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**2026-2027
INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION:
How to Apply
Cultural Learning 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 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, 2026 and August 31, 2027. The FG Foundation provides support for a wide range of activities for First Nations, including but not limited to:

- Programs that promote the preservation, reclamation, development or understanding of First Nations history, 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 endeavours 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.



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Cultural Learning Recipient

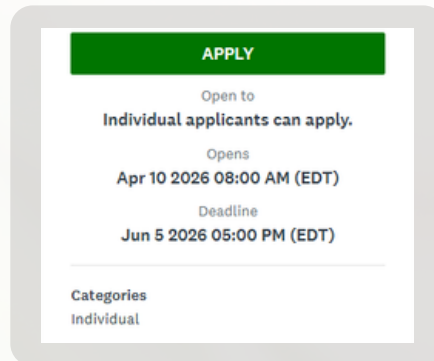


Important Note: Only individuals who will be 18 years or older by December 31, 2026, are eligible to apply for support from the Future Generations Foundation. Applicants who will not reach the age of 18 by this date are ineligible to apply.

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.

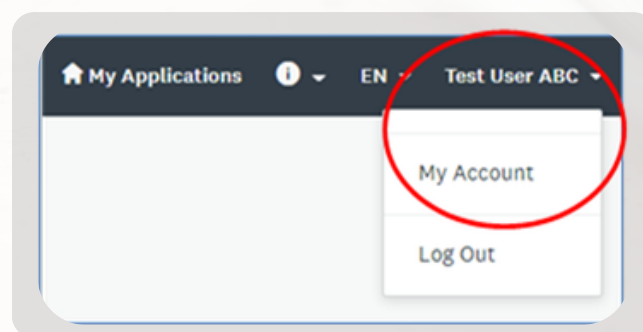


4. If you have **previously submitted an application** for any FG Foundation call, log in using the same credentials ([skip to step 6](#)).
5. If creating a new account, confirm the account by accessing the verification email sent to you.

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.



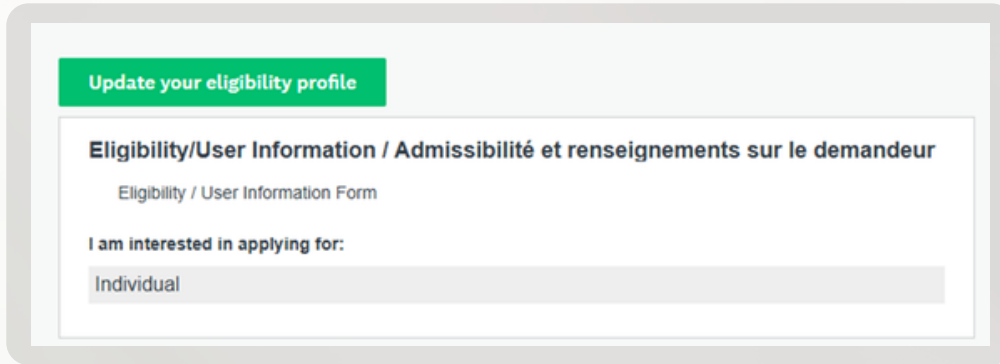
6. After signing in, click on “[My Account](#)” and update the Eligibility Profile to generate this year’s Individual Application.



7. Click on “Eligibility” and then “[Update Your Eligibility Profile](#)”.

1.4 Starting your Application – Survey Monkey Apply

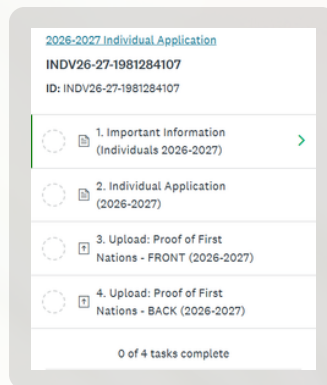
8. Select “Individual” from the drop-down menu.



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

More tasks will populate after Task 2 is completed.



