



GABRIEL DUMONT INSTITUTE
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The Métis Cultural Development Fund

∞ Call for Applications ∞

Funding for activities that preserve, strengthen and transmit Métis culture and traditions is being offered through the Métis Cultural Development Fund (MCDF). The MCDF is offered in partnership by the Gabriel Dumont Institute and SaskCulture, Inc., and is funded by SaskCulture through the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation.

An emphasis is placed on children with a focus on building cultural leadership skills, transferring knowledge between generations, skills development, mentorship and having fun. The MCDF will give priority to funding programs that seek to meet these goals, contribute to long-term cultural awareness and growth, and promote a high level of access and participation.

Scope and Funding

The MCDF provides grants for up to \$10,000 for Saskatchewan-based activities that are *local*, *regional* or *provincial* in scope.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this Fund, you must be Métis. Any non-profit Métis community group is eligible. Affiliates, agencies and programs of the Gabriel Dumont Institute and the Metis Nation – Saskatchewan are not eligible. Metis Locals and Regions are eligible for this program provided the request is for community-based cultural activity that meets the intent, objectives and criteria of the program.

Eligible Activities:

- ∞ Cultural programs that do not have access to mainstream support
- ∞ Activities that enhance, not duplicate, activities supported by other funding sources;
- ∞ Activities that provide cultural enhancement, collaborative exchange and transfer of knowledge;
- ∞ Purchase of equipment to support cultural development and participation
- ∞ Research, documentation and dissemination of Métis culture

Ineligible Activities:

- ∞ Prize money (e.g. for a dance competition, etc.);
- ∞ Capital costs (e.g. for building or renovating facilities, renovations);
- ∞ General support for festivals; or,
- ∞ Activities that exclusively promotes religious or political viewpoints is not eligible.

Applications

There are two application deadlines for 2008. Applications must be received or post-marked no later than **May 15, 2009** and **October 15, 2009**. Applications must be mailed directly to Gabriel Dumont Institute. To receive an application form and guidelines for the Métis Cultural Development Fund, please contact:

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