

# SPSC - Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Student Council

## **2023-24 Nomination Package** Background and Guidelines

## About the Council

The Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Student Council (SPSC) serves the high-level goal of providing an opportunity for the Ministry of Advanced Education (the Ministry) to connect with current students and solicit their feedback and input on post-secondary education related topics, programs, and services. The SPSC will provide a venue for students' voices and perspectives to be routinely solicited and reflected in the ministry's work.

## Benefit for Council Members

Students participating in the SPSC will have opportunities to provide advice, insight, and feedback on post-secondary education policies, as well as on emerging issues and trends in post-secondary education. The SPSC will provide students with the opportunity to:

- contribute to the development of post-secondary policies and priorities;
- learn more about how post-secondary education policies are developed and implemented;
- develop networks and connect with government officials across the province;
- learn from other students;
- learn more about potential career paths;
- build leadership skills;
- be an advocate for post-secondary education in the province;
- participate in and contribute to promoting and understanding post-secondary education policy in Saskatchewan;
- learn about the Ministry's roles and functions (e.g. student loans, strategic policy, operational management); and,
- gain insights on the role of the public service in fulfilling government's mandate.

## Benefit for Government

The SPSC will provide government with the opportunity to engage students on a variety of post-secondary education priorities and emerging work within the province, including (but not limited to): experiential learning, learner pathways, mental health, micro-credentials, student financial aid, student diversity groups, international education initiatives, and the [Ministry's business plan](#) and strategic priorities.

## Expectations and Time Commitment

### ***Expectations***

Members of the SPSC will be required to:

- share their opinions with government officials and other meeting attendees;
- provide input on post-secondary education issues, initiatives, and priorities;
- contribute to discussions and the work of the group;
- attend meetings;
- consider and respect the perspectives of other SPSC members and students in Saskatchewan;
- keep information confidential, as requested;
- work collaboratively; and
- guide the structure and operations of the group.

### ***Time Commitment***

- Term – Members will serve on the SPSC for one academic year.
- Orientation – Members of the SPSC will participate in a two-hour virtual orientation where they will meet ministry officials. The purpose of the orientation is to familiarize members with the format and purpose of the SPSC.

- Meetings – Members will participate in three annual meetings--two virtual and one in-person. Meetings will take place in November (virtual), January (virtual), and March (in-person). Virtual meetings will be a maximum of four hours each, and the in-person meeting will be approximately five to six hours. An honorarium will be provided to each council member who participates in the meetings.
- Activities – Members may be asked to participate in two to four hours of activities over the course of the academic year, outside of meetings.

## Application and Nomination Criteria

The goal of the nomination process is to ensure that members of SPSC are reflective of Saskatchewan’s diverse post-secondary education system. The ministry is looking for students that reflect differences in three broad areas of the system:

- geographic location – urban, rural, and northern;
- diversity groups – Indigenous, gender, LGBTQ2S, persons with disabilities, international, mature students, etc.; and
- type of credential – diploma, certificate, undergraduate, graduate degree, etc.

Nominations are invited from all post-secondary institutions in the province. The nomination package includes two forms:

1. [Student application form](#) – to be completed by the student; and
2. [Nomination form](#) – to be completed by the institutional employee or faculty member nominating the student(s).

A designated number of nominations will be accepted from each institution. The SPSC is a welcoming and inclusive forum for all students. Nomination of any student, regardless of race, ancestry, place of origin, religious affiliation, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, family status, financial means, or ability, is welcomed. Necessary accommodation will be provided based on need and/or circumstance.

Institution	Number of Nominations	Ideal Council Members
<b>Federated Colleges</b>		
▪ Champion College	2	4
▪ First Nations University of Canada	2	
▪ Luther College	2	
▪ St. Thomas More College	2	
Gabriel Dumont Institute Dumont Technical Institute	4	2
<b>Regional Colleges</b>		
▪ Carlton Trail College	1	4
▪ Cumberland College	1	
▪ Great Plains College	1	
▪ Lakeland College	1	
▪ Northlands College	1	
▪ North West College	1	
▪ Parkland College	1	
▪ Southeast College	1	
Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies	4	2
Saskatchewan Polytechnic	5	3
University of Regina	5	3
University of Saskatchewan	5	3

## Selection Process

The Ministry selection team will evaluate each submission based on four categories. Applicants may be awarded 0 -5 points in each category based on the following criteria:

Selection Criteria	Excellent (4-5 Points)	Good (3-2 Points)	Limited (0-1 Points)
Personal	Applicant provided a clear and full picture of their interests, values, passions and personality.	Applicant provided a good overview of their interest, values, passions and personality.	Applicant provided a limited overview of their interests, values, passions and personality.
Teamwork Skills	Led or coordinated activities or efforts to improve student/community/group success. Specific examples are provided.	Direct involvement in activities to improve student/community /group success. One example is provided.	Applicant provided little to no information about their teamwork skills.
Community Impact	Applicant clearly outlined examples of their impact on their school/work/local community.	Applicant made an impact on their school/work/local community but did not include specific examples.	Applicant did not include sufficient examples of school/work/local community impact.
Leadership	Applicant demonstrated significant leadership skills and provided an excellent overview of past leadership experiences.	Applicant provided a good overview of past leadership experiences.	Applicant provided a vague overview of leadership experiences.

## Important Dates

**Nomination Deadline:** May 17, 2023. Please submit the completed nomination package to [AESTudentCouncil@gov.sk.ca](mailto:AESTudentCouncil@gov.sk.ca). **Late applications will not be accepted.**

**Notification of Acceptance to SPSC:** September 30, 2023

**Orientation:** October 2023

**Mandatory Meetings:** November 2023, January 2024, and March 2024

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