

This award is named in honour of Mrs. Mary Guilbault. She was a respected Elder in the Métis 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 Residential School, first to Brandon for several years and then on 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 contributions to the community included participation in:

- The formation of 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 adopted 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 Métis students
- The establishment of counseling and tutoring services for the faculties of 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
- Métis 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 women. 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."

Background:

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

Application Criteria:

- ◇ Métis 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 Requirements

- ◇ *Completed application*
Is every section filled out? Does it say N/A where it doesn't apply to you instead of leaving it blank?
- ◇ *Métis proof (see below for requirements)*
Are all the pieces of your paperwork included?

- ◇ *Transcript or statement of marks from most recent year*
This can be an official statement, or a print out from your post-secondary institution
- ◇ *Two letters of recommendation*
 - *One from a Métis member of the Métis community*
This needs to be someone who is Métis and can talk about you as a Métis student. We want to know how what you are doing is making our Métis nation a stronger place.
 - *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 (teacher, professor, adviser, etc.). They need to be able to say what kind of a student you are, how you approach your school demands, etc.
They can ONLY be a member of your employment community if you have been out of school for more than one year. If you were in school last year, it MUST be someone from the academic community.
- ◇ *Essay (500-1000 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?

Application Deadline

- October 1st, annually or the Monday immediately after if October 1st is weekend or holiday
- Application can be mailed, delivered, emailed or faxed to:

Louis Riel Institute

103-150 Henry Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 0J7

Ph.: 204-984-9480 Fax: 204-984-9484

Email: lrreception@mmf.mb.ca

Métis Proof:

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

- 1) A current citizenship in a Métis nation (i.e. MMF)
- 2) A certified genealogy from the Saint Boniface Historical Society (SBHS)
- 3) A certified genealogy dated **prior** to December 2014, from the Métis 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.

Attach these items:

- 1) If your verification is: **Citizenship in a Métis Nation**; then you will provide one or the other:
 - a photocopy of your citizenship card
 - 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**; then you will provide all of the following:
 - a photocopy of the genealogy cover page, showing the SBHS stamp of approval and to whom the genealogy belongs
 - a photocopy of *one* piece of historical ancestral documentation (generally found at the back of the genealogy (i.e. scrip, census)
 - 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

Section 1- Contact Information

SIN #			
First Name:	Middle Initial(s):	Last Name:	
Street/PO Box:	City/Town:	Province:	Postal Code:
Phone: 1) Primary:		2) Secondary:	
Email:			

Section 2: Prior Education

High School: Highest grade/Diploma:	School:	City&Prov:	Year:
Technical Institution/College/University Name:		City&Prov:	Year:
Which Certification Did You Receive (i.e. Certificate/Diploma/Degree)			

Section 3: Post-Secondary Education

School:	Student Number:
Program:	Year ____ of ____ studies
Expected Date of Graduation:	Certification Expected:
Additional information:	

LRI USE ONLY (date & initial) Received	Entered	Approved
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Section 4: Demographics (write N/A if the information is not applicable to you)

Gender		Date of Birth (m/d/y)	
Preferred Language: English/ French	Marital Status: Single/Married/ Divorced/Widowed/ Common Law	Number of Dependents:	Employment Status: Employed/Unemployed/ Student
Do you consider yourself to have a disability? If so please specify:			
How did you find out about the bursary?			

Section 5: Métis Proof (attach photocopy of proof as per instructions)

Citizenship	Genealogy
Organization (i.e. MMF)	Organization
Region	Date
Local	Name on Genealogy
Card Number	Name on Card

Section 6: Skills and Qualifications

Trades: Are you a certified tradesperson?	If yes, which trade?				
Do you have: If yes, state the expiry date					
1st Aid/CPR	WHMIS	Dangerous Goods	Safe Food Handling	Other, please state	
Driving:	Do you have a driver's license?	What Class?			
Computers Skills: (circle all that apply)					
Word	Outlook	Excel	PowerPoint	Internet	Email

Section 7: Employment History

	Most Recent Employer	Second Most Recent	Third Most Recent
Company			
Job Title			
Type of Employment (circle all that apply)	Full Time Part Time Term Seasonal	Full Time Part Time Term Seasonal	Full Time Part Time Term Seasonal
Start Date			
End Date			
Reason Left			
What types of careers interest you?			
What type of job would you like? 1 st choice, 2 nd choice			

Section 8: Authorization

CONSENT TO DISCLOSE PERSONAL INFORMATION

In this form we ask you to provide certain information about yourself. The information is collected under the authority of the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy Métis 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; we require that you disclose all information as requested above.

In addition, the information you provide 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 can only collect, use and disclose your personal information as permitted by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA). FIPPA also gives you the right to see an obtain copies of records from us with some limits.

I acknowledge that by providing my signature, I am granting the Manitoba Metis Federation and its affiliates (i.e. Louis Riel Institute) the exclusive use of this information for purposes of referral to training and referral to employment with prospective employers, and that all information submitted on this registration 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 hereby authorize the disclosure to the Manitoba Metis Federation and its affiliates (i.e. Louis Riel Institute) 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 (i.e. Louis Riel Institute) from all and any claims and liabilities related to my training and job search.

I authorize the Louis Riel Institute to confirm my Métis proof 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 (i.e. Louis Riel Institute) will be notified by my post-secondary institution.

First Name: _____ Middle Initial(s): _____ Last Name: _____

Date (dd/mm/yyyy) _____ Signature: _____

Section 9: Application Checklist

- Completed application
- Metis proof
- Transcript or statement of marks from most recent year
 - School _____
- Two letters of recommendation
 - One from a Metis citizen of the Metis community
 - One from academic community, or employer if out of school for more than one year
- Essay detailing future plans, 1000 words