



St'át'imc Lifelong Learning Scholarship Application Guideline

Dear Student,

A scholarship is a non-repayable grant for students who demonstrate financial need and or academic performance. The scholarship program funds are limited and are not intended to fund a student's full deficit. Students who lack resources to cover living and other education-related costs during their study period should also consider applying for bursary assistance.

The goal of the scholarship program is to fund students with financial need. St'át'imc Government Services understands the struggles and challenges students encounter while going to school, whether it be in high school, leaving your community to attend a post-secondary institution or deciding that you want to further your education after graduation. Lifelong learning and skill development in post-secondary education, opens many doors and opportunities. We the St'át'imc recognize that "*education and training*" is one of the most important priorities for all St'át'imc people today. We recognize that education not only contributes to better jobs and higher pay, but is also associated with social benefits and economic growth.

According the St'át'imc Vero research of 2012, statistics tells us there are 6,492 St'át'imc members. The St'át'imc members are younger than other British Columbians in the St'át'imc Territory. Therefore, the St'át'imc workforce population is estimated to grow in population by more than 40% by 2017. Which is almost double the rate of the overall working age population.

We believe the improved education outcomes for St'át'imc people can improve economic growth in the territory, mitigate the skills labor shortage, and reduce St'át'imc social costs. The St'át'imc Lifelong Learning Scholarship Awards Program objective is to alleviate the financial stress that students experience provide scholarships to lifelong learners of the St'át'imc learning community.

All St'át'imc resident, individual community members who are either First Nation and non-First Nations of Aboriginal descent, Inuit, Metis and enrolled full time in a post-secondary, St'át'imc Language & Culture Program, Graduate Studies, Health Careers or focusing on Professional Development training are eligible to apply.

Sincerely,

Laura Grizzlypaws

St'át'imc Education & Training Manager

	NAME	ELIGIBLE FIELDS OF STUDY	TYPES OF PROGRAM
PSE	Post-Secondary Education	Postsecondary education refers to those whose highest level of educational attainment is an apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma; college, or other non-university certificate or diploma; university certificate or diploma below bachelor level; or a university degree - bachelor's degree; university certificate or diploma above bachelor level; master's degree; earned doctorate.	Full-time degree or diploma programs; undergraduate and graduate degree programs from an accredited post-secondary institution.
HC	Health Careers	Studies in health care such as; Nursing; Physiotherapy; Medicine; Occupational Therapy; Dietician; Medical Lab Technology; Pharmacy; Dentistry; Veterinary; Leadership; and Protection.	Full time certificate programs, undergraduate, professional and graduate degree programs at an accredited post-secondary institution.
SLC	St'át'imc Language & Culture	Must be enrolled in a language and culture program and supports St'át'imc community and commitment to revitalization of St'át'imcets.	Accredited Program St'át'imc Language Program Language Proficiency Program Developmental Standard Teacher Education Program
SNC B	St'át'imc Nation Capacity Building	Capacity-building efforts in St'át'imc communities, particularly as they relate to building increased knowledge, skills and professional development needs of the St'át'imc in areas such as; Leadership Capacity Building; Economic Development; Governance; Knowledge Management and Sharing Initiatives; Policy Initiatives; along with other Initiatives that will contribute to the St'át'imc in other capacity building initiatives.	Professional Development building is a local capacity through training, coaching, and mentoring as well through Institutional Training and Capacity Assessments; Leadership Capacity Building; Education and Administration Training.

PERSONAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION

All personal and contact information is CONFIDENTIAL. We do not include this portion when it is sent for internal review, however, if you receive an award, your personal photo and name is shared with the donor St'át'imc Government Services, BC Hydro, and the St'át'imc Nation. Please ensure that all current information is included, such as address, telephone and email address, if you have any change in these addresses, please notify us as soon as possible.

Once you receive an award you will be asked to submit a thank you letter to the St'át'imc Government Service Scholarship Bursary Awards program acknowledging the receipt of the award.

We also require your social insurance number and this is primarily for taxation purposes if you receive an award. You will also be issued a T4A for the applicable taxation year.

*The application **deadline** for all Scholarships is at 4:30 pm on the deadline date listed below.

