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MEMBERSHIP/ HARVESTER IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICATION INFORMATION

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MMF Local affiliation_____ MMF Region affiliation _____

MMF Membership #_____ MMF Harvester Identification Card #_____

Name in Full *(current legal name, please print)*:

_____ _____ _____ _____
Surname First Name Middle Name(s) Maiden (if applicable)

Address _____
(P.O. Box Number and Street)

_____ _____ _____ _____
City Prov./Terr./State Country Postal/Zip Code

Telephone Numbers:

_____ _____ _____ _____
Home Work Cell E-mail

Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____ Current age: _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Place of Birth: _____ _____ _____
City/Town Prov./Terr./State Country

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Height: _____ ft. _____ in/ _____cm Eye Colour: _____

Father's Name: _____ _____ _____
Surname First Middle

Mother's Name: _____ _____ _____
Surname First Middle

Please List All Children

Full Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)	Place of Birth	Métis
			☐ Yes ☐ No
			☐ Yes ☐ No
			☐ Yes ☐ No

SECTION III; DECLARATION MEMBERSHIP(CITIZENSHIP)/HARVESTER

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I, _____ _____ _____ _____,
Surname First Name Middle Name(s) Maiden Name (if applicable)

I declare that I am a "Métis", of "Historic Métis Nation Ancestry," and a Citizen of the Manitoba Métis Community as per the following Manitoba Metis Federation Inc. Constitutional definition:

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I certify that the foregoing information is true and accurate. I acknowledge that providing false information is grounds for termination of Membership and/or the Metis Harvester Identification card. I confirm the attached documents, and other documentation and information supplied by me, are to the best of my knowledge, reliable and authentic, and would qualify me as "Métis", meet "Historic Métis Nation Ancestry" and the Manitoba Métis Community Citizenship requirements.

I understand that the Central Registry Office of the MMF reserves the right to question any documentation or information provided as part of this application process. Applications will be subject to review before approval or rejection.

_____ _____ _____
Name of Applicant (please print) Applicant Signature (in **BLACK INK)** Date: mm/dd/yy

_____ _____ _____
Name of Witness (please print) **OR**, If applicant is under 18 years old, Name of Parent/Guardian

Witness Signature **OR**, If applicant is under 18 years old, Parent/Guardian signature on behalf of applicant

Date: mm/dd/yy

SECTION IV; AUTHORIZATION AND REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

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Name in Full *(current legal name, please print)*:

_____ _____ _____ _____

Surname First Name Middle Name(s) Maiden (if applicable)

Address_____

(P.O. Box Number and Street)

_____ _____ _____ _____

City Prov./Terr./State Country Postal/Zip Code

Telephone Numbers:

_____ _____ _____ _____

Home Work Cell E-mail

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

mm/dd/yy Prov./Terr./State

I, _____, applicant for Membership, also known as Citizenship, into the MMF and/or Metis Harvester Identification Card, hereby authorize the following:

I hereby authorize and request the Department of Aboriginal Affairs Northern and Development Canada (AANDC) to release and provide to the MMF all information and documentation with respect to whether I am a member on a Band list or in the Indian Register according the provisions of the *the Indian Act,* R.S.C., C.1-6 as amended.

I hereby authorize and grant permission to the MMF to conduct document verification with the appropriate organizations and/or agencies if necessary for the sole purpose of confirming ancestry concerning application for membership with the MMF and or Metis Harvester Identification card.

In the case that, I have applied for and have been issued an Metis Harvester Identification card, in the event that I am charged, have property seized, or am under investigation for exercising my aboriginal harvesting rights, I agree and authorize the MMF to request such information as required to determine the nature of such charges, seizures, and /or investigations, and herby authorize Manitoba and Canada to release such information and documentation to the MMF and its representatives in respect to such charges, seizures, and/or investigations.

I consent to the use of my genealogy by relatives when applying for their MMF Membership and/or Metis Harvester Identification cards: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I hereby acknowledge that a photocopy or fax of this authorization shall be sufficient to allow for the release of the specific information and documentation requested.

Dated at _____, _____on this _____ day of _____, 20_____

City/Province/State Country

_____

Signature of Applicant **OR**, If applicant is under 18 years old,
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_____ _____ _____

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SECTION V;
MMF PRIVACY STATEMENT

In applying for Membership (also referred to as Citizenship) with the MMF and/or Metis Harvester Identification card, you have entrusted our registries with your personal information, and we are committed to protecting this information. We need to collect a certain amount of personal information from you in order to enroll you, keep in touch with you, and fulfill our mandate and our responsibilities to you as a Member and/or Harvester of the MMF. You in turn have a right to expect us to treat your personal information with the care and respect it deserves.