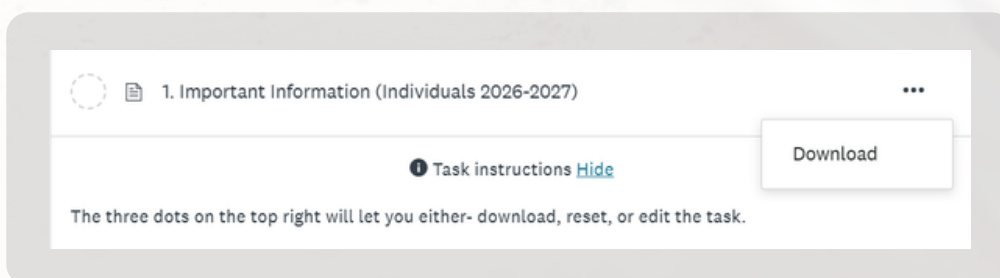
11. Use the scroll bar to review all required tasks in the application.

12. Upon completing all questions within each task, the circle indicator will turn **green**.

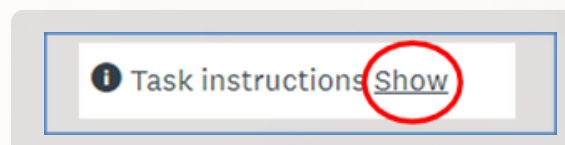


Important note: Contact the FG Foundation at info@fgfoundation.ca if you need access to a task that cannot be modified in the application system.

13. Applications can be downloaded at any time by clicking the **ellipsis (three dots)** at the top of the application page. All applications must be submitted online through the portal. For assistance, please contact FG Foundation at info@fgfoundation.ca

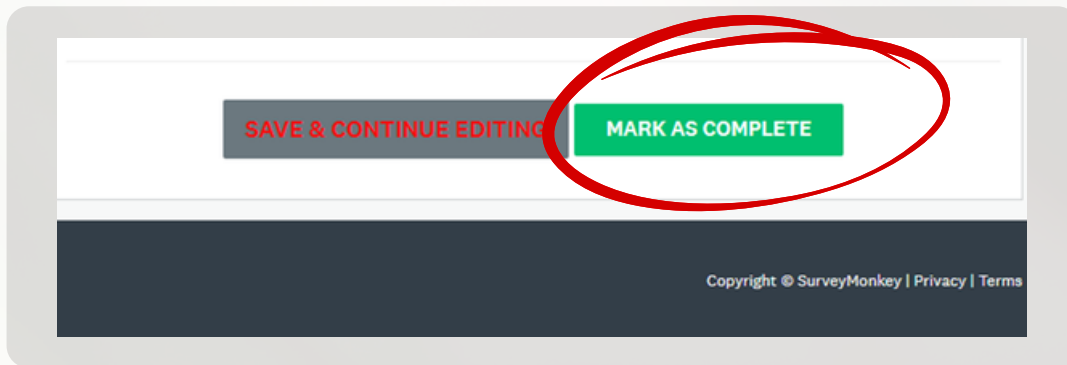


14. To view task instructions, click “Task Instructions **Show**” beside the black information icon





Important Note: Once you have completed the task, click “mark as complete” to finish the section.



