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**APPLICANT INFORMATION
FOR 2026**



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The BC First Nations Public Service Scholarship was established in 2019 in celebration of the Local Government Management Association's 100th anniversary. In 2015, the LGMA made a commitment to its members to facilitate greater engagement between First Nations and local government staff to increase efforts towards deeper understanding and reconciliation.

The LGMA has had a long-standing partnership with the First Nations Public Service Secretariat to collaborate on training and professional development to strengthen and enhance the professional capacity of their respective members so that they may better serve their communities.

This scholarship aims to provide support for Indigenous professionals to access training related to the administration or management of public services in their First Nation government. The scholarship is valid for up to two years in the amount of up to \$1,500 and will be provided to the successful candidate's post-secondary institution proof of registration. Preference will be given to applicants from smaller communities.

A. Eligibility

The BC First Nations Public Service Scholarship is open to Indigenous applicants working in a non-elected role in any BC First Nation government or First Nation organization that supports governance and/or professional capacity development which contributes to the improved programming, services, or governance of a First Nation community, excluding applicants working for for-profit organizations.

Applicants must be enrolled in a full- or part-time study course or program. Credit or non-credit programs are eligible. Please note that preference will be given to applicants working for a First Nation government organization. The course or program may be offered online or in-person.

Area(s) of study must be related to the administration or management of core public services in First Nations government.

B. Applications

1. Any application for a Scholarship must be submitted by completing the online submission form. For any inquiry, please contact office@lgma.ca.
2. To be considered, each application **MUST** be accompanied by confirmation from an accredited post-secondary institution that the applicant is a registered student in one of the programs noted in A1.
3. Maximum 1,000-word statement outlining how long the applicant has worked in a First Nation government, description of their current role, and how the course or program will enhance their ability to perform their role or contribute to the improved programming, services or governance of their First Nation community. In lieu of a written statement, a video or audio statement will be accepted.
4. ***NEW - Change to Letter of Support Requirement***
Starting in 2026, if the applicant is registered in a course through a non-credit educational program provider, please provide a letter of support from the applicant's manager (or member of Chief and Council or the most senior staff in the organization) for their application. If the applicant is registered in a course through an accredited post-secondary institution, a letter of support is not required.
5. **Applications must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 15, 2026**, with notification to the successful candidate being given by the Local Government Management Association by December 15, 2026 at the latest.

C. Use of Award

1. The award must be used by the applicant to pay tuition or program. Copies of receipts from the program provider must be provided.

**Unfortunately, LGMA Scholarships cannot be used towards Municipal Administration Training Institute® (aka MATI®) programs as LGMA delivers these programs in partnership with Capilano University and therefore cannot receive scholarship dollars as the administering organization. Please review the LGMA Travel Grant for more information about financial supports for the MATI ® programs. This does not impact on the eligibility of other Capilano University PADM courses, only referencing the LGMA-Capilano University delivered MATI® programs.*

2. Preference will be given to British Columbia courses where available.
3. Scholarship awards may be reported on a T4A slip in accordance with Canada Customs and Revenue Agency requirements.

D. Value of Award

1. Full eligible costs may be awarded to a lifetime maximum of \$1,500 per individual.

E. Approval

1. The Local Government Management Association and First Nations Public Service will be responsible for determining or adjusting the amount of each award. Within the maximum amounts permissible, the Association and First Nations Public Service may, at its discretion, make adjustments to the amount of any award to reflect the circumstances of the recipient. The Vancouver Foundation administers the Fund on behalf of the Local Government Management Association and First Nations Public Service and will issue payment to the post-secondary institution on behalf of the scholarship recipient.
2. The Local Government Management Association and First Nations Public Service reserves the right to either not award a scholarship of a given year, or to award a scholarship to more than one person if circumstances warrant.



APPLICATION FOR BC FIRST NATIONS PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

A. Applicant's Information

Last Name:		First Name:	
Mailing Address:		Mailing Address:	
Email address:		Telephone Number (s):	
Social Insurance Number: (compulsory for payment of scholarship)			
I am a <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time student <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time student			
Do you self-identify as Indigenous? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Present Employer: (if applicable)		Office Telephone Number: ()	
Present Position Title:		Office Fax Number: ()	
Length of Service in this Position:			
Other Relevant First Nation or Local Government Experience:(Use separate sheet if required)			
Other Relevant First Nation Community Experience (Use a separate sheet if required):			

B. Educational Information

Name and address of Educational Institution	
Program of Studies (e.g., MPA, LLB, Planning, Continuing Studies, Training Program, etc)	
Expected date of Completion	
Have you applied for funding assistance from your employer?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, please explain reasons why not using a separate sheet.	
If yes, will you be receiving any assistance?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Please provide details of the assistance to be provided on a separate sheet.	

What are your First Nations career expectations?

How will this course of studies relate to these expectations?

C. Declaration

I hereby apply for a scholarship in the amount of \$ _____

I declare the above information to be correct.

Signature:

Date signed:

Instructions for Supporting Documents

Please submit all supporting documents with application **in one PDF file**.

All applicants must provide:

- **A letter of confirmation of registration from an accredited post-secondary educational institution**
- **Records verifying tuition expenses.**
- **A 1,000-word statement outlining how long the applicant has worked in a First Nation government or First Nations community organization, description of their current role, and how the course or program will enhance their ability to perform their role or contribute to the improved programming, services or governance of their First Nation community**

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Please note that we accept all scholarship applications electronically.

Please submit your application and required supporting documents via the [online form](#).

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