

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO CITIZEN APPLICATION FORM

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

“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*

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 refer to the attached Requirements Checklist for documentation that **MUST** be included with the application.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Application Requirements Checklist

- 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)
- Documents that prove your parentage and Canadian citizenship. Please provide ONE of the following options:
 - 1) A copy of your long form birth certificate OR
 - 2) A copy of your baptismal certificate (must be printed on church letterhead, signed, and include an official seal) AND a copy of your Passport OR
 - 3) A copy of your baptismal certificate (must be printed on church letterhead, signed, and include an official seal) AND a copy of your short form birth certificate (the wallet card)
- A photocopy of a current photo identification document clearly establishing your residency in Ontario (e.g. Ontario Photo Card, driver's 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"). Photos must be clear with no shadows. Hats, head coverings, sunglasses or tinted glasses must not be worn.
- Document confirming name change due to marriage, etc. (if applicable). This documentation may be a copy of your marriage certificate or provincial government certificate of name change.
- Church or civic 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). **A charge of \$15.00 will be added to any NSF payment.**

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. Supporting documents must be provided to corroborate the information on your genealogical chart.

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.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Application Received: _____

Amount Received: _____

Amount

Cash / Cheque / MO

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name of Applicant: _____
Last First Middle

Maiden Name (if applicable): _____ Gender: Male Female Date of Birth: _____
MM / DD / YYYY

I am a veteran as defined in the Veterans Charter and I would like to be contacted by the Métis Nation of Ontario Veterans' Council (MNOVC).

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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

City: _____ Province: Ontario Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Your Spouse's Name: _____
Last First Middle

Your Children's Names: *Placing you children's names on this form is for information purposes only. It does not constitute registration for that child. Each applicant must be on a separate application.*

_____ 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: _____ Métis

Father: _____ Birth place: _____ Métis

Mother's Mother: _____ Birth place: _____ Métis

Mother's Father: _____ Birth place: _____ Métis

Father's Mother: _____ Birth place: _____ Métis

Father's Father: _____ Birth place: _____ Métis

RELATIVES WHO ARE MNO CITIZENS:

Name: _____ Citizenship #: _____

Name: _____ Citizenship #: _____

Name: _____ Citizenship #: _____

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 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 5(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 Métis Nation of Ontario, and as amended from time to time by the Annual General Assembly.

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

CONSENT TO COLLECT & USE INFORMATION

By signing below, I, _____, give consent to the Métis Nation of Ontario to:

- 1) Collect and use my personal information for the purposes of determining my eligibility for Citizenship and/or a Harvester's Certificate with the MNO; and to,
- 2) Share information from my file for the purposes of research and publications pertaining to the Métis population in Ontario, subject to agreements that govern how the information will be used and protected. I understand and agree that the MNO will retain authority and governance over the use of the information, and that my personal information will be protected at all times.

I understand and agree that my personal information shall remain confidential and shall not be released to any person, affiliate or agency without my express consent, except as required by law or as set out above.

I also give permission to share my genealogy information as follows (check all boxes for which you are giving consent):

- I authorize the MNO to share my genealogy information, including any or all official birth or baptismal documents used for the the purposes of linking me to my Métis ancestors, with **any individuals** who can demonstrates how they link to my family tree.
- I authorize the MNO to share my genealogy information, including any or all official birth or baptismal documents used for the the purposes of linking me to my Métis ancestors, with **the following named persons only**, insofar as they are able to show how they link to my family

Print name: _____ Print name: _____

Print name: _____ Print name: _____

I understand and agree that this consent will remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by me, in writing, to the MNO Registrar.

Applicant
Signature:

Please keep
signature
within the box.

Date: _____
MM / DD / YYYY

Witness
Signature:

Date: _____
MM / DD / YYYY

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