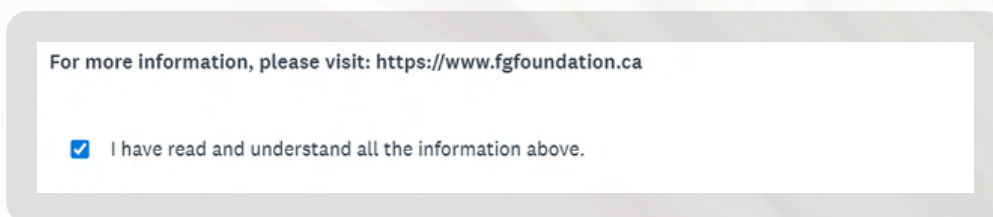
2.0 Task 1 - Important Information

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

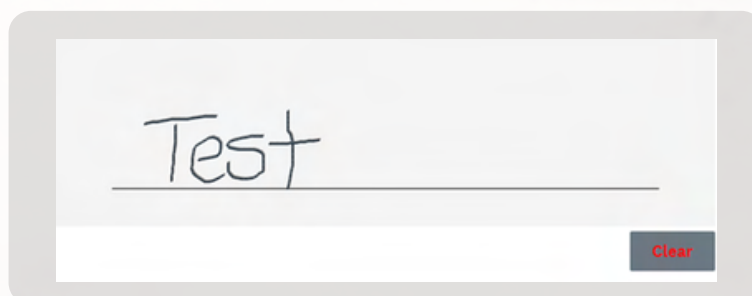
- History of the Foundation
- Eligible activities
- Applicant eligibility
- Eligible expenses for educational programs
- Taxation details

To complete this task:

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

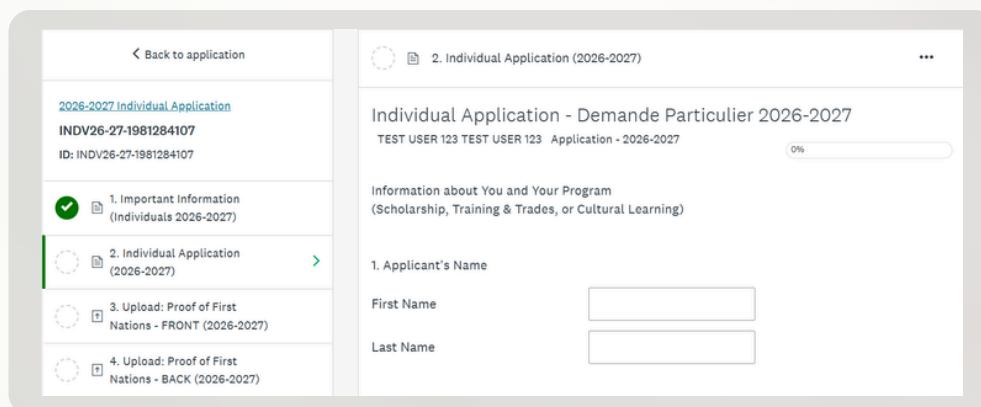


- Provide a digital signature to mark the task as complete. To sign, hold down the left button on the mouse while dragging to create a signature within the signing box.



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 1-30.



The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for the '2026-2027 Individual Application'. On the left is a navigation menu with four items: '1. Important Information (Individuals 2026-2027)' (checked), '2. Individual Application (2026-2027)' (active), '3. Upload: Proof of First Nations - FRONT (2026-2027)', and '4. Upload: Proof of First Nations - BACK (2026-2027)'. The main content area is titled 'Individual Application - Demande Particulier 2026-2027' and shows a progress bar at 0%. Below the title is the section 'Information about You and Your Program (Scholarship, Training & Trades, or Cultural Learning)'. The first question is '1. Applicant's Name', with input fields for 'First Name' and 'Last Name'.

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.

Question 11: Confirmation of First Nations Membership or Status

You will need to provide valid proof of First Nation status 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. Please provide the province where your First Nation is located, not where you currently live (if different).



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 2026 to August 2027.

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: Please describe in detail the Cultural Learning activities you would like to engage in? Please be specific.

Provide as many details as possible regarding the learning activities you plan to pursue.

Question 21: What is the duration of your planned Cultural Learning activities?

Please provide details about the learning activities, including the location, start date, and end date.



Important Note: Applicants will be required to confirm that the program or learning activities being funded are scheduled to take place from the following September to August timeframe, i.e., if the applicant is applying during the 2026-2027 Call for Applications, they would need to confirm that their program activities will take place between September 2026 and August 2027.

Question 22: What skills/knowledge do you hope to gain?

Please describe in detail some of the learning goals you hope to achieve through your Cultural Learning activities.