PROGRAM OF STUDY	APPLICATION OPENS	APPLICATION CLOSES	PAYMENT	APPLICATION OPENS	APPLICATION CLOSES	PAYMENT
Under Graduate	September 15	October 15	Mid November	January 15	February 15	Mid-March
Graduate	September 15	October 15	Mid November	January 15	February 15	Mid-March
Health Careers	September 15	October 15	Mid November	January 15	February 15	Mid-March
SNCB	September 15	October 15	Mid November	January 15	February 15	Mid-March
SLC	September 15	October 15	Mid November	January 15	February 15	Mid-March

DECLARATION AND CONSENT

This section is to verify that you understand the required documents that need to be submitted in order for your application to be sent for Internal review. If all mandatory documents are sent with your application, your application will be considered for review. All applications are screened, and in the event there may be some missing mandatory documents the application will not be considered.

Mandatory Documents:

- St'át'imc Bursary Scholarship Application form, completed and signed.
- Proof of First Nation (status or non-status), Inuit or Metis Status.
- Letter of introduction (maximum 1,500 words)
- Proof of Enrollment
- Transcripts (Official) from your most recent academic program.
- Recent, clear color electronic photograph of head and shoulders in jpg.
- Verification of current tuition fees from program calendar, brochure, web page, or the Registrar's Office.
- 2 Reference Letters
- Current Resume

Your signature confirms that:

- You are enrolled in a full time program.
- You have read and fully understand the guidelines that govern your application.
- You certify that all the information contained in your application is true and correct.
- You understand that any false information intentionally given on this application, by email, or telephone will disqualify your application.
- You hereby give your consent to St'át'imc to release your contact information to use, publish your name, photo, and relevant information on St'át'imc website, in St'át'imc brochures for promotion, marketing, advertising, or in sponsor communications.
- You acknowledge that if your application package does not include all required documents your application will be deemed ineligible.
- You understand that it is your responsibility to ensure that all supporting documents are dated and received by the St'át'imc Government Services Office by the deadline.

ABORIGINAL AFFILIATION

The St'át'imc Scholarship and Bursary Awards Program is intended for the St'át'imc First Nation Community members attending full time post-secondary studies who are recognized as status, or non-status First Nations, Inuit, or Metis as recognized by the St'át'imc Government Services.

Status First Nation

All applicants who declare they are “Status First Nation” must provide a front and back photo-copy of their “Certificate of Indian Status” as issued by the Government of Canada or through their respective Bands.

Non-Status First Nation

Applicants who declare they are “non-status First Nation” must provide a front and back photo-copy of their parent(s) or grandparents(s) “Certificate of Indian Status” with a birth certificate(s) clearly showing the relationship to the person identified on the “Certificate of Indian Status” card.

Metis

All applicants who declare they are Metis must provide a front and back photo-copy of their “Certificate of Metis Status” card or an official letter from a Metis organization that identifies the person registered as a member in good standing with that Metis Organization. Documentation must also be provided to show that the applicant has made an application to become a member of their Metis organization.

Inuit

Applicants who declare their status as “Inuit” must provide a front and back photo-copy of their Inuit Certificate card or a letter from a recognized Inuit territorial organization.

*Preference will be given to candidates of St'át'imc descent (please self-identify in your application)

LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

Your letter of introduction is your opportunity to tell us all about you! Of key importance, is your contribution and involvement to the St'át'imc community, be it in the past, present or future. Be sure to elaborate and provide details and/or examples of how you contribute and or are involved in the St'át'imc community.

Your letter of introduction is assessed by the selection board, so remember the board doesn't know anything about you, so you have to provide the details! Do not be shy in communicating your strengths, goals and objectives. Look at the following example:

Dear Scholarship Committee Members:

This paragraph should include information about you and your connection to the St'át'imc community. You should also tell where you are attending school and what level university program you are enrolled in.

This paragraph should tell about your skills & abilities. What are you learning? What can you do? This is where you "sell" yourself.

This paragraph should tell about your future goals. What do you plan to do after the completion of your education, skill development or training?

Be sure to thank the committee for their time and effort in reviewing your application or portfolio

Sincerely,

Type your name here

Ensure that your letter is typed, double spaces and preferably size 10-11 font.

WHERE TO SEND YOUR APPLICATION

Once you have completed your application you may mail your documents to:

**St'át'imc Government Services
Scholarship & Bursary Awards Program
St'át'imc Education & Training
#10 Scotchman Road
Box 2218, Lillooet, BC, V0K 1V0**

Please note – faxed or emailed applicants will not be accepted.