



Dear Applicant:

**As an Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Citizen, you are eligible for North Island Métis (NIMA) Citizen Membership.**

NIMA Citizen Membership is available for people who identify as Métis and:

- Have an MNBC card *or* are related to a NIMA Citizen Member who is in good standing and has a valid MNBC card
- Have resided in the province of British Columbia for at least 3 months
- Are not registered as First Nations and do not receive any benefits as a First Nations individual
- Are not Inuit and do not receive any benefits as an Inuit individual

To begin the process you will need to:

- Fill in and sign the following NIMA forms:
  - Application for Citizen Membership
  - Métis Citizen Genealogy Profile
  - Oath of Allegiance
  - Media Release
  - Consent to Release Confidential Information Form
- Provide a copy of your valid MNBC card *or* accepted geneological documents
- Provide a copy of your BC Identification *or* a copy of your birth certificate
- Pay a non-refundable \$20.00 processing fee



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Once your application has been approved, there is an annual membership fee:

- \$20.00 per year for adults - can be paid up to 10 years in advance
- \$1.00 per year for youth aged 17 and under - must be paid in full up front

Citizen Members rights and responsibilities:

- Have voting rights
- Can hold a seat on the NIMA Board of Directors
- Attend the NIMA Annual General Meeting each year
- Are eligible to attend all NIMA events, and especially Citizen Member Only events
- Maintain every effort to be in good standing (current, fully paid annual fees)
- Must be in good standing to attend events for free or lower cost
- Outstanding dues must be paid before Citizen Members can be in good standing
- Lapsed memberships will incur a \$20.00 processing fee to be reactivated

Payments can be made by e-transfer to [finance@nimetis.com](mailto:finance@nimetis.com) or in person at our office during opening hours, Tuesday to Friday 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM. We are open some Saturdays, please check our website for dates or by appointment.

Please return your application by email to [frontdesk@nimetis.com](mailto:frontdesk@nimetis.com) or in person at our office.

We are here to help, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at 250-287-7417.

We look forward to receiving your application and welcoming you to NIMA.



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# Application for Citizen Membership

Please print clearly using blue or black pen only. Do not use pencil.

Applicant Information			
First Name			
Middle Name			
Last Name			
Street Address			
City			
Postal Code			
Mailing Address (if different)			
Telephone	Home	Cell	Work
Email			
Date of Birth	Month	Day	Year



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Applicant Information		
<b>Gender Identity</b> (you can prefer not to disclose)	This question asks you to identify the term that best describes you at the present time. This question is not asking about sex assigned at birth or sexual orientation. Terms you can use include: gender fluid, man, non-binary, trans man, trans woman, two-spirit, woman.	
<b>2SLGBTQIA+</b> (you can prefer not to disclose)	Do you consider yourself a member of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community? NIMA does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. We ask this question in order to best consider the needs of all our members.	
<b>Are you adopted?</b>	Yes	No
<b>Are you a veteran?</b>	Yes	No

The information provided in this document is collected in order to offer a NIMA Citizen Membership and will not be released without your written consent.  
Please ensure both boxes are signed.

Signatures	
<b>Applicant Signature</b> <i>If applicant is under 16 years of age a parent signature is required</i>	
Date	
<b>Witness Signature</b> <i>Witness must be 19 years and over</i>	
Date	



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# Métis Citizen Genealogy Profile

Please print clearly using blue or black pen only. Do not use pencil.

Applicant full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a MNBC Citizen in good standing? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what is your MNBC Membership number? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not an MNBC Citizen, you must present documents from the accepted genealogy services or have a family member who is currently a NIMA member and an MNBC Citizen in good standing. All questions below must be answered in full for NIMA membership based on family connection.

Full name of Métis family member: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Only immediate family will be accepted: parent, sibling, child, or grandparent.

Family member date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Family member MNBC membership number: \_\_\_\_\_

Family member NIMA membership number: \_\_\_\_\_



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## **Definition of Métis**

Métis means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry, is distinct from other Indigenous Peoples and is accepted by the Métis Nation.

“Historic Métis Nation” means the Indigenous People then known as Métis or Half-Breeds who resided in Historic Métis Nation Homeland.

“Historic Métis Nation Homeland” means the area of land in west central North America used and occupied as the traditional territory of the Métis or Half-Breeds as they were then known.

“Métis Nation” means the Indigenous People descended from the Historic Métis Nation, which is now comprised of all Métis Nation Citizens and is one of the “aboriginal peoples of Canada” within Section 35 of the Constitution Act of 1982.

“Distinct from other Indigenous Peoples” means distinct for cultural and nationhood purposes.

## **Oath of Allegiance**

I declare that I am a Métis Citizen distinct from First Nations Indian, Inuit, and Non-Indigenous. I do hereby apply for membership with North Island Métis (NIMA). Further, should I be granted membership with NIMA, I will abide by all the rules, bylaws, and amendments of North Island Métis.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature of parent or legal guardian if applicant is under 16 years of age*



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# **MEDIA RELEASE FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, grant permission to North Island Métis, hereinafter known as the “Media” to use my image (photographs and/or video) for use in Media publications, including but not limited to, videos, emails, newsletters, NIMA’s website and social media.

I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the finished photographs or electronic matter that may be used in conjunction with them now or in the future, whether that use is known to me or unknown, and I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising from or related to the use of the image.

Please **initial** the paragraph below which is applicable to your present situation:

\_\_\_\_\_ - I am 16 years of age or older and I am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below, and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this release. I understand that I am free to address any specific questions regarding this release by submitting those questions in writing prior to signing, and I agree that my failure to do so will be interpreted as a free and knowledgeable acceptance of the terms of this release.

\_\_\_\_\_ - I am the parent or legal guardian of the below named child. I have read this release before signing below, and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this release. I understand that I am free to address any specific questions regarding this release by submitting those questions in writing prior to signing, and I agree that my failure to do so will be interpreted as a free and knowledgeable acceptance of the terms of this release.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent  
or legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if application is under 16 years of age)

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_



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# **CONSENT TO RELEASE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

(Completed form with signature is required)

I understand the contents of my North Island Métis Citizen Membership application are confidential. All personal information is protected by the Personal Information and Privacy Act (PIPA) and may not be released to any individual, body or organization without my written or verbal consent.

I hereby authorize North Island Métis to store in hard and/or electronic copy the following contents of my North Island Métis application file:

- ❖ Individual Membership Application form, which includes the following information:
  - Name
  - Address
  - Phone number
  - Email address
  - Signature
- ❖ Consent to Release Confidential Information form
- ❖ Any supporting genealogical documentation
- ❖ Photographs
- ❖ Birth certificates
- ❖ Identification documents (MNBC card, BC ID)
- ❖ Correspondences pertaining to my application
- ❖ Application checklists
- ❖ Contact log

I hereby authorize North Island Métis to use the information contained in my North Island Métis application file for the following purposes:

- ❖ North Island Métis Association AGM voter lists
- ❖ Verification of Métis Nation BC Citizenship Use of my residential address, email address and/or phone number for the purpose of receiving chartered Métis community updates, meeting notifications, events and program opportunities



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(Completed form with signature is required)

I understand all information in regard to my application will be retained by North Island Métis unless I provide written instructions to destroy and/or return all information I have submitted.

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent or legal guardian (please print): \_\_\_\_\_  
*If applicant is under 16 years of age*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of witness (please print): \_\_\_\_\_  
*Witness must be 19 years and over*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_