We hereby pledge to use, maintain, and protect your personal information responsibly and in accordance with the highest privacy principles and standards, as enshrined in Canadian Federal and Provincial privacy laws.

What personal information do we collect about you?

Personal information is any information about you as an identifiable person. The personal information we collect about you is what you yourself either give to us directly or expressly permit others to give us. We do not collect your personal information from any source without your knowledge and consent.

Mostly, it is the information you provide either on, or along with, the forms you fill out in applying for Membership and/or Metis Harvester Identification card. Once you are enrolled, we keep records of your use of our services or your participation in any programs we sponsor. We will also keep records of any responses you may voluntarily provide to surveys or questionnaires we send out in future.

Most of the personal information we collect is information we need to have for essential registry purposes. Sometimes, however, we may ask you for information for related, but non-essential purposes — for example, information about your knowledge or experience of Métis cultural practices and traditional lore. Whenever we consider any information we request to be non-essential, we always let you know that it is optional and your response is strictly voluntary. Whenever we consider the information to be essential, you can rest assured that we collect only the amount and types that we need to fulfill the purpose at hand.

How do we intend to use your personal information?

We use your personal information only for purposes that we consider reasonable and consistent with our mandate and our obligations to our Members and Harvesters. This may include the following:

- Processing applications, tracing ancestry, and determining eligibility for membership certification and providing membership cards.
- Maintaining the membership registries.
- Compiling and issuing voter lists for MMF elections.
- Communicating with our members.
- Determining a person's eligibility to be a candidate for elected or appointed office with the MMF.
- Providing information to Regional and Local executives as necessary for them to fulfill their objectives and obligations to their members.
- Verifying status and eligibility for Métis-specific programs, services, and job placements (with the express consent of the individual when the request comes from affiliates or other third parties).
- Determining if applicant is on any Indian Registries
- Conducting research into cultural practices and traditional lore.

- Conducting Métis-specific research on such topics as health, housing, demographics, education, training and employment (such research does not involve or result in the identification of individuals).
- Generating non-personal statistical data and reports.
- Conducting the day-to-day business of the Central Registry Office.
- Should we decide in the future to use your personal information for any additional purpose, we will first take reasonable steps to inform you and seek your consent.

With what third parties do we share your personal information?

As a general rule, we use your personal information only within our own organization — that is, our central registry office and its associated MMF Regional/Local offices. We share personal information with outsiders only on a very limited basis and only as necessary to fulfill our stated purposes. ***We never sell, lease or trade our Member or Harvester's personal information.***

It is sometimes necessary for us to share some of your personal information with service providers whom we hire to help us carry out our responsibilities to you. For example, we contract with a firm that distributes our communications materials.

We regularly share personal information in our course of our registry activities. Your full knowledge and consent is requested on the "*Authorization and Request for Release of Information*" form (see page 5 of this package). These third parties include:

- **Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada:** When you apply for a Membership or Metis Harvester Identification card, we ask you to sign an authorization for us to verify with AANDC that you are not on the Indian Register.

- **Relatives:** We ask for your consent to allow your supporting genealogical documentation to be used by your relatives in making applications of their own. Denying consent will not affect your application or your standing with the MMF.

- **Genealogical Organizations:** we seek your authorization to confirm ancestral documentation submitted with your application.

Whenever we transfer personal information to third parties, we give them only as much as is required for the purpose at hand. We also ensure, by means such as contract clauses, that the third parties keep the information confidential, protect it with appropriate safeguards, retain it only as long as necessary to fulfill the purpose, and generally treat it in accordance with privacy standards comparable to our own.

Storing your personal information

We keep your personal information in our Central Registry Office at the MMF Home Office, 150 Henry Avenue and at your MMF Regional Office. We will retain it on file there as long as you remain an MMF Member and/or Harvester.

We take the security of your personal information very seriously. We are instituting numerous physical, organizational, and technological safeguards to protect our Membership and Harvester lists, both paper and electronic, against loss, theft, and unauthorized access, disclosure, copying, use, and modification. We regularly review our security needs to ensure that our safeguards continue to be appropriate and equal to the task.
Our registry staff receives privacy training and is aware of the need for confidentiality and security of any personal information they may handle in the course of their daily work.

What are your rights regarding your personal information?

