



Métis Settlements Strategic Training Initiatives Society

## WHO CAN APPLY

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### **Basic client eligibility for Individual Sponsorships or Group Training Projects is based upon the following:**

- ▶ Must be a Métis physically residing on a Settlement, or a Settlement Member on an authorized leave of absence as defined by the Métis Settlement Act, Section 85;
- ▶ Must be 18 years of age or a high school graduate. If a student is currently enrolled in the public school system and drops out of school to apply for an STI project, the student will not be eligible to receive sponsorship or participate in the project. STI will not sponsor students who are enrolled within the public school system;
- ▶ If the applicant has previously been funded, he/she must not be in default with the Métis Settlements Strategic Training Initiatives Society's Program (i.e.: outstanding monies owing to the STI Program or the clients has breached their Client Action Plan by quitting their program). The applicant must have waited the required time period as identified in each Settlement Community Policy prior to receiving funding through STI again.
- ▶ If an applicant has previously been funded under the STI program and they are requesting additional funding, the following will apply. If STI has funded them for a diploma program, they must wait a minimum of two years and if they have been funded for a degree program, they must wait a minimum of four years from their completion date before being considered for funding again. NOTE: Settlement Council has the authority to set stipulations beyond the minimum as outlined in this policy.
- ▶ All returning students must provide a copy of their transcripts prior to receiving STI funding again. These transcripts will reflect success and completion of the previous year's study and will help in determining funding eligibility;
- ▶ Must require assistance to overcome existing or anticipated labour market barriers;
- ▶ Proposed training must fulfill an area of need or be part of a defined career plan;
- ▶ All individuals (adult & youth) applying for STI sponsorship must have a SIN prior to being approved.
- ▶ If an individual requesting sponsorship does not meet the basic client eligibility, the individual should be referred to the nearest relevant authority (i.e.: Métis Nation of Alberta Zone, First Nation or AE&I) within his/her area.