



# Mary Guilbault Metis Bursary



This award is named in honour of Mrs. Mary Guilbault. She was a respected Elder in the Metis community and a pivotal player in the creation of the Manitoba Metis Federation.

Mary was born on June 19, 1930 in Fisher River, Manitoba to Elijah and Priscilla Bowers. She grew up on the Fisher River First Nation where she spent much of her early childhood years on the land with her parents and grandparents, trapping, hunting and fishing.

In the fall of 1943, the Indian Agent whisked her away to the Residential School. First to Brandon for several years and then to Birtle, where she completed high school. Mary came to realize that education was of utter importance in order to compete with the larger society.

On June 23, 1950 soon after departing the Residential School system, Mary Bowers met and married Mr. Ernie Guilbault, who was born and raised in Fannystelle. They settled in Winnipeg and together had five daughters, all of whom have entered the work force well educated and employed in various professional fields, from education to social work. Mary passed away on June 13, 2013.

Mary's Contribution to the community included participation in;

- The formation for the Manitoba Metis Federation in 1967 where she sat on the Board of Directors holding the Education Portfolio until 1974
- The housing study that resulted in the Lord Selkirk Park Housing Development
- An upgrading program that became nationally recognized and adapted by Canada Manpower
- Forming the Court Communicators Program with Judge J.Rice and Judge I. Dubiensi
- The establishment of the Prince of Wales/Princess Ann Bursary for Metis Students
- The establishment of counselling and tutoring services for the Nursing, Education and Social Work at Brandon University and the University of Manitoba
- The establishment of satellite universities in northern Manitoba resulting in Assiniboine College (The Pas) and Keewatin College (Thompson)
- The establishment of the Median Credit Union
- Kinew Housing in 1970 - President-Board of Directors
- Metis Women's Organization – Board of Directors
- Elizabeth Frye Society of Manitoba – Board of Directors
- The All Nations Traditional Healing Centre Inc. – Board of Directors
- Louis Riel Institute – Board of Directors

Mrs. Guilbault provided guidance to a vast number of Aboriginal youth, men and woman. In promoting the traditional and cultural values of the ancestors, she said "For me, the revitalization of my culture and traditional identity many years ago has assisted me with issues that have traumatized me in the past. Understanding the wisdom and spirituality of our ancestors brings many benefits into the everyday lives of our people."

Through the Louis Riel Institute and Manitoba Metis Federation the Louis Riel Institute is proud to offer the Mary Guilbault Metis Bursary. This bursary is named for the respected past LRI Board Member, Mrs. Mary Guilbault. The Mary Guilbault Metis Bursary is for Manitoba Metis post-secondary students who excel in academics and community.

## Application Criteria:

- Metis Students
- Post-Secondary students who excel in academics
- Post-Secondary students who excel in the community
- Post-Secondary students who show financial need
- Post-Secondary students who have been residents of Manitoba for the last 12 months prior to this application

## Application Process:

**Deadline:** October 1

Complete the Mary Guilbault Bursary Application form and return it to LRI by the due date. Submit your application via;

Mail	Email	Fax
Louis Riel Institute 103-150 Henry Avenue Winnipeg, MB R3B 0J7	<a href="mailto:lribursaries@lrilearn.ca">lribursaries@lrilearn.ca</a>	204-984-9484

## Application Requirements and Checklist:

- Completed application – make sure every section is filled out. Mark “N/A” where it does not apply to you instead of leaving it blank
- Transcript or statement for marks from the most recent year - this can be an official statement or a print out from your secondary institution
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation;
  - One from a member of the Metis community;  
This needs to be someone who is Metis and can talk about you as a Metis student to describe what you are doing to strengthen our Metis Nation
  - One from academic community (or employment if out of school for more than one year);  
This needs to be someone who is involved with you academically (i.e. teacher, advisor, etc.) that can describe what kind of student you are, how you approach your school, work demands, etc.
- Essay (500 words)
  - What program are you in and why?
  - What are your future plans, how will they be accomplished and why?
  - What do you do in the community and/or extra-curricular and why?
- Proof that you are eligible as a Metis student (see below for requirements)

The following methods are acceptable ways of verifying that you are Metis:

1. A current citizenship in a Metis nation (i.e. MMF)
2. A certified genealogy form the Saint Boniface Historical Society (SBHS)
3. A certified genealogy dated **prior** to December 2014, from the Metis Culture and Heritage Resource Centre (MCHRC)
4. Other methods as approved by the Louis Riel Institute

You may use the proof of someone else in your family as long as you are able to show evidence that you are related to that person. The following are acceptable methods of showing evidence of relationship:

1. Long form birth certificate
2. Baptismal record which lists parents
3. Other methods as approved by the Louis Riel Institute

These items must be attached:

1. If your verification is **Citizenship in a Metis Nation**; provide either:
  - a. A photocopy of your citizenship card
  - b. A letter of confirmation from that nation if your application is being processed for either a new card or a replacement card

**OR**

2. If your verification is: a **Genealogy from SBHS**; you will need to provide all of the following
  - a. A photocopy of the genealogy cover page, showing the SBHS stamp of approval and to whom the genealogy belongs
  - b. A photocopy of the *one* piece of historical ancestral documentation (generally found at the back of the genealogy (i.e. scrip, census)
  - c. A photocopy of the family tree page that shows the relationship of the person whose genealogy it is to the person listed on the historical ancestral document



