



Future Generation Foundation 2025-2026 Individual Application: How to Apply – Scholarship/ Training & Trades Toolkit

1.0 General Application Information

This guideline has been developed to support applicants through the annual online application process. **Applications must be submitted by the deadline; late applications will not be accepted.** Only completed and submitted applications will proceed to the selection committee for consideration.

This document aims to provide information about the Future Generations Foundation Individual Call for Applications and address questions regarding the online application process.

For further assistance beyond this guideline and the online application, please contact the FG Foundation at <mailto:info@fgfoundation.ca> or call **1-888-268-0520 ext. 1** during office hours (**Mon. – Fri. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm EST**) to speak with a member of the Programs Team. Dial **0** to leave a message, and someone will respond to your inquiry within three business days.

1.1 What can be funded?

Funding for individuals is available in the form of scholarships, training & trades, or cultural learning to support for programs focused on education, healing, training certification, and building cultural and traditional knowledge.

Individuals are eligible to apply for funding through the annual Call for Applications if their educational activities are scheduled to take place between the dates of September 1, 2025 and August 31, 2026. The FG Foundation provides support for a wide range of activities for First Nations applicants, including but not limited to:

- Programs that promote the preservation, reclamation, development or understanding of First Nations, cultures, or languages.

- Cultural learning initiatives encompassing traditional teachings, workshops, ceremony, language learning, and other related activities.
- Healing programming aimed at addressing community and individual needs.
- Post-Secondary Education opportunities, including Certificate and Bachelor programs, Master programs, and Doctorate programs.
- Training and Certification endeavors to enhance skill sets and expertise.
- Professional Development and Job Skill Training initiatives.
- Capacity Building Workshops
- And more!

1.2 Understanding Cultural Learning, Training & Trades, and Scholarships

When applying to the FG Foundation Individual Call for Applications, applicants will need to specify the type of funding award they are seeking. Funding to successful applicants is provided in the following forms:

Cultural Learning

Cultural Learning are awards consisting of dollar amounts for individuals interested in pursuing healing, cultural, language or traditional knowledge building activities that are not available through formal education institutions. This could include participation in life skills programs, learning a language or skill from an elder or expert, learning traditional ceremonies, acquiring land-based skills, learning traditional crafts, or traditional hunting, skinning, or trapping techniques.

Training & Trades

Training & Trades awards are intended for certificate programs and training offered by non-post-secondary institutions, such as Nechi Institute, AFOA, trade schools, or other formal non-university institutions.

Scholarship

Scholarships are awards designated for post-secondary education studies at the university and college levels.

1.3 Eligibility Criteria

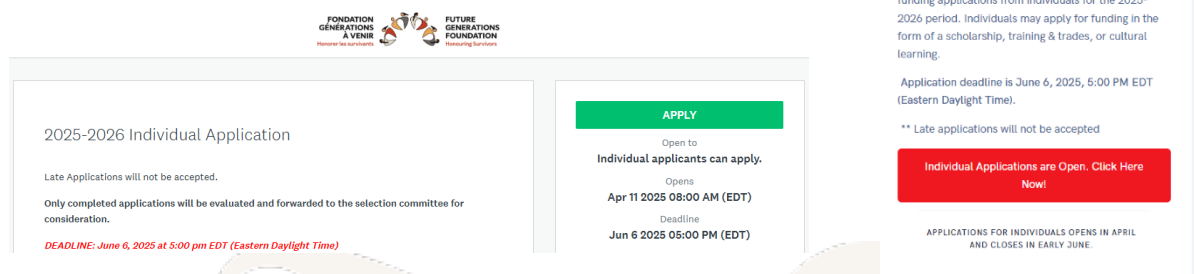
The Individual Call for Applications is open to First Nation individuals aged 18 and over who possess a social insurance number and a valid membership to a First Nation community.

Important Note: Only individuals who will be 18 years or older by December 31, 2025, are eligible to apply for support from the Future Generations Foundation. Applicants who will not reach the age of 18 by this date are ineligible to apply.

