomplishments thus far in her studies.



### **Drake Henry**

British Columbia Institute of Technology

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Drake Henry grew up in Saskatoon, and is in his last year of Nursing at the British Columbia Institute of Technology where he specialises in mental health nursing. He hopes to work towards projects that will heal and positively progress the health of Métis communities throughout BC.



### **James Kelly**

Wilfrid Laurier University

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James Kelly has a diploma in Recreation Fish and Wildlife from Selkirk College, a Bachelor of Applied Science in Conservation Law Enforcement from Lethbridge College, a Project Management Certificate from UBC, and is currently studying at Wilfrid Laurier University for a Master's in Public Safety – National Security.



### **Cherisse Klassen**

Yorkville University

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Cherisse Klassen holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Biological Sciences from Simon Fraser University, where she graduated with distinction. She is now pursuing a Masters in Counselling Psychology from Yorkville University.



### **Kailey Lund**

University of British Columbia

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Kailey Lund has an undergraduate degree in Human Kinetics from the University of British Columbia Okanagan. After job shadowing and working with physical therapists, she is now pursuing a Master's degree in Physical Therapy at the University of British Columbia.



### **Kristian McIntosh**

Simon Fraser University

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Kristian McIntosh is Métis and grew up in British Columbia. He is currently studying Mechatronics Systems Engineering at Simon Fraser University, and is looking to make a contribution towards advancing technology.



### **Taylor Tucci**

University of British Columbia

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Taylor Tucci attends the University of British Columbia, where she plans to pursue a career in Law with specific focus on the Indigenous and Corporate legal fields. She is also president of the “Campus Canines Club,” which fundraises and advocates for service dogs in training and PADS.



### **Thomas Tucci**

Columbia Bible College

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Thomas Tucci is currently attending Columbia Bible College in BC, studying Social Enterprise Studies. He also plays varsity volleyball, and proudly represented TEAM BC at the North American Indigenous Games this past summer.



### **Libbey Wilmot**

University of Alberta

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Libbey Wilmot is now starting her second year at the University of Alberta, and aspires to become a secondary school Biology teacher. She would like to help expand students' minds and get them as excited about education as she is.



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