You have a right to withdraw your consent at any time to any of the uses or disclosures listed above, subject to legal or contractual restrictions and reasonable notice. Depending on the nature of the use or disclosure in question, withdrawing consent may have consequences affecting your Membership and/or Metis Harvester Identification card. We will inform you of any such possible consequences.
You have a right to be given access to whatever personal information about you we have on file, to challenge its accuracy and completeness, and to have it amended as appropriate. Our policy is to respond to access requests within 30 days, at minimal cost to requestors.

You have a right to be informed about our policies and practices with regard to your personal information. We will be pleased to respond to all inquiries.

If you believe we have been in any way remiss in handling your personal information, please inform the Central Registry Office and we will investigate and attempt to resolve all complaints to the satisfaction of all those involved.

How can you exercise your privacy rights?

You may direct all relevant inquiries and concerns to our Privacy Officer using the following contact details:

Privacy Officer
c/o Central Registry Office
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Consent Form

I have read *Our MMF Privacy Statement* and consent to the storage and use of my personal information provided in this application as described in the document above.

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Signature of Applicant **OR**, If applicant is under 18 years old,
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_____	_____	_____
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SECTION VI; DECLARATION FOR METIS HARVESTER IDENTIFICATION CARD

Section to be completed for Metis Harvester Identification Card. (Manitoba residents only)

Name in Full *(current legal name, please print)*:

_____	_____	_____	_____
Surname	First Name	Middle Name(s)	Maiden (if applicable)

- I am a Metis resident of Manitoba and do herby make application for the MMF Metis Harvester Identification Card.

- If I intend to harvest fish, big-game, small-game, game-bird (upland, migratory, wild turkey), firewood and other resources, I have demonstrable proof of sufficient knowledge of firearm, vehicular, and boating safety and operation, as applicable to the activity. I am solely responsible to ensure I have met all health and safety regulations and requirements, including possessing all applicable federal and provincial firearms, vehicular, and boating safety and operating certificates and licenses.

- I understand that my participation in the MMF Metis Harvesting Initiative, which includes the use of the Card, is an exercise of my Métis Rights. I accept, and agree to abide by, the MMF Constitution and Bylaws, and all MMF procedures and policies governing the use of the Card, including the MMF Metis Laws of the Harvest.

- I certify that the foregoing is true and accurate. I acknowledge and agree that if the information contained in this application form is subsequently determined to be false, the Card issued by MMF will be deemed invalid and will be revoked by MMF.

- I acknowledge and agree that the use of my Card does not guarantee me protection from seizures, charges, or prosecution pursuant to federal and provincial laws. I understand that in such event, MMF may provide me with legal assistance provided that I am charged for exercising my aboriginal harvesting rights, and that there is no allegation that I have contravened and safety, health, or other applicable conservation laws.

- I hereby release and discharge MMF, its officers and employees, of and from all manner of action, claims, demands, and damages whatsoever which I have or otherwise hereafter may have for or by reason of any injury, loss or damage arising from the issuance of a Card and/or the use of such Card by me.

_____	⌈ ⌉	_____
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LOCAL: Application checked for completion and certified on behalf of the _____Local.

_____		_____
Name of Local Authority (print)	Local Authority Signature	Date: mm/dd/yy

Internal Office Use Only

II. Once your application has been signed by your Local Executive, please submit your completed application to your Regional Office for their recommended approval

REGIONAL: Signed on behalf of the _____ Regional Committee.

_____		_____
Name of Regional Authority (print)	Regional Authority Signature	Date: mm/dd/yy

III. Your application will then by forwarded to MMF Home Office by the Regional office where it will be reviewed by the Central Registry Office (CRO).

CRO: Approved on behalf of the Central Registry Office.

_____		_____
Name of CRO Authority (print)	CRO Authority Signature	Date: mm/dd/yy

REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY	REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY
Receipt No.:	Receipt No.:
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_____ _____ _____ _____
Surname First Name Middle Name(s) Maiden (if applicable)

Address _____
(P.O. Box Number and Street)

_____ _____ _____ _____
City Prov./Terr./State Country Postal/Zip Code

Telephone Numbers:

_____ _____ _____ _____
Home Work Cell E-mail

Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____ Current age: _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Place of Birth: _____ _____ _____
City/Town Prov./Terr./State Country

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Height: _____ ft. _____ in/ _____cm Eye Colour: _____