1.4 Starting your application – Survey Monkey Apply

This section provides step-by-step details and helpful tips for the application process:

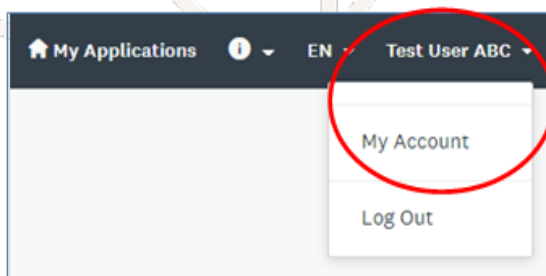
1. Visit <https://www.fgfoundation.ca/granting/how-to-apply>
2. Click on “Individual Applications are now open”.
3. Your web browser will redirect to the FG Foundation and Survey Monkey Apply website.



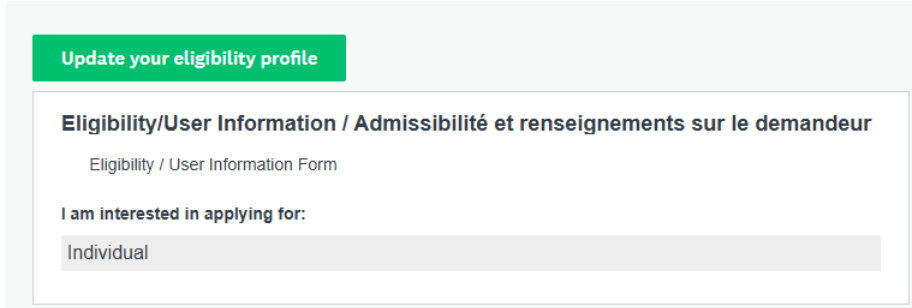
4. If you have previously submitted an application for any FG Foundation call, log in using the same credentials (skip to step 6).
5. If creating a new account, confirm the account by accessing the verification email sent to you.

Important Note: Please add Survey Monkey Apply (the sender) to your safe senders list in your personal email. This will ensure that all emails sent from the FG Foundation and Survey Monkey regarding the application results are received by you. If you have not received a verification email within 24 hours of registration, please check your spam or junk folders.

6. After signing in, click on “My Account” and update the Eligibility Profile to generate this year’s Individual Application.



7. Click on “Eligibility” and then “Update Your Eligibility Profile”.
8. Select “Individual” from the drop-down menu.



Update your eligibility profile

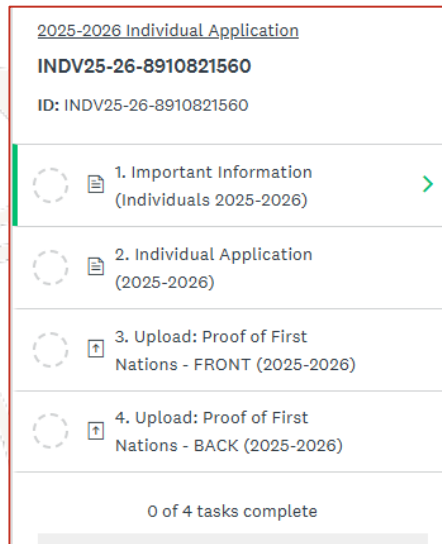
Eligibility/User Information / Admissibilité et renseignements sur le demandeur

Eligibility / User Information Form

I am interested in applying for:

Individual

9. Click “Save My Profile” to generate an Individual Application.
10. Once the application is open, a tasks list will appear on the left side of the screen.



2025-2026 Individual Application

INDV25-26-8910821560

ID: INDV25-26-8910821560

- 1. Important Information (Individuals 2025-2026)
- 2. Individual Application (2025-2026)
- 3. Upload: Proof of First Nations - FRONT (2025-2026)
- 4. Upload: Proof of First Nations - BACK (2025-2026)

0 of 4 tasks complete

11. Use the scroll bar to review all required tasks in the application.
12. Upon completing all questions within each task, the circle indicator will turn **green**.
Important note: Contact the FG Foundation at info@fgfoundation.ca if you need access to a task that cannot be modified in the application system.
13. Applications can be downloaded at any time by clicking the **ellipsis (three dots)** at the top right of the application page. All applications must be submitted online through the portal. For assistance, please contact FG Foundation at info@fgfoundation.ca.

1. Important Information (Individuals 2025-2026)

Task instructions [Hide](#)

The three dots on the top right will let you either- download, reset, or edit the task.

14. To view task instructions, click “**Task Instructions Show**” beside the black information icon. **Important Note:** Once you have completed the task, click “mark as complete” to finish the section.