Question 23: Please provide contact information of the expert/elder providing knowledge building you will learn from.

You must provide accurate contact details for the expert/elder who will be guiding your learning during the period for which you are applying for funding. If you will be learning from more than one expert/elder, please list the primary person who will be delivering the program teachings.



Important note: The FG Foundation may contact this expert/elder for confirmation of details and background. This letter should not be written by yourself. This letter should not be about teaching others. This letter should be written by an expert/elder who will be teaching you.

Question 24-25: 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 26: While attending Cultural Learning activities, I will live:

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

Question 27: Will you require monthly expenses?

Question 27a.

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 27b.

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)**.

Monthly Expenses encompass household costs incurred each month, including housing, childcare, food, personal care, transportation, etc.

If you answer "yes" to this question, you are requesting **Monthly Expenses** as part of your total funding request from the FG Foundation, and you will be prompted to complete a **Monthly Expenses** and **Monthly Income** budget. Applicants must complete the Budget Items using the budget calculator provided in the application.

Examples are included below:

(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
Debts	\$	\$0
*Other (specify below)	\$	\$150
(A) Total Monthly Expenses	\$	\$1,925

(B) Total Monthly Income (Example)

Earnings (Net)	\$	\$1,100
Contributions from parents	\$	\$0
Spousal Earnings (Net)	\$	\$0
Grant/Scholarships	\$	\$500
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.

Example:

(A) \$1,925 - (B) \$1,600 = \$325 (C)

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

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 **Total Financial Need (E)**.

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

Example:

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

(C) Monthly Need (from calculation above)	\$	\$325
(D) Number of months in knowledge building during the 2026-2027 year		8
(E) Total Financial Need for the 2026-2027 year		\$2,600

Question 28: Budget for Activities Only

You are required to create a budget outlining anticipated expenses associated with the learning activities for which you are applying for funding.

	Amount (\$)	Duration	Details
Elder Fees	\$200	6 mos.	Working with Elder to learn on the land skills, including fishing, hunting, and trapping skills on Reserve
Guide Fees	\$0	0	
Supplies	\$250	6 mos.	Purchasing my own fishing hunting and trapping supplies.
Equipment	\$500	6 mos.	Purchasing of new coat and footwear as activities will take place during winter.
Travel	\$350	6 mos.	Travel expenses from place of residence to Reserve
Fuel	\$500	6 mos.	Fuel expenses from place of residence to Reserve
*Other (Specify)	\$		
(F) Total Financial Need for Healing/ Cultural/ Language/ Traditional Knowledge Building			\$ 3,100

Calculate your **Total Knowledge Building Expenses** from the example budget: Add (E) to (F) from budget above to determine the **Total Knowledge Building Expenses**

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

Example:

\$1,950 (E) + \$3,100 (F) = (G) \$5,050

(E) Total Financial Need for Monthly Living Expenses	\$	\$1,950
(F) Total Financial Need for Cultural Learning Activities	\$	\$3,100
(G) Total Financial Need for 2026-2027	\$	\$5,050

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



3.0 Task 2 - Individual Application

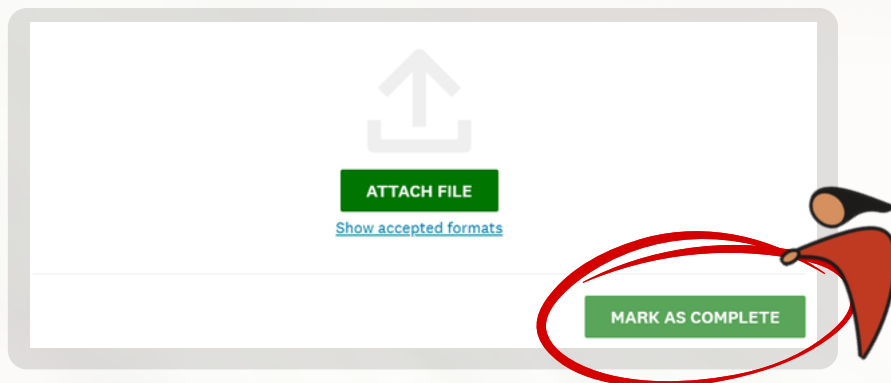
Question 29: Please describe your financial need.

