



**BC Métis**  
FEDERATION

# Membership Application



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# Introduction

The BC Métis Federation (BCMF) is a non-profit association that works with Métis communities to ensure the well being of BCMF members. Through grassroots efforts, BCMF advocates on behalf of its many members, living all across the province. BCMF full membership holders are able to actively participate and vote at Annual General Meetings and run in BCMF elections to become a Director. They can also participate in one of the many programs and services offered through BCMF.

## Processing Times

The current BCMF membership processing times are 4-8 weeks. Please note processing times begin from the date your application is completed. Please read the application requirements carefully and ensure all items on the checklist are provided with your package.

## Membership Oversight Committee

One of the requirements of BCMF membership is community acceptance. If you have a Métis community card, and/or a Métis provincial card, please provide a photocopy of it with your application. If you do not currently hold a community or provincial card then your application, upon completion, will be sent to BCMF's internal Membership Oversight Committee for review and approval.

## Membership Coordinator

If you have any questions regarding membership or your application, please contact the BCMF Membership Coordinator:

- [Membership@BCMmetis.com](mailto:Membership@BCMmetis.com)
- 1-604-638-7220

# Membership Categories

BCMF has three categories of membership: **Full**, **Associate**, and **Honourary**. Membership must be renewed every 5 years.

## Full Membership

BCMF will recognize Full Membership upon proof of genealogical records that verify Métis ancestry. Full Members are eligible to vote at any BCMF general meetings and can apply to sit on the BCMF Board of Directors. Please note that the age of eligibility for voting is 18.

## Associate Membership

BCMF will recognize Associate Membership for spouses of BCMF members and friends of BCMF who are not Métis. Associate Members are not eligible to vote at any BCMF general meetings and are not eligible to apply to sit on the BCMF Board of Directors.

## Honourary Membership

BCMF will recognize Honourary Membership for such persons who may be admitted by resolution of the membership at an annual general meeting or for recognized friends of BCMF by Order of the Sash presentation or extraordinary circumstance. Honourary Members are not eligible to vote at any BCMF general meetings and are not eligible to apply to sit on the BCMF Board of Directors.

# Membership Fees

- Children (under 18) - free
- Adults (18 and over) - \$30
- Elders (65 and over) – \$25
- Veterans – \$25

## Membership Renewals

Membership must be renewed every 5 years and you will receive a new membership card when you renew. Renewal card fees are the same as for new memberships as they cover the cost of printing the cards. You must supply a new photo every time you renew your membership.

# Membership Cards

All members will receive a BCMF membership card. For Full Members, the BCMF membership card is proof of acceptance and verification of Métis ancestry. BCMF membership cards may be used to access programs and services that are designated for Indigenous applicants.

BCMF membership cards feature a passport-style photo of the member. These photos must show the head and shoulders plus some space above the head. Member photos must use a light background. Digital files are preferred but hard copy photos may also be submitted. BCMF membership cards also include the member's signature. The signature will be pulled from the Consent to Release Confidential Information form.

## Replacement Cards

Replacement cards are available if you have lost your BCMF membership card or have moved and need to update the address on your card. Replacement card fees are the same as for new memberships as they cover the cost of printing the cards. You must supply a new photo every time your card is replaced.



# Application Checklist

## Forms

You must submit a series of forms for every applicant. This means that for family applications you must complete and submit each of the forms for every member of the family. *Genealogy Chart and Statutory Declaration are only required for Full Memberships.*

I have **fully completed** the following BCMF forms **for every applicant**:

Membership Application Form  Yes  No

Genealogy Chart  Yes  No

Consent to Release Confidential Information  Yes  No

Statutory Declaration: Indian Registry/Band List  Yes  No

## Signatures

It is very important that you ensure that all forms are signed in **black ink** (a parent or guardian must sign for children under the age of 18).

I have provided all required signatures in black ink  Yes  No

## Photos

Each BCMF membership card features an image of the member. Membership applications require the submission of a passport-style photo **for every applicant**.

I have included passport-style photos for every applicant  Yes  No

## Photocopies

Please submit **photocopies** of all available supporting documentation (do not send originals). This may include provincial photo id, Métis provincial or community membership cards, and genealogical documentation such as birth certificates, marriage certificates and baptismal records.