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2.0 Task 1 - Important Information

The important information task provides details about the grant and its process:

- History of the Foundation
- Eligible activities
- Applicant eligibility
- Eligible expenses for educational programs
- Taxation details

To complete this task:

- Check the **checkbox** to confirm that you have read the section.

For more information, please refer to: <https://www.fgfoundation.ca>

☒ I have read and understand all the information above.

I, TEST USER 123 TEST USER 123, hereby certify that I have read, reviewed, understand and agree to the above information and am fully aware that only complete applications will be evaluated and forwarded to the selection committee for consideration.

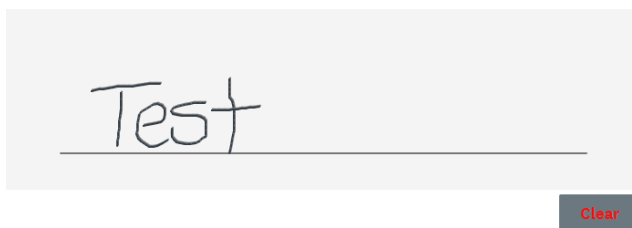
Late applications will not be accepted and the deadline is June 6, 2025 5:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time.

Only completed applications will be evaluated and forwarded to the selection committee for consideration.

All funding decisions will be released by email by the end of September/beginning of October 2025.

NOTE: Please hold the left click on your mouse and drag on the following field in order to provide your signature

- Provide a digital signature to mark the task as complete. To sign, hold down the left button on the mouse while dragging to create a signature within the signing box.



3.0 Task 2 - Individual Application

Task 2 is the main portion of the application, encompassing information about yourself, the program for which funding is requested, and details regarding expenses and funding needs. Applicants are required to input and type all information. Below are instructions for completing questions 1-35.

Question 1-6: Personal Information and Contact Information

These questions pertain to your personal contact details and personal legal/identifying information. Please provide information such as your first and last name and date of birth exactly as stated on legal documentation, such as your birth certificate or driver's license. This information serves as the means through which the FG Foundation will contact you.

Question 7: Social Insurance Number (Applicant)

A nine-digit Social Insurance Number (SIN) is required for working and accessing government programs and benefits in Canada. Service Canada is the authority responsible for issuing your SIN. If you have forgotten your SIN, you can find it on documents such as your income tax return, tax slips, record of employment, RRSP contribution, or you can submit an application to retrieve it [here](#).

Question 9: Name of Dependents and Ages

In this section, please provide the names and ages of your **dependents**. A dependent is an individual who relies on another person for financial support. Dependents can include a spouse, minor children, special needs adult children, or household members who receive all or a substantial portion of their living expenses from the person who supports them.

Question 10: Are you applying for a:

Please indicate the category of funding you are applying for: **Cultural Learning, Training & Trades, or Scholarship**. Refer to section 1.2 in this Toolkit for full definitions to help you in selecting the appropriate funding category.

The screenshot shows the '2025-2026 Individual Application' form. The header includes the application ID 'INDV25-26-8910821560' and a progress bar at 16%. A sidebar on the left lists four steps: 1. Important Information (Completed), 2. Individual Application (Current), 3. Upload: Proof of First Nations - FRONT (2025-2026), and 4. Upload: Proof of First Nations - BACK (2025-2026). The main content area displays '10. Are you applying for a:' with three radio button options: 'Scholarship- awards for post-secondary education studies (i.e., University and College level studies).', 'Training & Trade- awards are for certificate programs and training from non-post-secondary institutions (i.e., Nechi Institute, AFOA, Red seal programs, or other non-post-secondary institution related to vocational training and trades.)', and 'Cultural Learning- awards for individuals pursuing healing, cultural, language or traditional knowledge building that are not offered through formal education institutions. This may include life skills programs, learning a language or skill from an elder or expert, participating in traditional ceremonies, or acquiring land-based skills, among others.'

Question 11: Confirmation of First Nations Membership/Status

You will need to provide valid proof of First Nation status or membership, along with the name of your band/community.

Important Note: If your band/community self-identifies using more than one name, use the name that appears on your status card.

Question 12: Are you a Residential School Survivor?

Please indicate your connection with a former Indian Residential School, including where you attended.

Question 13: Are you an Intergenerational Survivor?

Please list the familial relation you have to a Survivor, such as grandparent, parent, aunt, or uncle, along with their name(s).

