

2024–25

Greg Mazur Student Scholarship Showcase



Greg Mazur Student Scholarship Program

The BC Métis Federation (BCMF) is honoured to support Métis students in pursuing educational opportunities at the post-secondary level. The **Greg Mazur Student Scholarship Program** provides financial awards to Métis students with scholarships of between **\$750-\$1,500** are awarded.

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



Apply online at **bit.ly/4285C0j**



Greg Mazur 1951–2023

Greg was a long-time champion of the Métis who was committed to expanding educational and employment opportunities for Métis in BC. After his passing in 2023, the BC Métis Federation named its scholarship program in his honour.

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Heather Adams

University of Calgary

Heather is in her third year of a Bachelor of Social Work at the University of Calgary with plans to complete her MSW studying somatic healing therapy. She has an unwavering commitment to social justice, community engagement, and supporting marginalized populations throughout her academic journey. With a new connection to her Métis ancestry, Heather strives to incorporate cultural understanding and Indigenous perspectives into her work, aiming to advocate for holistic, trauma-informed, and inclusive solutions that address systemic inequalities.



Jennine Adams

University of the Fraser Valley

Jennine has an Early Childhood Education (ECE) diploma and has been working in the field for over 30 years. In 2019, she decided to return to Post-Secondary education and complete a BA in Adult Education. Jennine has been attending the University of the Fraser Valley and completed 90 of the 120 credits needed to graduate. A degree in Adult Education will bring her dream of being an adult educator of ECE closer and will give her a huge sense of pride and accomplishment.



Kateri Belisle

Vancouver Island University

Kateri is a Kinesiology Student at Vancouver Island University. She graduated high school in 2022 from Kwalikum Secondary School in Qualicum Beach, BC. Once she has obtained her Bachelor’s Degree in Kinesiology she wishes to further her education by receiving a Masters in Physiotherapy. Her interests lie in rehab for children who have undergone a traumatic accident or have a lifelong condition.



Tina Brunelle

University of Toronto

Tina completed her Bachelor of Arts (French) at McMaster University in 1992. After working in the public school system, she completed her Bachelor of Education (1997) and Master of Education (2014). For the last 26 years, Tina has worked in British Columbia and Ontario as a language teacher and Department Head at independent schools. Tina is currently working on her Philosophiæ doctorate at the University of Toronto.



Zev Demman

Okanagan College

Zev recently graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration Honours Degree in Finance from Okanagan College, where he developed expertise in financial analysis, risk management, and strategic planning. He is now pursuing his Mortgage Broker's Certification to combine his passion for finance and real estate to help clients achieve their financial and property-related goals. Zev aims to join a forward-thinking company expanding from Alberta to British Columbia, where he can apply his skills, contribute to community success, and grow within the dynamic mortgage industry.



Elisa Desjarlais

Douglas College

Elisa is currently pursuing an education in maternal health. After high school, she travelled the world to 30+ countries, volunteering for over five years before she decided she wanted to go to school to become a Labor & Postpartum Doula. Elisa looks forward to learning how to use her passions to help families with emotional support and ensure a positive and nurturing environment during this transformative time.



Nicholas Desjarlais

New Image College

Nicholas is currently in his second year of acting school, where he is training to become a lifelong actor in film and television. He works part-time as a server to make money on the side so he can support himself, and the scholarship money will significantly benefit him with his student loans.



Madison Gouldhawke

Okanagan College

Madison will be attending Okanagan College to gain a medical office Administration Certificate. With that Certificate, she plans to find a good job in healthcare and give back to her family. Madison will also give back to the community by helping them when they are the most vulnerable in the medical office.



Amelie Guignard

UBC Vancouver

Amelie is a first-year UBC Vancouver student enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts program. Her intended major is Sociology, with a minor in First Nation and Indigenous studies. Amelie actively participated in team sports during high school and volunteered in her community. In high school, she was a part of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee, where they started planning to input an outdoor classroom with the guidance of local elders. Amelie aspires to continue these interests at university by joining intramural sports teams and connecting with the Métis community at UBC.