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## Application Form

### Section 1 - Contact Information

<b>First Name:</b>	<b>Last Name:</b>	<b>Mid Int(s):</b>	<b>Sin #:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>City/Town:</b>	<b>Province:</b>	<b>Postal Code:</b>
<b>Phone #:</b> (primary)	<b>Phone #:</b> (secondary)	<b>Email:</b>	

### Section 2 - Prior Education

<b>High School:</b>	<b>City. &amp; Prov.</b>	<b>Year:</b>
<b>Highest Grade/Diploma:</b>		
<b>Technical Institution/College/University:</b>	<b>City. &amp; Prov.</b>	<b>Year:</b>
<b>Certification received:</b> (i.e. Certificate/Diploma/Degree)		

### Section 3 - Post Secondary-Education

<b>Institution:</b>	<b>Student #:</b>
<b>Program:</b>	<b>Year:</b>  OF
<b>Certification Expected:</b>	<b>Expected date of Graduation:</b>
<b>Additional information:</b>	

**LRI USE ONLY** (date & initial)

Received	Verified & Entered	Entered in ARMS	Approved
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## Section 4 – Demographics (write N/A if not applicable to you)

<b>Gender:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender <input type="checkbox"/> Two-Spirit <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Intersex <input type="checkbox"/> Other			<b>Date of Birth:</b> M/D/Y
<b>Preferred Language:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<b>Marital Status:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Common Law <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced	<b>Employment Status</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Employed <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/> Student	<b># of Dependents:</b>
<b>Do you consider yourself to have a disability?</b> If yes please specify:			
<b>How did you find out about this bursary?</b>			

## Section 5 – Metis Verification (attach photocopies of proof as per instructions)

### Citizenship

<b>Organization:</b> (i.e. MMF)
<b>Region:</b>
<b>Local:</b>
<b>Card #:</b>

OR

### Genealogy

<b>Organization:</b>
<b>Date:</b>
<b>Name on Genealogy:</b>
<b>Name on Card:</b>



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## Section 6 – Skills and Qualifications

<b>Are you a certified tradesperson?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>If yes, which trade?</b>
<b>Check all certificates that you obtain:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Aid / CPR <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> WHMIS <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Dangerous Goods <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Food Handling <hr/> <b>Other:</b> (please state)	<b>Expiry Date:</b>
<b>Do you have a valid drivers license?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Class:</b>
<b>Computer Skills:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Word <input type="checkbox"/> Outlook <input type="checkbox"/> Excel <input type="checkbox"/> Powerpoint <input type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Email	

## Section 7 – Employment History

	Most Recent Employer	2nd Recent Employer	3rd Recent Employer
<b>Company:</b>			
<b>Job Title:</b>			
<b>Type of Employment:</b>			
<b>Start Date:</b>			
<b>End Date:</b>			
<b>Reason Left:</b>			
<b>What types of careers interest you?</b>			
<b>What type of job would you like?</b>			
1st choice			
2nd choice			



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## Section 8 – Authorization

### CONSENT TO DISCLOSE PERSONAL INFORMATION

The information collected in this form is collected under the authority of the Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Strategy Metis Funding Agreement between Employment and Social Development Canada and the Manitoba Metis Federation and its affiliates (i.e. Louis Riel Institute) to assist you accordingly; it is required that all information is disclosed as requested.

In addition, the information provided on this form may be used to conduct program evaluations, research, statistical analysis and plan for future services. This will help determine the effectiveness of our programs and services and to fulfill our mandate and contractual obligation to Employment and Social Development Canada.

The Manitoba Metis Federation and its affiliates (i.e. Louis Riel Institute) can only collect, use and disclose personal information as permitted by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA). FIPPA also gives the right for the individual in which the information was collected to see and obtain copies of records from the provided information with some limits.

The information collected on this form is used by the Louis Riel Institute to confirm your eligibility for the Bursary and by the Manitoba Metis Federation to be added to their “Skills Database”.  
The intent of the data base is to gather information on Metis citizens that are unemployed, employed but looking for new opportunities, currently in training or post-secondary school and/or will require assistance at some point with securing full time employment.

I acknowledge that by providing my signature, I am granting the Manitoba Metis Federation and its affiliates the exclusive use of this information for the purposes of referral to training and referral to employment with prospective employers, and that all information submitted on this form is to be true and complete. I also understand that the personal information collected will be solely used to help me access employment services and benefits designed to help me prepare for, obtain and maintain employment.

I understand that the applications that are received may be used to identify training, be contacted for an employment opportunity or ask if I would like to participate in a local training program.

I hereby authorize the disclosure to the Manitoba Metis Federation and its affiliates any information provided above. I also relinquish all rights (legislated or otherwise) for the use of this information for purposes related to promoting and marketing my credentials as provided above. I hereby release and discharge the Manitoba Metis Federation and its affiliates from all and any claims and liabilities related to my training and job search

I authorize the Louis Riel Institute to confirm my Metis verification as necessary.

For the purpose of determining my eligibility for this award, I authorize the Louis Riel Institute and my institution, to exchange all necessary information.

Upon graduation, the Manitoba Metis Federation and its affiliates will be notified by my post secondary institution.

<b>First Name:</b> (print)	<b>Last Name:</b> (print)
<b>Signature:</b> (handwritten)	<b>Date:</b>