Question 14: Confirmation for Application

Applicants must confirm that the program or learning activities being funded are scheduled to take place within the timeframe of September 2025 to August 2026.

Important Note: Individual applicants are eligible to apply for funding for a single year at a time. For each year of funding requested, individuals must submit an application during the appropriate call for applications. All scholarships, training & trades, and cultural learning will be awarded through a competitive application process. Funding is limited, and therefore, funding is not guaranteed.

Question 15: Amount of funding requested (maximum \$20,000):

The requested funding amount should be consistent with the figures provided in the budget and financial need section.

Question 16: You are requesting:

Please indicate whether you have received FG Foundation funding in the past or if this is your first application. If you indicate “yes”, you will be prompted to provide the dates you received funding from the FG Foundation and specify whether you are applying for funding for the same program or for a new program.

Question 17: Personal Statement - Please describe and explain your personal, education, and future goals. (Tell us about yourself.)

Please provide comprehensive details about why you are pursuing your goals and introduce yourself.

Question 18: Please provide details of how you are involved in your First Nation community? How will your educational goals help build a stronger community and benefit the Indigenous community?

Explain in detail how your educational journey will encourage involvement in your First Nations community.

Question 19: Educational History

Please list the names of all former educational institutions/programs you have attended, along with the highest year of education completed and the year of graduation or the most recent year of attendance.

Question 20-23: Educational Plans/Goals

These questions will state your current and/or future educational plans and goals in relation to your application. You will need to provide information such as the institution you are currently studying at or intend to study at, your current level of study (e.g. Certificate, Diploma, Undergraduate), the

name of your program of study, and other relevant details such as your current year of study, the total program length, and the expected graduation date.

Important note: We may contact your educational institution to verify these details and confirm your enrollment.

Question 24: While at school/training, I will live:

This question aims to determine whether you will be living independently, with parents/family, or in another living arrangement during your study period.

Question 25-26: Living on Reserve

These questions aim to establish whether you currently reside on reserve and if you intend to live on reserve while attending school.

Important Note: This information is used for T4A information and analytics purposes to increase the accessibility of FG Foundation granting and will not affect the outcome of your application.

Question 27-28: Student Loans and Band Funding for Current Year of Study

FG Foundation funding should be regarded as supplementary to other funding sources, and applicants should not rely solely on FG Foundation funding for financial support. The competition for FG Foundation funds is high, and funds are limited, therefore funding is not guaranteed. Applicants are encouraged to pursue all available forms of funding. The average amount awarded to a successful applicant in 2024-2025 was \$5,200.

Question 29: Have you received band funding in the past?

This question aims to determine whether you have received band funding in the past. If you answer “yes” to this question, you will be asked to provide the date(s) you received the funding (e.g. 2019, 2020, etc.) and the monthly amount of funding you received.

Question 30: What is the cost for your tuition, books, and/or supplies?

If you have not received a cost breakdown of tuition, books, and/or supplies from your institution, you can find a list on the college program website.

Important Note: This cost pertains to the period for which you are applying for funding, **not** your total program length. For example, if you are enrolled in a four-year program but are entering your **first year** of study, you will report costs for tuition, books, and/or supplies for **only your first year**.

Question 31-32: Other Funding Sources

These questions require you to declare any other types of funding you have accessed. Other types of funding sources may include scholarships, bursaries, federal and provincial financial aid, grants, private loans and lines of credit, family loans, school funding, and more.

