

**Please use the following guidelines to complete your application:**

To be accepted into the Elmastukwek First Nation Band you must meet **ONE** of the following criteria, as per the bylaws:

1.
  - (a) Demonstrated Mi'kmaq descent through census, provincial or colonial documentation; Church records, and/or an affidavit from a person of at least one Mi'kmaq descent resident in Newfoundland between 1750 and 1949; and
  - (b) Demonstrated connection with a Mi'kmaq community that existed prior to 1949; and
  - (c) A voluntary request for membership in a Band.
  
2.
  - (a) Descent from any person that meets all of the criteria contained in number 1 or
  - (b) A person, reputed to be of Indian descent, accepted by those meeting the criteria contained in number 1 in accordance with reasonable rules of community acceptance or
  - (c) A person who, upon application to a Band, meets such criteria for membership as may, from time to time, be established by the Band as provided for under Section 10 of the Indian Act as amended or
  - (d) A person accepted as a Band Member in accordance with clause 3 below:
  
3. A person who has been legally adopted while at or below the age of eighteen years by a person of Mi'kmaq ancestry pursuant of Clause 1 or 2 above and who has been accepted by Mi'kmaq custom to be a Band Member is eligible to become a member of the Corporation, subject to the following:
  - (a) the presentation of proof of adoption meeting the criteria of this Clause and a resolution from the Band Council representing the Band to which the person wishes to join approving the Bands acceptance of the new Member.
  - (b) The descendants of the person becoming a Member of the Corporation pursuant to this descendant is a person of Mi'kmaq ancestry pursuant to Clause 1.
  - (c) Compliance with the provisions of these By-Laws; and
  - (d) Such further conditions as the Board of directors may by resolution determine.