Morgan Harris

Northern Alberta Institute of Technology

Morgan is currently a second-year student in the Denturist Technology program at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT). As part of her education, she has gained hands-on experience working with patients, fitting and manufacturing dentures. Morgan is passionate about combining healthcare with creativity, enjoying the process of not only improving patients' oral health but also helping them regain their confidence through personalized, functional smiles.



Ben Hartl

UBC Vancouver

Ben is a passionate learner with a deep love for biology, anatomy, and physiology. He is working toward his goal of attending medical school after completing an undergraduate degree in science at UBC Vancouver. Ben's ultimate dream is to become a doctor, combining his scientific interests with a commitment to serving others and giving back to the community. For Ben, this journey is about more than academics — it's about celebrating and honouring his Métis heritage while hoping to make a meaningful impact in healthcare.



Brenda Hebert

UBC Okanagan

Brenda is Métis/Anishinaabe and has lived in Winnipeg, MB, for most of her life. She has resided in the beautiful Okanagan, BC for 15 years now and is grateful for the land of the Sylix people. Brenda has earned a Diploma as a Community Support Worker (Social Services) and a BA Degree with a Major in Indigenous studies and a Minor in Cultural studies. Brenda is currently moving forward with Graduate studies at UBCO.



Anna Jackson

University of Victoria

Anna will enter her third year this fall at the University of Victoria, completing a Bachelor of Science in Neurobiology. In a year, Anna will be applying to the University of British Columbia's Faculty of Medicine. She hopes to pursue a career in either family medicine or surgery.



Cherisse Klassen

Yorkville University

Cherisse holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Biological Sciences from Simon Fraser University, where she graduated with distinction. She is currently undertaking her Master of Counseling Psychology from Yorkville University and will graduate in 2026. As an Indigenous woman, an empath, and a social justice advocate, Cherisse is passionate about healing the generational trauma that affects many Indigenous communities.



Kailey Lund

UBC Okanagan

Kailey is a Master of Physical Therapy student at UBC, currently studying in the Northern Cohort in Prince George. She completed her undergraduate degree in Human Kinetics at UBC Okanagan. Kailey’s passion for staying active and living a healthy lifestyle inspired her journey into physical therapy. Kailey loves spending time with friends and family and exploring new experiences. As Kailey pursues her career as a physical therapist, she is dedicated to promoting health and wellness, with a particular focus on Indigenous health in her future practice.



Ty Tapley

Okanagan College

Ty is finishing his high school diploma at Rutland Senior Secondary with a focus on sciences and math and will graduate in June. He will be starting a two-year mechanical engineering diploma program at Okanagan College this September. Afterward, Ty plans to transfer to UBCO Kelowna to further his education.



Melissa Therrien

Okanagan College

Melissa earned her Bachelor's degree in Education from the Université de Saint-Boniface in 2015. Since then, she has taught in the public school systems of Manitoba and British Columbia. Melissa is now embarking on a new academic journey, entering her first year of the Environmental Studies diploma program at Okanagan College, with a specialization in Environmental Management. She is passionate about integrating her love for teaching with her commitment to environmental stewardship, aiming to inspire future generations through education and a deep connection to nature.



Aaron Torio

Simon Fraser University

Aaron graduated from Abbotsford Senior Secondary in 1991. Having ADHD, just finishing high school was an accomplishment for him. Aaron did some post-secondary courses over the next couple of years and worked as a Residential Support Worker, where the agency provided a high-quality program with certification at completion. Since then, Aaron has received other certifications enabling him to advance in the Care field. Aaron is excited to make his next career upgrade by completing the Vocational Rehab and Disability Management certificate program at SFU.



Trinity Venne

University of the Fraser Valley

Trinity graduated as a licensed practical nurse in October 2020 from Assiniboine Community College in Brandon, MB. She moved to BC shortly after graduation and has been working as an outreach nurse at Cottonwood Pharmacy in Chilliwack, BC. For the past two years, she has been taking part-time classes through the University of the Fraser Valley to go toward her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. She has been accepted to UFV's Fall 2024 entry for the full-time LPN to BScN bridging program and is set to graduate in the Fall of 2026. Trinity hopes to pursue a career in public health or community health once she becomes a Registered Nurse.





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