

THE ORDER OF THE SASH

The Métis Sash had many functional uses. Its fringes served as an emergency sewing kit for the Métis. The Métis Sash served as a first aid kit, key holder, a washcloth, towel, wallet, tobacco pouch and an emergency bridle and saddle blanket when hunting. Today, there are variations of the sash in the colors as they represent the significance to specific organization's, but the traditional sash colors are Red, Blue, White, Green, Gold and Black.

RED – for the Métis whose blood was shed in battle protecting and preserving their rights

BLUE – for the depth of the Métis' spirit

WHITE – for the connection to the earth and Creator

GREEN – for fertility of a nation

YELLOW – for the prospect of prosperity

BLACK – for the dark period of suppression, and dispossession of Métis land

The sash is the symbol of pride and identification for the Métis people and their culture.

The Order of the Sash is an award, recognized and presented by the Métis Nation British Columbia, in honour and recognition of outstanding contributions, personal sacrifice, selfless commitment, and service to the Métis nation, and our country.

The selection of the recipient to receive the Order of the Sash is by a unanimous vote of the MNBC elected Board of Directors.

The Order of the Sash is presented by the President of the Métis Nation British Columbia at their Annual General Meeting.

