



STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY FOR NON-RIGHTS HOLDER PARENTS

The Government of the Northwest Territories is committed to respecting the constitutional rights granted to official language minority communities under section 23 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* by providing quality French first language education to school-aged children of rights holder parents pursuant to section 23.

Please note that rights holder parents do not apply using this form. A rights holder parent has the right to enrol their child in a French first language school under section 23 of the *Charter* if he or she is a citizen of Canada and one or more of the following criteria apply to his or her situation:

- a) His or her native language is French, that is, the first language learned and still understood;
- b) He or she has received his or her education at the elementary level in a French first language education program in Canada; or
- c) He or she is the parent of a child who has received or receives his or her education at the elementary or secondary level in a French first language education program in Canada.

Following the *Ministerial Directive – Enrolment of Students in French First Language Education Programs*, so long as there is sufficient capacity, any eligible non-rights holder parent of a school-aged child that is resident in the Northwest Territories (NWT) may apply for admission to a French first language education program through one or more of the following streams: **Reacquisition, Non-Citizen Francophone or New Immigrant**.

Eligible non-rights holder parents must complete this form in order for his or her child to be considered for admission to a French first language education program in the NWT. The form, along with copies of all supporting documentation, should be submitted to the school administration as part of their child's application for admission.



SCHOOL

École Boréale in Hay River **or** École Allain St-Cyr in Yellowknife

STUDENT INFORMATION

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| LEGAL NAME (as listed on birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, legal name change certificate, or adoption documents) | |
| Last: | First: Middle: |
| Preferred: | |
| Date of Birth: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____ | Proof of Date of Birth (must attach a copy) <input type="checkbox"/> Birth Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Passport <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption Documents |
| Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male | Grade: |
| Home Address: | |
| Mailing Address (if different): | |
| Home Phone: | Other Phone: |
| Email Address: | |
| Language Comprehension(select all that apply): | <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

PARENT INFORMATION

| PARENT 1 | PARENT 2 (Must be completed if child has two parents, even if Parent 2 is not an eligible non-rights holder parent) |
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| Name (Last, First): | Name (Last, First): |
| Relationship: | Relationship: |
| Home Address (if different from child): | Home Address (if different from child): |
| Home Phone: | Home Phone: |
| Other Phone: | Other Phone: |
| Email Address: | Email Address: |
| Language Comprehension (select all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | Language Comprehension(select all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |



STUDENT INFORMATION

You should review the description of the three eligibility streams below and attach a written explanation of how you or your child meets the qualifications for admission. Please note the suggestions regarding what information to include with your written application. You may apply under multiple streams.

Reacquisition Stream

Under this admission stream you must demonstrate that you (the parent) would have been a rights holder but for your lack of opportunity to attend a French first language school or your own parent's lack of opportunity to attend a French first language school (i.e. the child's grandparent). Indicate which parent qualifies under this stream and try to address each of the following points in detail. Provide additional documentation wherever possible (e.g. birth certificates, proof of address, report cards or other official records).

- Describe how you (the parent) would have been a rights holder or how your own parent (i.e. the child's grandparent) would have been a rights holder. In other words, describe how you or your parent would have met one or more of the criteria under section 23 of the *Charter* if not for a lack of opportunity. Note the section 23 criteria that are listed on the first page of this form.
- Describe the circumstances that resulted in your lack of opportunity or your parent's lack of opportunity. These may include physical or legal barriers to your participation in French first language education including, but not limited to, no French first language school within a reasonable proximity during childhood, or your enrolment in a residential school. You should provide the name of the community, school attended and the years enrolled when discussing barriers.



Non-Citizen Francophone Stream

Under this admission stream you (the parent) must meet one or more of the criteria under section 23 of the *Charter* except for the fact you are not a Canadian citizen. Note the section 23 criteria are listed on the first page of this form. Indicate which parent qualifies under this stream, try to address each of the following points in detail and provide additional documentation wherever possible.

- You should provide a copy of a document issued by the Government of Canada that indicates a parent's status as a permanent resident, refugee or refugee claimant.
- You should provide the name of the country, community, school attended and the years enrolled for yourself and/or your child.
- You should provide a report card or an official letter issued by an educational institution or a school board in Canada or your home country. These records may be for yourself, your child and/or their sibling.

New Immigrant Stream

Under this admission stream your child must be a recent immigrant to Canada. Upon arrival, your child does not speak English or French and is being enrolled in a Canadian school for the first time.

- Identify your child's date of arrival in Canada, previous countries of residence, languages spoken and all schools attended.
- You should provide a report card or an official letter issued by an educational institution or a school board in your home country.
- You should provide a copy of a document issued by the Government of Canada that indicates your status and/or your child's status as a permanent resident, refugee or refugee claimant.



APPLICATION PROCESS

All application materials, including this form, should be submitted to the French first language school administration (École Allain St-Cyr in Yellowknife or École Boréale in Hay River). For applications made by eligible non-rights holder parents there is a two-tier approval process, involving first Commission scolaire francophone des Territoires du Nord-Ouest (CSFTNO) and then the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.

Step 1

CSFTNO must assess the application of a child of an eligible non-rights holder parent with respect to the required documentation set out above. In addition to this, CSFTNO must assess the language skills of the child, using an objective assessment tool, to determine the impact of the admission of the child on the quality and delivery of the education program. The CSFTNO then must make a determination of whether the application should be recommended to the Minister for approval.

Step 2

Final approval for admission will be determined by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment based on whether the correct documentation has been provided in full, the recommendation of CSFTNO with respect to language skills and the current capacity of the school.

For more information about this form you may contact:

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I certify that the information provided by me is true and that no relevant information has been withheld. I understand that any or all of this information may be verified in order to process my application.

Parent 1

Parent 2 (Must be signed if child has two parents, even if Parent 2 is not an eligible non-rights holder parent)