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.

Important Note: 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 Letter from Elder or Cultural Support

Cultural Learning applicants must upload a letter from the Elder or expert who will be providing the cultural learning training. This letter should not be written by yourself. This letter should not be about teaching others. This letter should be written by an expert/elder who will be teaching you. The letter should include:

- Dates and location of activities.
- Details on the methods used to transmit the training.
- Details of the offering of honoraria and/or gifts of appreciation provided to the elder or expert.
- Details of materials needed for the training.
- Any other details deemed important to the application.

6.0 Task 6 Final Checklist

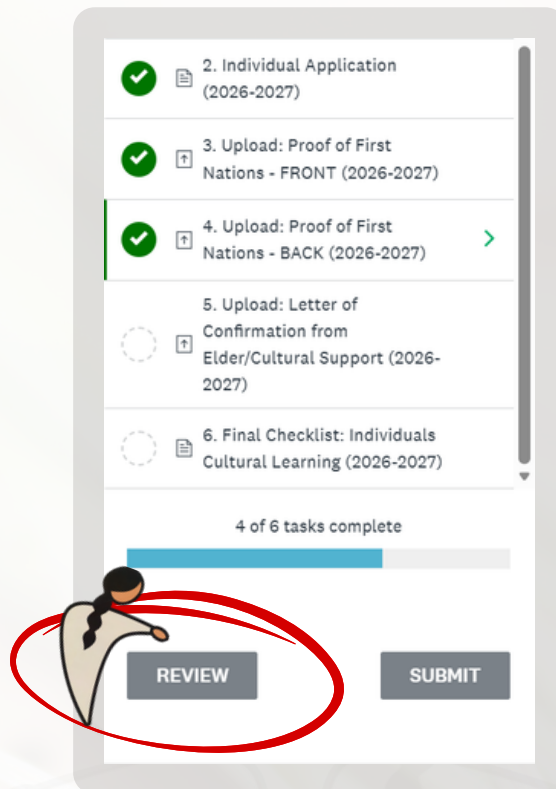
To complete this task:

- 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.

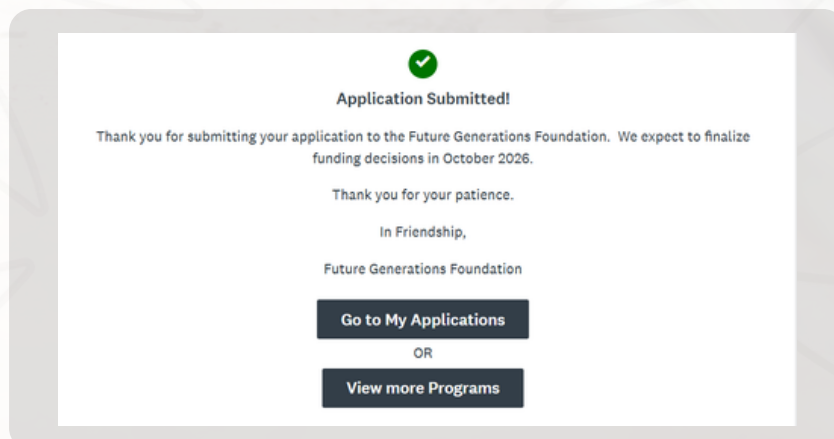
7.0 Reviewing and Submitting Application

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.



8.0 Additional Information



*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.

8.1 Review and Assessment:

All applications will undergo a review process to assess eligibility and qualification using the same evaluation scoring grid, while also considering the objectives of the FG Foundation. This competitive process is overseen and approved by the FG Foundation Selection Committee, 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.

8.2 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 2025-2026 was \$5,400. 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>.

9.0 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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