



BELCOURT BROUSSEAU

Métis Awards

creating possibilities

Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards
Endowment

Founded 2001

**DONOR
PROPOSAL**

Registered Charity: 122437072RR0001

“The Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards help to break down barriers, create possibilities and build pride in Métis culture. BBMA provide financial support to help Métis students pursue post-secondary education and skill development.”

Founder's Vision, 2001

Elder Marge Friedel 2007

Marge was deeply dedicated to promoting the power of education for our youth and creating an understanding of Métis identity. Her legacy will live on in the annual Sash Ceremony that has touched so many youth.

“Knowledge
is a gift”

Marge



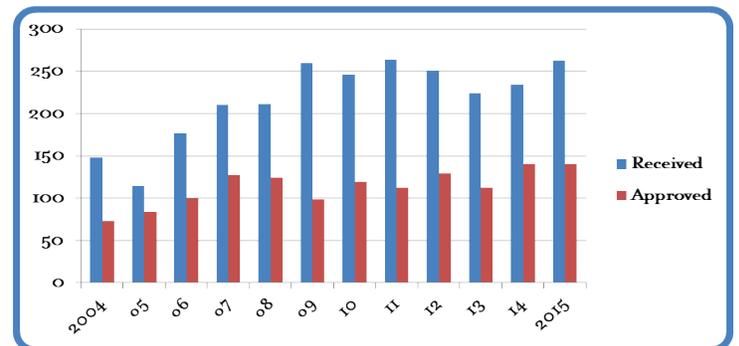
The Challenge

Since 2010, the average annual total request for educational funding is approximately \$1.8 million. Alberta faces a considerable challenge in the attraction and retention of a trained labour force. The Métis community in Alberta provides an excellent opportunity for Alberta to develop their resident labour pool.

The number of applications for educational funding continues to rise annually and in 2015, fewer than 60% of the applicants were funded. As is too often the case, the needs of worthy recipients exceed the funding available from returns on the existing endowment.

While the endowment is growing, the amount available to disburse cannot keep pace with the annual demand from students seeking financial support for their tuition costs. The challenge is to engage more potential corporate and individual donors in the development of the BBMA endowment.

Applications Received vs. Approved 2004-15



Naomi Rau B Comm 2010, U of C

Naomi Rau, a Contracting and Procurement Analyst at Shell Canada and past BBMA recipient, recognizes that the support she received through the BBMA was critical to her success.

Now she is giving back and helping the next generation of Métis students succeed.

“When I applied for the BBMA, it represented a great opportunity to receive financial support, as well as being recognized as a future leader in the Métis community. The award was so valuable to me: it allowed me to complete my degree in four years”.

“These awards helped me so much, and now I’m grateful that I can help others. I started my own endowment within the BBMA fund to support future recipients so I can help others in the same way I was helped”.

Naomi

Supporting the BBMA Fund

Join us in our success by supporting the post-secondary education of Métis in Alberta. Your support of the Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards will continue to provide educational opportunities for Métis Albertans in perpetuity – a lasting legacy – which will help build our future workforce.

Online Donations:

To donate online, click the DONATE button at www.bbma.ca. You will be then be directed to our online donation platform.

As you fill out the donation form, select the endowment fund, Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards from the dropdown menu to ensure your donation is properly directed.

Donate by Cash or Cheque:

If you prefer to donate with cash or a cheque, you can do so directly through the Edmonton Community Foundation.

Visit the office or mail your donation to:
9910 103 Street N.W.
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Make all cheques payable to the Edmonton Community Foundation and indicate BBMA endowment in the memo line.

Include your name and mailing address to ensure you receive a charitable tax receipt for donations over \$20.

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Did You Know?

Métis represent 32% of the total Aboriginal population and 1.4% of the total Canadian population.

The Métis population in Canada is 451,795 out of the 1.4 million Aboriginal people in 2011.

Alberta is privileged to be home to the largest Métis population in the country, where 21.4% of all Métis in Canada live.

Alberta is the only province in Canada with a recognized Métis land base: the Métis Settlements.

As of 2012, nearly 5,000 Métis lived on the eight Métis Settlements in Alberta.

Métis Albertans make up more than 1/3 of the current Aboriginal population in Alberta of 220,685.

Métis people account for 2.7% of Alberta's total population in 2011.

Among Alberta's Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs) in 2011, the Métis population in the Edmonton region was 31,780 and in Calgary it was 17,040.

In 2011, Alberta's Métis population was younger than the non-Aboriginal population. The median ages of Alberta's Métis and non-Aboriginal populations were 28 years and 37 years, respectively.

Alberta Aboriginal Relations,
Dec. 2015

Caring for your Donation

In most cases, donations to the Edmonton Community Foundation (ECF) are endowed. They are permanently invested for long-term growth. This is the power of an endowment: your initial gift grows through investment to provide ongoing financial returns.

Sometimes people equate an endowment with millions of dollars when, in fact, at ECF you can create an endowment with an initial donation of \$500 or less.

You can take up to 10 years to build your endowment to \$10,000 and when that target is reached, granting begins. We will be granting 4% annually to the BBMA recipients that are approved each year by ECF staff and the BBMA panel.

To learn more about creating your own endowment, within the BBMA fund contact, ECF, Donor Services by calling 780-426-0015.



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Nurses, Teachers, Lawyers, Doctors, Pharmacists, Social Workers, Engineers, Electricians, Bankers, Conservation Officers, and Dental professionals to name a few.