Mid Island Métis Nation

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Membership application package

Please read carefully. The items listed below are mandatory.

What to bring with your application

1. **A family-information birth or baptismal certificate** for each of the people below, going back to 1901. These show the person's name, date of birth, gender, parents' names and birth place.
   - Applicant
   - Métis parent
   - Métis grandparent
   - Métis great-grandparent

   If you do not have a family-information birth certificate, it can be obtained from the department of vital statistics in the province where you were born. A baptismal certificate can be obtained from the church where the baptism or christening took place, or from the archdiocese of that church.
2. **Your genealogy on the 5-generation pedigree chart.** Ask the office for a copy of the chart — call (250) 585-7441 or email office@mimn.ca. One chart must be filled in and submitted for each applicant. Include as much as you can — birth dates and places, marriage dates and places, death dates and places. Always use maiden names for women. Genealogy approval usually takes **1 to 3 months**.
3. **An Indigenous status card sized photograph**, which goes on your MIMN membership card. Local passport-photo providers can take these. The photo must be of your face from the neckline up.
4. **One additional piece of BC-issued photo identification** — a BC driver's licence, BC Identification, or a Canadian passport. Applicants 18 and under may provide a copy of their BC Care Card instead.
5. **A completed, signed, dated and witnessed Consent to Release form.** It is included in this package.
6. **A copy of your MNBC card**, if you are a citizen of Métis Nation British Columbia.

Please also note

1. MIMN is not responsible for application packages or membership cards damaged, lost or stolen in the mail.
2. It is the applicant's responsibility to keep their contact information up to date if they move during the application process.
3. If a family member already holds a MIMN membership card, please say so in the space provided on the application.

> **You can also fill this in online.** Go to **mimn.ca** and open the membership application. It fills in on your own computer, nothing is sent over the internet, and it prints the same form you are holding. Your documents still come to the office in person or by mail — please do not email them.

Application for membership

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Definition of the Métis

The Métis Nation Accord uses self-identification and community acceptance as the determinants of Métis citizenship. These conditions are consistent with the United Nations criteria set out in various declarations for Indigenous Peoples.

"Métis" as defined by the Métis National Council: a person who self-identifies as Métis, is distinct from other Aboriginal peoples, is of historic Métis Nation ancestry, and who is accepted by the Métis Nation.

"Métis Nation" means the community of Métis persons above, and persons of Aboriginal descent who are accepted by that community.

> Acceptance by the community of Métis persons is subject to approval by the President and the Board of the Mid Island Métis Nation. Submitting this form does not by itself make you a member.

About you

Please print legibly, and use your full legal name exactly as it appears on your birth certificate. Unclear writing delays applications.

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YYYY) _____ PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY, PROVINCE OR COUNTRY) _____

How we reach you

Tell us if any of this changes while your application is being reviewed.

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ PROVINCE _____ POSTAL CODE _____

PHONE (HOME) _____ PHONE (WORK OR CELL) _____

EMAIL _____ DATE OF APPLICATION (DD/MM/YYYY) _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY — PLEASE DO NOT FILL IN

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER 601 __ ____ __

DATE _____ SIGNATURE OF CARD ISSUER _____

For your membership card

These details are printed on the card itself. The photo must be of your face from the neckline up.

Attach photo here
approx.
1⅛ × 1⅛ inches

SEX

○ Male ○ Female ○ Another gender

PREFER TO SELF-DESCRIBE

EYE COLOUR

HEIGHT (CM)

A few questions

Does anyone in your family already hold a MIMN card? ○ Yes ○ No

IF YES — THEIR NAME AND HOW THEY ARE RELATED TO YOU

Are you a Métis Nation British Columbia citizen? ○ Yes ○ No

Are you a Métis Veteran? (Military, RCMP or Coast Guard) ○ Yes ○ No

Would you like to volunteer with MIMN? ○ Yes ○ No

☐ Office work ☐ Cultural events ☐ Membership ☐ Committees

Signature

I confirm the information on this form is correct.

Signature of applicant

Print full name

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Documents to bring

Tick these off as you gather them. **Do not upload or email them** — bring copies to the office, or send them by mail.

☐ BC photo ID — driver's licence, BC ID, or passport (under 18: BC Care Card)

☐ Signed, dated and **witnessed** Consent to Release form

☐ Copy of your MNBC citizenship card, if you have one

Your birth or baptismal certificates, your pedigree chart and your photograph are explained on page 1. Bring those as well. The office can give you a blank pedigree chart.

What you are agreeing to

This is a plain-language summary. The wording that counts is on the **Consent to Release** form later in this package, which you sign in front of a witness.

Your application is confidential and protected by BC's **Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA)**. It is not released to anyone without your written consent. The Consent to Release form asks you to allow MIMN to keep, on paper and electronically:

- your application form and consent form
- your genealogy chart and supporting documents
- your photograph and signature
- letters about your application, and a contact log

It also asks you to allow MIMN to use your genealogy to help build charts for **other members of your biological family**, to prepare voters lists for meetings, and to support research and publications documenting Métis history. MIMN keeps your application on file.

Acceptance is decided by the President and Board of Mid Island Métis Nation. Submitting this form does not by itself make you a member.

Your responsibilities as a member

As a member of Mid Island Métis Nation (MIMN) I acknowledge it is my responsibility to notify MIMN of any and all changes to my contact information. Such changes as, change of mailing address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, change of name. I am responsible for the accuracy of the information contained in the Registry and MIMN will not be responsible, or liable for any inaccuracies or inconvenience caused by any inaccuracies.

For security purposes I will supply photo identification when requesting changes be made in my contact information in person. I will provide my MIMN card number when requesting changes by telephone, fax, e-mail or mail.

For members under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign on the member's behalf and is responsible for notifying MIMN of any changes to the child's contact information, and for the accuracy of that information, until the member reaches the age of 18.

I take sole responsibility to review my personal information to ensure it is correct and current. I have been notified of my responsibilities and the methods of contact to request the details and/or updated, corrected or deleted the information.

> ****Family membership includes 2 adults and children under 15 years of age residing at the same address.**

Date (dd/mm/yy)

Signature

Consent to Release

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DATE _____ NAME _____

I understand the contents of my Mid Island Métis Nation (MIMN) 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 consent.

Where the applicant is under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian may provide the consents and authorizations set out in this form on the applicant's behalf, and reference to "I" or "my" below means the parent or legal guardian acting for the child.

I hereby authorize the MIMN Registry to store in hard and/or electronic copy the following contents of my MIMN Membership application file:

- Membership Application form;
- Consent to Release Confidential Information form;
- Photograph;
- Signature;
- Correspondence pertaining to my application(s);
- Contact Log.

I hereby authorize the MIMN to use Genealogy Chart and supporting genealogical documentation to assist with compiling genealogical charts for other members of my biological family.

I hereby authorize the MIMN to use the information contained in my MIMN Application necessary in the preparation of Voters Lists for the following:

- MIMN Annual General Meetings (AGM);
- Community Meetings and Events.

I hereby authorize the MIMN to use the supporting genealogical documentation to assist with research and publications documenting the history of the Métis.

I understand all information in regard to my application for MIMN Membership will be retained by the MIMN.

Signature _____ Witness _____