

CITIZEN APPLICATION FORM

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"Métis means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is distinct from other Aboriginal peoples, is of historic Métis ancestry, and is accepted by the Métis Nation" - from the Statement of Prime Purpose of the Métis Nation of Ontario

The historic Métis Nation arose in the mid 1700's to late 1800's from the union of European men and First Nations women. By this time there were recognizable Métis communities across the Métis Nation Homeland and the Métis People had developed a culture, history, and lifestyle which were distinct from First Nations or Inuit peoples.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

TO QUALIFY FOR CITIZENSHIP YOU MUST BE A CURRENT RESIDENT OF ONTARIO

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for applying for citizenship with the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO). Please note that due to the large volume of mail and application the Registry receives, all fully documented applications will be processed on a first come, first served, basis as time permits. Applications that are missing initial requirements will have their processing delayed until all documentation has been received. To avoid delays please ensure that you are providing ALL required documents to the Registry Branch, including the application form and your genealogical chart.

PLEASE MARK (X) EACH BOX INDICATING THAT YOU ARE PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING:

MNO application form, fully completed (including the genealogical section)

- A genealogical chart, beginning with you and ending with your Métis ancestor (photocopy as many as needed)
- A photocopy of your long form birth OR baptismal certificate (the document must name your parent)
- A photocopy of a current photo identification document clearly establishing your residency in Ontario (e.g. student card, bus pass, drivers license)
- A clear photo of yourself with your name on the back - your copy of your photo ID is NOT sufficient for this purpose (maximum size 3" x 5")
- Documents confirming Métis ancestry
- Supporting documents linking every generation from you to your Métis ancestor (see below for more information)
- A one time, non-refundable administration processing fee in the amount of \$30.00 (Cheque or money order made payable to the Métis Nation of Ontario - No cash please)

FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY MNO CITIZENS

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

EXPLANATION OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Supporting documents are copies of primary records such as birth, baptism, marriage or death records, census records, fur trade industry records, early military service records or land scrip (Western Canada). If an obituary is used as a supporting document it must include the name of the newspaper as well as the date it was published. Each document must list the individual's parents and make the link between the child and the parents. In order to ensure your application is correctly assessed, please indicate your ancestor on each document by either highlighting or underlining their names. This helps greatly while assessing files as older documents can be very difficult to read.

Secondary documents can also be acceptable as supporting documents, if they are historical accounts or genealogical references published by **reputable** researchers. To be used, however, they must include the title page and publication information. Though helpful in providing more information, secondary documents must be accompanied by primary documents. Providing solely secondary documents is not sufficient in establishing a link between generations. Marriage repertoires **are no longer accepted** as they have been found to include errors. With submitting a genealogical chart, supporting documents must be provided to corroborate the information.

Please note that although useful to understand a family's history, documents obtained from the internet are rarely considered valid, unless they are copies of actual church or civic records (for example birth, death or marriage certificate). Documents obtained over the internet should also include references clearly indicating original resources.

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There is a *non-refundable* administration fee of \$30.00 (cheques to be payable to the Métis Nation of Ontario). A charge of \$15.00 will be added to any NSF payment. Please refer to the attached Requirements Checklist for documentation that **MUST be included with the application.**

Please Print Legibly

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name of Applicant: _____
Last First Middle

Maiden Name (if applicable): _____ **Gender:** Male Female

Date of Birth: _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mailing Address: _____ **City:** _____
RR#, Box # or Street Address

Province: Ontario **Postal Code:**

Telephone: () - **Fax:** ()

E-mail: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Your Spouse's Name: _____
Last First Middle

Your Children's Names:

_____ Date of Birth: _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

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(IF YOU REQUIRE MORE SPACE PLEASE ATTACH ANOTHER PAGE)

GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION:

Please provide the first and last names as indicated below. (**NOTE:** In the case of women, please use maiden names)

Mother: _____ Birth place: _____
Does your Mother have Aboriginal ancestry? Yes No If yes: Métis First Nations Inuit

Father: _____ Birth place: _____
Does your Father have Aboriginal ancestry? Yes No If yes: Métis First Nations Inuit

Mother's Mother: _____ Birth place: _____
Does your Mother's Mother have Aboriginal ancestry? Yes No If yes: Métis First Nations Inuit

Mother's Father: _____ Birth place: _____
Does your Mother's Father have Aboriginal ancestry? Yes No If yes: Métis First Nations Inuit

Father's Mother: _____ Birth place: _____
Does your Father's Mother have Aboriginal ancestry? Yes No If yes: Métis First Nations Inuit

Father's Father: _____ Birth place: _____
Does your Father's Father have Aboriginal ancestry? Yes No If yes: Métis First Nations Inuit

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

If applying as a youth (under 16 years of age) this must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

I make a statutory declaration that I am a Métis with the meaning of the Métis Nation of Ontario.

Criteria for Entitlement: “ citizenship in the MNO shall be limited to individuals interested in furthering the objects of the Métis Nation of Ontario who: (1) are Métis within the definition adopted by the Métis Nation of Ontario in accordance with the Métis National Council which is as follows: Métis means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry, is distinct from other Aboriginal Peoples and is accepted by the Métis Nation.”

Per Article 2.3(b) of the MNO Secretariat by-laws, I swear that I am “**not enrolled on any other Aboriginal registry**” I swear that all the information provided by me is true and I pledge to follow the laws, policies and regulations established by the Metis Nation of Ontario, and as amended from time to time by the Annual General Assembly.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date of Application: _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

PERMISSION TO ACCESS FILE

By signing below, I give permission for my file to be accessed on behalf of anyone sharing my ancestry.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date: _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Application Received: _____ Amount Received: _____
Date Amount Cash/Chq/MO

Registrar's Signature

Date Issued

Citizenship No.