Father's Name: _____ _____ _____
Surname First Middle

Mother's Name: _____ _____ _____
Surname First Middle

Please List All Children

Full Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)	Place of Birth	Métis
			☐ Yes ☐ No
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I agree that I must provide a copy of my birth certificate with parents' names and/or official baptismal certificate. As well as, my or a family member's Métis genealogy with supporting documents which include documents linking to the genealogy provided showing that I am Métis, of Historic Métis Nation Ancestry, and a member of the Manitoba Metis Community

I certify that the foregoing information is true and accurate. I acknowledge that providing false information is grounds for termination of Membership and/or the Metis Harvester Identification card. I confirm the attached documents, and other documentation and information supplied by me, are to the best of my knowledge, reliable and authentic, and would qualify me as "Métis", meet "Historic Métis Nation Ancestry" and the Manitoba Métis Community Citizenship requirements.

I understand that the Central Registry Office of the MMF reserves the right to question any documentation or information provided as part of this application process. Applications will be subject to review before approval or rejection.

_____ _____ _____
Name of Applicant (please print) Applicant Signature (in **BLACK INK)** Date: mm/dd/yy

_____ _____ _____
Name of Witness (please print) **OR**, If applicant is under 18 years old, Name of Parent/Guardian

Witness Signature **OR**, If applicant is under 18 years old, Parent/Guardian signature on behalf of applicant

Date: mm/dd/yy

SECTION IV; AUTHORIZATION AND REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Section to be completed for both the **MMF Membership (Citizenship) and Metis Harvester Identification Card.**

Name in Full *(current legal name, please print)*:

_____ _____ _____ _____

Surname First Name Middle Name(s) Maiden (if applicable)

Address_____

(P.O. Box Number and Street)

_____ _____ _____ _____

City Prov./Terr./State Country Postal/Zip Code

Telephone Numbers:

_____ _____ _____ _____

Home Work Cell E-mail

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

mm/dd/yy Prov./Terr./State

I, _____, applicant for Membership, also known as Citizenship, into the MMF and/or Metis Harvester Identification Card, hereby authorize the following:

I hereby authorize and request the Department of Aboriginal Affairs Northern and Development Canada (AANDC) to release and provide to the MMF all information and documentation with respect to whether I am a member on a Band list or in the Indian Register according the provisions of the *the Indian Act,* R.S.C., C.1-6 as amended.

I hereby authorize and grant permission to the MMF to conduct document verification with the appropriate organizations and/or agencies if necessary for the sole purpose of confirming ancestry concerning application for membership with the MMF and or Metis Harvester Identification card.

In the case that, I have applied for and have been issued an Metis Harvester Identification card, in the event that I am charged, have property seized, or am under investigation for exercising my aboriginal harvesting rights, I agree and authorize the MMF to request such information as required to determine the nature of such charges, seizures, and /or investigations, and herby authorize Manitoba and Canada to release such information and documentation to the MMF and its representatives in respect to such charges, seizures, and/or investigations.

I consent to the use of my genealogy by relatives when applying for their MMF Membership and/or Metis Harvester Identification cards: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I hereby acknowledge that a photocopy or fax of this authorization shall be sufficient to allow for the release of the specific information and documentation requested.

Dated at _____, _____on this _____ day of _____, 20_____

City/Province/State Country

_____

Signature of Applicant **OR**, If applicant is under 18 years old,
Parent/Guardian signature on behalf of applicant

_____ _____ _____

Name of Witness (please print) **OR**, If applicant is under 18 years old, Name of Parent/Guardian

Witness Signature **OR**, If applicant is under 18 years old, Parent/Guardian signature on behalf of applicant

Date: mm/dd/yy

SECTION V;
MMF PRIVACY STATEMENT

In applying for Membership (also referred to as Citizenship) with the MMF and/or Metis Harvester Identification card, you have entrusted our registries with your personal information, and we are committed to protecting this information. We need to collect a certain amount of personal information from you in order to enroll you, keep in touch with you, and fulfill our mandate and our responsibilities to you as a Member and/or Harvester of the MMF. You in turn have a right to expect us to treat your personal information with the care and respect it deserves.

We hereby pledge to use, maintain, and protect your personal information responsibly and in accordance with the highest privacy principles and standards, as enshrined in Canadian Federal and Provincial privacy laws.

What personal information do we collect about you?

Personal information is any information about you as an identifiable person. The personal information we collect about you is what you yourself either give to us directly or expressly permit others to give us. We do not collect your personal information from any source without your knowledge and consent.