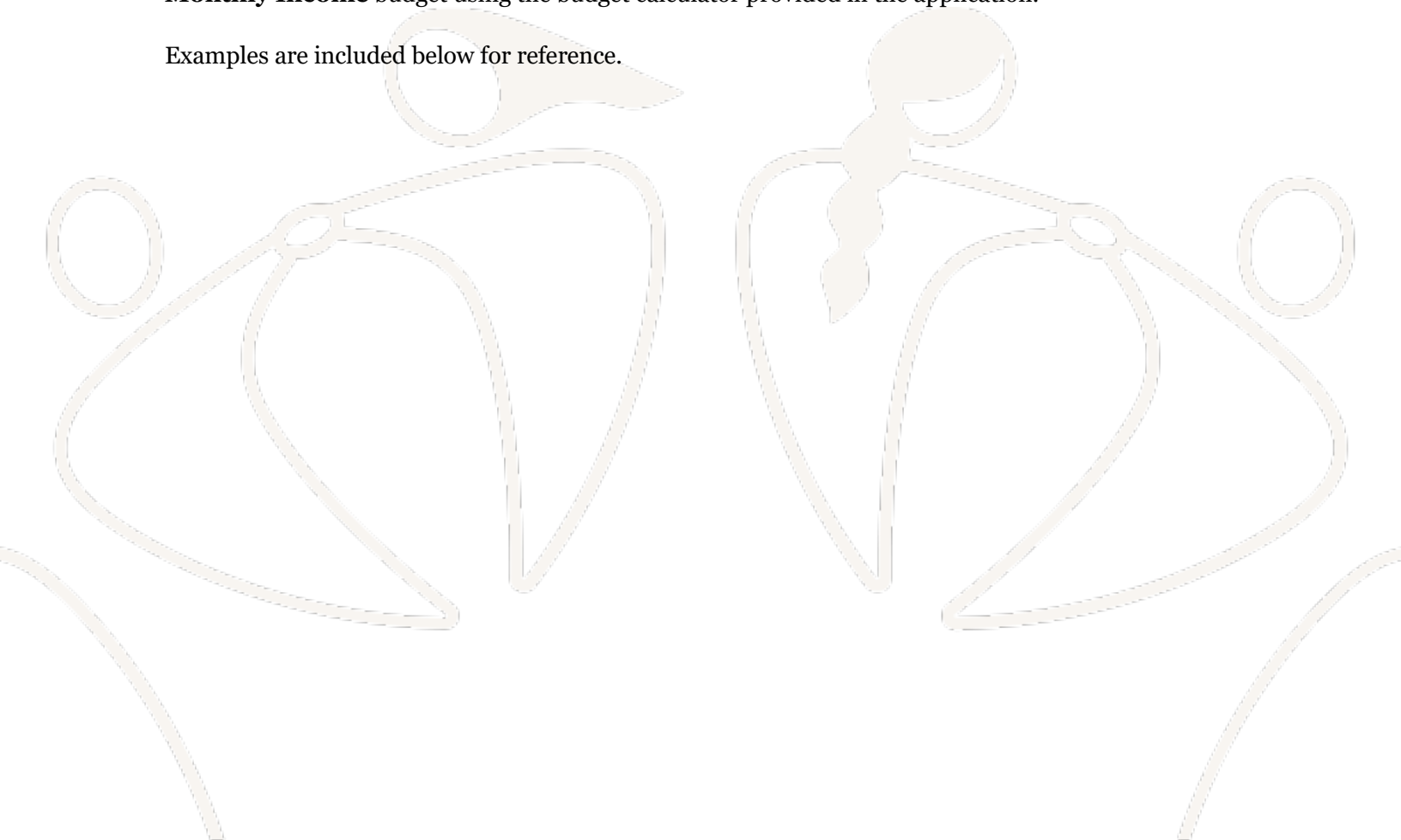
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Question 33: Do you require monthly expenses?

Monthly Expenses are household costs incurred each month, such as housing, childcare, food and personal care, transportation, etc.

If you answer “yes” to this question, you are requesting **Monthly Expenses** as part of your total funding from the FG Foundation. You will be asked to complete a **Monthly Expenses** and **Monthly Income** budget using the budget calculator provided in the application.

Examples are included below for reference.



Question 33a. Monthly Expenses: All columns must be filled out; use a 0 (zero) if the budget line is not applicable. Once all line items are entered, add the sums for each column to calculate the **Total Monthly Expenses (A).**

Question 33b. Monthly Income:

Applicants will then be required to create a Monthly Income budget. Once all line items are entered, add the sum for each column to calculate the **Total Monthly Income (B).**

(A) Total Monthly Expenses (Example)

Housing	\$1,200
Food/Personal Care	\$180
Utilities/Phone	\$145
Clothing	\$45
Child Care/Baby Sitting	\$0
Transportation	\$130
Entertainment	\$75
Other (specify)	\$150
(A) Total Monthly Expenses	\$1,925

(B) Total Monthly Income (Example)

Earnings (Net)	\$1,100
Contributions from parents	\$0
Spousal Earnings (Net)	\$0
Child Support/Alimony	\$0
Grant/Scholarships	\$500
Other Government Funding (Specify)	\$0
Other (specify)	\$0
(B) Total Monthly Income/Resources	\$1,600

Monthly Need: Once you have a total for **Monthly Expenses** (A) and a total for **Monthly Income** (B), complete the following equation to determine your **Monthly Need** (C).

