

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

CITIZEN APPLICATION FORM

“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*

Thank you for applying for citizenship with the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO). Please be sure to provide **ALL** required documents to the MNO Registry, as outlined below. **By applying for citizenship, you provide consent to the MNO to collect and use your personal information** for: 1) the purpose of determining eligibility for MNO Citizenship and/or an MNO Harvester's Certificate; 2) the purposes of research, publications, and communication pertaining to the Métis population in Ontario, subject to agreements that govern how the information will be used and protected; and 3) the purposes of providing genealogical data for you and your Métis ancestors, and any individuals who can demonstrate how they link to your family tree. The MNO will retain authority and governance over the use of information, and your personal information will be protected at all times. Your personal information shall remain confidential and shall not be released to any other person, affiliate, or agency without your express consent, except as required by law or set out above.

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

Application Requirements Checklist

- MNO application form, fully completed. The oath of allegiance must be signed to complete this application.
- A genealogical chart, beginning with the applicant and ending with her/his Métis ancestor (photocopy as many as needed)
- Photocopy of document that proves your connection to your parents. Please provide ONE of the following options (which names you and your parents):
 - 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)
- A clear colour photo, similar to a passport style photo, with no hats, sunglasses or tinted glasses. Clear digital photos are acceptable and can be e-mailed. No photos printed on copy paper.
- Document confirming name change due to marriage or for any other reason. 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. Please provide copies of original documents (see below for more information).
- Minor children (under 18) can be indicated as the primary applicant OR as an additional applicant on page 2 (if parents or siblings are applying at the same time). A separate oath and document connecting to parents must be included for each additional applicant.
- At a meeting of the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) on October 3-4, 2020 a resolution was passed, at the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, to direct the MNO to **waive all fees for applications and renewals for Citizenship and Harvesting Cards on a permanent basis.**
- A photocopy of a current photo identification document clearly establishing your residency (e.g. Ontario Photo Card, driver's license) is required for applicants 18 or over.

Explanation of Supporting Documents

Documents must be provided to support each link on your genealogy chart – in some instances, multiple records can be used to establish a single link. Supporting documents are copies of primary records such as:

- Birth or Baptism certificate
- Marriage certificate
- Death record, or obituary (with newspaper name and date)
- Census records
- Early military services records
- Land scrip (Western Canada)

Each supporting document must name and make the link between the child and parent.

Secondary documents can also be accepted as supporting documents, if they are historical records. Published sources must include the title page, and publication information, and be accompanied by other primary records. Published sources will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

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 (e.g., birth, death, marriage certificates). Documents obtained over the internet should include references clearly indicating original resources.

As per the MNO Registry Policy, applicants must prove Historical Métis Nation ancestry by providing evidence of a genealogical connection to a documented Métis ancestor who lived in the Historic Métis Nation Homeland after 1750.

A “documented Métis ancestor” means an individual identified in the Historic Record as Métis, Michif, Halfbreed (or variation such as “Breed,” “Scotch Breed,” “SB,” “French Breed,” “Other Breed,” “M.E.” [Métis Ecossoise], chicot, bois brûlé or métisse. Historic records which use such terms include Métis Scrip Records, Land Grants, and census records. Digitized versions of such records may be available online through Library and Archives Canada. Church and civic records (birth, baptism, marriage and death records) and other historic records may also use these terms.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Application Received: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name of Applicant: _____
Last First Middle

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

Note: A parent or child can be the primary applicant on this form. A minor child (under 18) can also be an additional applicant. See below.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Street Address: _____

Apartment or Unit #: _____ **RR#:** _____ **Postal Box #:** _____

City: _____ **Province:** _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Telephone: _____ **Mobile:** _____ **E-mail:** _____

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Your Spouse's Name: _____
Last First Middle

Your Children's Names: *Please indicate clearly if your minor child (under 18) is an additional applicant.*

Attach oath, photos, fee payment, and birth or baptism record for each child who is also an 'additional applicant'.

Name of Child: _____ Date of Birth: _____ **Gender:** Male Female Another

If child is an additional applicant, check box

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***** Attach another page as needed (e.g., to provide information about child's other parent if they are not spouse listed above).**

GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION:

Please provide the first and last names as indicated below. (IMPORTANT: Please use women's maiden names)

Mother: _____ **Birth place:** _____ **Metis:**

Father: _____ **Birth place:** _____ **Metis:**

Mother's Mother: _____ **Birth place:** _____ **Metis:**

Mother's Father: _____ **Birth place:** _____ **Metis:**

Father's Mother: _____ **Birth place:** _____ **Metis:**

Father's Father: _____ **Birth place:** _____ **Metis:**

RELATIVES WHO ARE MNO CITIZENS:

Name: _____ Citizenship #: _____

Name: _____ Citizenship #: _____

Name: _____ Citizenship #: _____

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Declaration for applicants not yet 16 years of age must be signed by a parent or guardian

I make statutory declaration that I, _____ am Métis with the meaning of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO).
(name of applicant)

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 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 Signature:

Please keep signature within the box.

Name of Applicant only; parent/guardian to sign below

OR Parent/Guardian Signature:

_____ **A parent or guardian must sign here only. Please leave the section above for the applicant, or leave blank.**

Date: _____



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