Mostly, it is the information you provide either on, or along with, the forms you fill out in applying for Membership and/or Metis Harvester Identification card. Once you are enrolled, we keep records of your use of our services or your participation in any programs we sponsor. We will also keep records of any responses you may voluntarily provide to surveys or questionnaires we send out in future.

Most of the personal information we collect is information we need to have for essential registry purposes. Sometimes, however, we may ask you for information for related, but non-essential purposes — for example, information about your knowledge or experience of Métis cultural practices and traditional lore. Whenever we consider any information we request to be non-essential, we always let you know that it is optional and your response is strictly voluntary. Whenever we consider the information to be essential, you can rest assured that we collect only the amount and types that we need to fulfill the purpose at hand.

How do we intend to use your personal information?

We use your personal information only for purposes that we consider reasonable and consistent with our mandate and our obligations to our Members and Harvesters. This may include the following:

- Processing applications, tracing ancestry, and determining eligibility for membership certification and providing membership cards.
- Maintaining the membership registries.
- Compiling and issuing voter lists for MMF elections.
- Communicating with our members.
- Determining a person's eligibility to be a candidate for elected or appointed office with the MMF.
- Providing information to Regional and Local executives as necessary for them to fulfill their objectives and obligations to their members.
- Verifying status and eligibility for Métis-specific programs, services, and job placements (with the express consent of the individual when the request comes from affiliates or other third parties).
- Determining if applicant is on any Indian Registries
- Conducting research into cultural practices and traditional lore.

- Conducting Métis-specific research on such topics as health, housing, demographics, education, training and employment (such research does not involve or result in the identification of individuals).
- Generating non-personal statistical data and reports.
- Conducting the day-to-day business of the Central Registry Office.
- Should we decide in the future to use your personal information for any additional purpose, we will first take reasonable steps to inform you and seek your consent.

With what third parties do we share your personal information?

As a general rule, we use your personal information only within our own organization — that is, our central registry office and its associated MMF Regional/Local offices. We share personal information with outsiders only on a very limited basis and only as necessary to fulfill our stated purposes. ***We never sell, lease or trade our Member or Harvester's personal information.***

It is sometimes necessary for us to share some of your personal information with service providers whom we hire to help us carry out our responsibilities to you. For example, we contract with a firm that distributes our communications materials.

We regularly share personal information in our course of our registry activities. Your full knowledge and consent is requested on the "*Authorization and Request for Release of Information*" form (see page 5 of this package). These third parties include:

- **Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada:** When you apply for a Membership or Metis Harvester Identification card, we ask you to sign an authorization for us to verify with AANDC that you are not on the Indian Register.

- **Relatives:** We ask for your consent to allow your supporting genealogical documentation to be used by your relatives in making applications of their own. Denying consent will not affect your application or your standing with the MMF.

- **Genealogical Organizations:** we seek your authorization to confirm ancestral documentation submitted with your application.

Whenever we transfer personal information to third parties, we give them only as much as is required for the purpose at hand. We also ensure, by means such as contract clauses, that the third parties keep the information confidential, protect it with appropriate safeguards, retain it only as long as necessary to fulfill the purpose, and generally treat it in accordance with privacy standards comparable to our own.

Storing your personal information

We keep your personal information in our Central Registry Office at the MMF Home Office, 150 Henry Avenue and at your MMF Regional Office. We will retain it on file there as long as you remain an MMF Member and/or Harvester.

We take the security of your personal information very seriously. We are instituting numerous physical, organizational, and technological safeguards to protect our Membership and Harvester lists, both paper and electronic, against loss, theft, and unauthorized access, disclosure, copying, use, and modification. We regularly review our security needs to ensure that our safeguards continue to be appropriate and equal to the task.
Our registry staff receives privacy training and is aware of the need for confidentiality and security of any personal information they may handle in the course of their daily work.

What are your rights regarding your personal information?

You have a right to withdraw your consent at any time to any of the uses or disclosures listed above, subject to legal or contractual restrictions and reasonable notice. Depending on the nature of the use or disclosure in question, withdrawing consent may have consequences affecting your Membership and/or Metis Harvester Identification card. We will inform you of any such possible consequences.
You have a right to be given access to whatever personal information about you we have on file, to challenge its accuracy and completeness, and to have it amended as appropriate. Our policy is to respond to access requests within 30 days, at minimal cost to requestors.

You have a right to be informed about our policies and practices with regard to your personal information. We will be pleased to respond to all inquiries.

If you believe we have been in any way remiss in handling your personal information, please inform the Central Registry Office and we will investigate and attempt to resolve all complaints to the satisfaction of all those involved.