Formula: (A) - (B) = (C)

If C is negative, your monthly need = \$0.

Multiply your **Monthly Need** (C) by the **number of months** (D) you will be in school during the period for which you are requesting funding to determine your **Financial Need** (E).

Formula: (C) x (D) = (E)

Example: (A) \$1,925 - (B) \$1,600 = \$325.00 (C)

(A) Total Monthly Expenses	\$	1,925
(B) Total Monthly Income	\$	1,600
(C) Monthly Need	\$	325

Example: (C) \$325 x (D) 8 = (E) \$2,600

(C) Monthly Need (from calculation above)	\$	325
(D) Number of months in school during the 2022-2023 year		8
(E) Financial Need for 2022-2023 school year	\$	2,600

Once completed, add your **Financial Need** (E) to your **Tuition Amount and Other Fees** (Books, Computer, Supplies, etc.) (F).

Formula: (E) + (F) = (G)

Example: (E) \$2,600 + (F) \$5,200 = (G) \$7,800

(E) Financial Need for 2022-2023 school year	\$	2,600
(F) Tuition Amount and Other Fees (Only include if these costs are not covered by other funding sources)	\$	5,200
(G) Your Total Financial Need for 2022-2023 school year	\$	7,800

Important Note: Line G is the amount you are requesting from the FG Foundation and should match question 15.

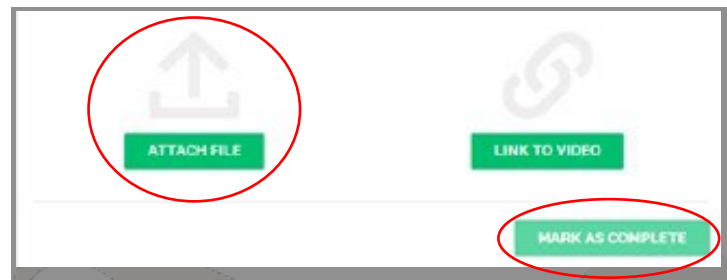
Question 34: Please describe your financial need.

Now that you have created a budget including your income and expenses, please describe your current circumstances and explain why you are applying to the FG Foundation for funding.

4.0 Task 3 and 4 - Upload: Proof of First Nations Citizenship - FRONT / BACK

Applicants must provide a copy of their Indian status card(front and back). This section is mandatory.

For First Nations members: If you do not have a status card, proof of membership from a First Nation on letterhead AND photo identification must be uploaded.



5.0 Task 5 – Upload: Confirmation of Enrollment in Post-Secondary/Training Institution

If you do not have confirmation of enrollment, please provide confirmation of application or other official documentation that confirms the commitment to attend education in the upcoming academic year. Accepted documents can include:

- A screenshot of transcripts reflecting enrollment,
- A current letter of acceptance
- Enrollment confirmation from the institution,
- Receipt of application.

Please contact our offices if you need further clarification.

6.0 Task 6 – Upload: Most Recent Transcript

Please upload transcripts from your most recently previously attended educational institution.

7.0 TASK 7 Final Checklist

To complete this task:

- Check the checkbox to confirm that the section has been read.

- Provide a digital signature to mark the task as complete. To sign, hold down the left button on the mouse while dragging to create a signature inside the signing box.

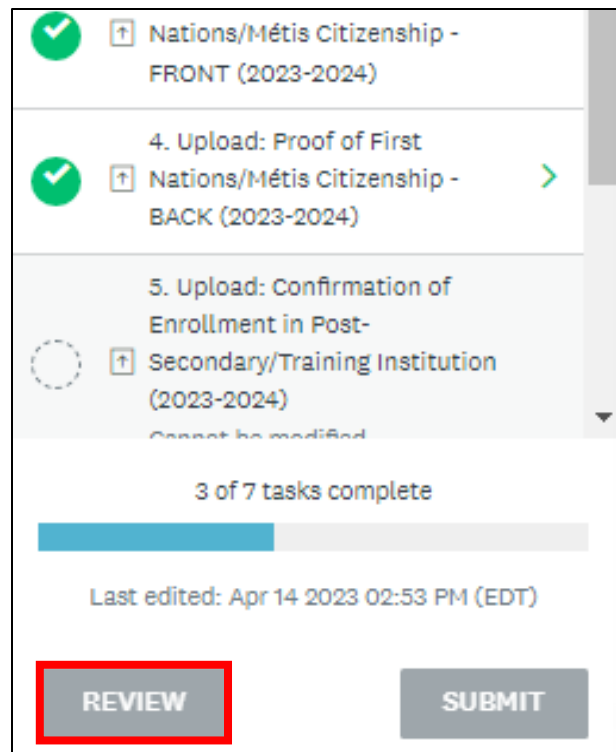
8.0 Reviewing and Submitting Application

Follow these steps before submitting your application:

1. Ensure all information is complete and correct before submitting your final application.
2. Review all documents uploaded and ensure the correct supporting documents are attached to the application.

Important Note: You can review your application before submitting. Click “review” under the task list on the left side of the screen to go over important information before clicking submit.

*Applicants will not be able to make any changes to the application once submitted. Only completed and submitted applications will move forward to the selection committee for consideration.



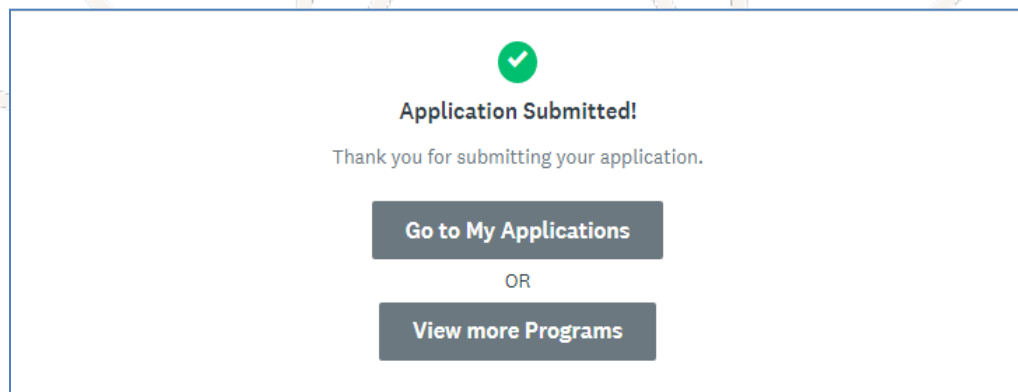
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Task Status	Task Name
Completed	Nations/Métis Citizenship - FRONT (2023-2024)
Completed	4. Upload: Proof of First Nations/Métis Citizenship - BACK (2023-2024)
Not Completed	5. Upload: Confirmation of Enrollment in Post-Secondary/Training Institution (2023-2024)

3 of 7 tasks complete

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REVIEW **SUBMIT**



The screenshot shows a confirmation message 'Application Submitted!' with a green checkmark icon. Below the message is a thank you note: 'Thank you for submitting your application.' There are two buttons: 'Go to My Applications' and 'View more Programs', separated by the word 'OR'.

Application Submitted!

Thank you for submitting your application.

Go to My Applications

OR

View more Programs

9.0 Additional Information

9.1 Review and Assessment:

All applications undergo a thorough review process to assess eligibility and qualification, using the same evaluation scoring grid and aligning with the objectives of the FG Foundation. This competitive process is overseen and approved by the FG Foundation Board of Trustees, who are dedicated to ensuring the process is fair, equal, and transparent for all applicants.

Notification of funding decisions will be sent via email by the end of September or beginning of October each year.

9.2 If Successful:

Successful recipients will be assigned a program team member to help them in managing their grant. Funding from the FG Foundation is disbursed in two stages: 90% of the approved amount is released after review and approval of required documents, with the remaining 10% released after review and approval of the necessary reporting documents. All required documents must be submitted to <https://fgfoundation.smapply.io/>.

Scholarships, training & trades, and cultural learning are granted through a competitive application process. Please note that funds are limited, and therefore **funding is not guaranteed**. The average amount awarded to a successful applicant in 2024-2025 was \$5,200. We appreciate the interest of all applicants in the FG Foundation.

For more answers to frequently asked questions about the FG Foundation Individual Call for Applications, please visit our FAQ at <https://www.fgfoundation.ca/help/individuals>.

10.0 Conclusion

This guideline is provided for support purposes only. For further assistance, please contact the FG Foundation or attend one of our virtual Q&A sessions.

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