I have included photocopies of all available supporting documentation  Yes  No

## Payment

I have included my fee payment (cheque or money order)  Yes  No

## Mailing Address

Please mail your entire application to the BCMF head office **attention “Membership”**:

390-3665 Kingsway Vancouver, BC, V5R 5W2



# Membership Application Form

**Applicant Personal Information**    Full Membership    Associate Membership

Legal Name (First Middle Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Métis    Yes    No      Veteran    Yes    No

Date of Birth (Month Day, Year) \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth (City/Town/Village and Province) \_\_\_\_\_

Gender    Male    Female    Non-binary    Prefer not to disclose

Canadian Citizen    Yes    No      Resident of British Columbia    Yes    No

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_    Retired

**Marital Status**

Single    Married    Common-law    Widowed    Divorced    Separated

Spouse Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Family Members who are already BCMF Members**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

BCMF Member # (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

BCMF Member # (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Contact Information**

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration: I solemnly swear the statement made in this application is to be true.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian must sign for applicants under 16

**For Administration Use Only**

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

BCMF Member # \_\_\_\_\_

# Genealogy Chart *(required for Full Membership)*

Legal Name (First Middle Last) \_\_\_\_\_

<b>1</b> Your Name (Maiden name if female) B W M W		<b>2</b> Father's Name B W M W D W	<b>3</b> Mother's (Maiden) Name B W M W D W
<b>4</b> Grandfather's Name B W M W D W		<b>5</b> Grandmother's (Maiden) Name B W D W	
<b>8</b> Great G-father's Name B M D		<b>9</b> Great G-mother's (Maiden) Name B D	
<b>16</b> <b>17</b>	<b>10</b> Great G-father's Name B M D		
<b>18</b> <b>19</b>	<b>11</b> Great G-mother's (Maiden) Name B D		
<b>12</b> Great G-father's Name B M D		<b>13</b> Great G-mother's (Maiden) Name B D	
<b>24</b> <b>25</b>	<b>14</b> Great G-father's Name B M D		
<b>26</b> <b>27</b>	<b>15</b> Great G-mother's (Maiden) Name B W D W		
<b>28</b> <b>29</b>		<b>30</b> <b>31</b>	

**Legend**

- B - Date of Birth
- M - Date of Marriage
- D - Date of Death
- W - Where



# Consent to Release Confidential Information

I understand the contents of my BC Métis Federation (BCMF) membership application are confidential. My personal information will be stored in hard copy and as computer data at the BCMF head office and with authorized researchers as designated by BCMF. All personal information is protected by The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and may not be released to any individual, body agency or organization, without my written consent. Visit [BCMetis.com/privacy-policy](http://BCMetis.com/privacy-policy) to view the full BCMF Privacy Policy.

## Purpose for the Disclosure of Personal Information

BCMF will be using and sharing my information, to the extent necessary, towards historical research in relation to contemporary and historical Métis communities, traditions and customs.

In addition to the purposes set forth above, my personal information may be used as follows:

- to trace my ancestry
- to research and record personal information as necessary for the exercise and preservation of cultural practices and tradition
- for use in a public report concerning contemporary or historical communities and traditional Métis customs and practices for use as necessary in court proceedings
- in administrative BCMF Registry matters, disputes and hearings, and such other purposes and uses as may be required and deemed useful in advancing the cause of Métis citizens
- proving and/or upholding Métis rights and entitlement and/or publicizing Métis issues
- to consent to a search of the Indian Register to determine if I am a registered Indian

## Declaration

I consent to the use of my Personal Information as stated above, it will be shared, to the extent permitted by the Freedom of Information Act, with BCMF staff and authorized researchers.

Yes  No *This consent will remain in effect until such time as it is canceled in writing by me.*

I consent to the use of my genealogy by relatives when applying for their BCMF Membership

Yes  No *This consent will remain in effect until such time as it is canceled in writing by me.*

Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian must sign for applicants under 18.  
Use black ink, do not touch the sides of the box.

# Statutory Declaration: Indian Registry/Band List

Declared before me at \_\_\_\_\_ (City/Town/Village)  
in the province of British Columbia.

In the matter of an application for membership in the BC Métis Federation (BCMF) and  
in the matter of non-registration on the Indian Registry System and/or Band List.

Provision of the information requested on this document is voluntary. This information  
is being collected for the purpose of documenting an application for membership in  
BCMF under the bylaws of BCMF. This information will be securely stored under the  
control of BCMF. It is protected from disclosure to unauthorized persons or agencies  
pursuant to the provisions of the British Columbia Information Protection Act. Under  
the Act, you have the right to request access to your personal information held by the  
BCMF, and to correct corrections should you believe the information contains errors or  
omissions.

Legal Name (First Middle Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Declaration

I do solemnly declare that I am not registered on the Indian Registry System, pursuant  
to the Indian Act, and/or a Band List, and that I will immediately inform BCMF should  
the situation change and I become registered on the Indian Registry System pursuant to  
the Indian Act and/or a Band List. I make this declaration conscientiously believing it to  
be true and knowing that it has the same force and effect as if made under oath.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian must sign for applicants under 18