How can you exercise your privacy rights?

You may direct all relevant inquiries and concerns to our Privacy Officer using the following contact details:

Privacy Officer
c/o Central Registry Office
300-150 Henry Ave.
Winnipeg, MB R3B 0J7

Phone: 204-586-8474
Fax: 204-947-1816
E-mail: mhcc@mmf.mb.ca

Consent Form

I have read *Our MMF Privacy Statement* and consent to the storage and use of my personal information provided in this application as described in the document above.

Dated at _____, _____on this _____ day of _____, 20_____
City/Province/State Country

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Signature of Applicant **OR**, If applicant is under 18 years old,
Parent/Guardian signature on behalf of applicant

_____	_____	_____
Name of Witness (please print) **OR**, If applicant is under 18 years old, Name of Parent/Guardian	Witness Signature **OR**, If applicant is under 18 years old, Parent/Guardian signature on behalf of applicant	Date: mm/dd/yy

SECTION VI; DECLARATION FOR METIS HARVESTER IDENTIFICATION CARD

Section to be completed for Metis Harvester Identification Card. (Manitoba residents only)

Name in Full *(current legal name, please print)*:

_____	_____	_____	_____
Surname	First Name	Middle Name(s)	Maiden (if applicable)

- I am a Metis resident of Manitoba and do herby make application for the MMF Metis Harvester Identification Card.

- If I intend to harvest fish, big-game, small-game, game-bird (upland, migratory, wild turkey), firewood and other resources, I have demonstrable proof of sufficient knowledge of firearm, vehicular, and boating safety and operation, as applicable to the activity. I am solely responsible to ensure I have met all health and safety regulations and requirements, including possessing all applicable federal and provincial firearms, vehicular, and boating safety and operating certificates and licenses.

- I understand that my participation in the MMF Metis Harvesting Initiative, which includes the use of the Card, is an exercise of my Métis Rights. I accept, and agree to abide by, the MMF Constitution and Bylaws, and all MMF procedures and policies governing the use of the Card, including the MMF Metis Laws of the Harvest.

- I certify that the foregoing is true and accurate. I acknowledge and agree that if the information contained in this application form is subsequently determined to be false, the Card issued by MMF will be deemed invalid and will be revoked by MMF.

- I acknowledge and agree that the use of my Card does not guarantee me protection from seizures, charges, or prosecution pursuant to federal and provincial laws. I understand that in such event, MMF may provide me with legal assistance provided that I am charged for exercising my aboriginal harvesting rights, and that there is no allegation that I have contravened and safety, health, or other applicable conservation laws.

- I hereby release and discharge MMF, its officers and employees, of and from all manner of action, claims, demands, and damages whatsoever which I have or otherwise hereafter may have for or by reason of any injury, loss or damage arising from the issuance of a Card and/or the use of such Card by me.

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Name of Applicant (please print)	⌊ ⌋ Applicant Signature (in **BLACK INK)**	Date: mm/dd/yy

_____	_____	_____
Name of Witness (please print) **OR**, If applicant is under 18 years old, Name of Parent/Guardian	Witness Signature **OR**, If applicant is under 18 years old, Parent/Guardian signature on behalf of applicant	Date: mm/dd/yy

SECTION VII; MMF SIGNATURE

Name in Full ***(current legal name, please print)*:**

_____	_____	_____	_____
Surname	First Name	Middle Name(s)	Maiden (if applicable)

The applicant is applying for:

- ❑ Individual Membership (New)
- ❑ Individual Membership (Confirmation)
- ❑ Children Membership
- ❑ Metis Harvester Identification

I. Once your genealogy has been completed and application has been signed, please contact a representative from your Local Executive to have them sign your application

LOCAL: Application checked for completion and certified on behalf of the _____Local.

_____		_____
Name of Local Authority (print)	Local Authority Signature	Date: mm/dd/yy

Internal Office Use Only

II. Once your application has been signed by your Local Executive, please submit your completed application to your Regional Office for their recommended approval

REGIONAL: Signed on behalf of the _____ Regional Committee.

_____		_____
Name of Regional Authority (print)	Regional Authority Signature	Date: mm/dd/yy

III. Your application will then by forwarded to MMF Home Office by the Regional office where it will be reviewed by the Central Registry Office (CRO).

CRO: Approved on behalf of the Central Registry Office.

_____		_____
Name of CRO Authority (print)	CRO Authority Signature	Date: mm/dd/yy

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Photo No.:	Photo No.:
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Membership No.:	Harvester No.: