



March 20, 2024

Adam Waterman, Chair
Board of Governors
Lakeland College
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Dear Adam Waterman:

Saskatchewan's 2024-25 Budget provides record investments in our province's present and future, with a focus on education, health care, and the well-being of our communities. Our rapidly growing economy is attracting more people and creating more jobs, and our strong and innovative post-secondary sector is essential in supporting that growth. *Building the Workforce for a Growing Economy: The Saskatchewan Labour Market Strategy*, announced earlier this month, underscores our commitment to supporting a thriving, talented workforce.

The 2024-25 Budget tabled today includes \$1,406,000 for Lakeland College for the period April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. The attached appendices (Appendix 1 – Detailed Schedule of Funding, and Appendix 2 – Funding Details) provide additional details about government's investment and its intended uses.

Budget investments in training are aligned to ensure Saskatchewan's labour force can keep pace with the opportunities created by industry. The *Saskatchewan Labour Market Strategy* will provide a blueprint for post-secondary institutions and industry to prioritize investments in programs, services and initiatives that connect people to jobs, recognize skills and address labour needs for emerging sectors.

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We appreciate the contributions from your institution as we work together to ensure a bright future for Saskatchewan, by providing our residents with the high-quality education and training they need and deserve.

Sincerely,



Gordon S. Wyant, K.C.
Minister of Advanced Education



Jeremy Harrison
Minister of Immigration and Career Training

Attachments

cc: Dr. Alice Wainwright-Stewart, President and CEO, Lakeland College
James Smith, Chief Financial Officer, Lakeland College
Rebecca Carter, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education
Richelle Bourgoïn, Deputy Minister of Immigration and Career Training

APPENDIX 1
Detailed Schedule of Funding
Lakeland College

Funding Schedule April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025

	2024-25 Funding	2023-24 Funding
<u>Training Programs and Services</u>		
Adult Basic Education Grant	\$ 259,000	\$ 259,000
Adult Basic Education - Essential Skills for the Workplace	100,000	100,000
On-Reserve Adult Basic Education	95,000	95,000
Total Essential Skills Programming	\$ 454,000	\$ 454,000
Skills Training Allocation	780,000	780,000
Total Training Programs and Services	\$ 1,234,000	\$ 1,234,000
<u>Administration Support and Other</u>		
Learner & Employer Supports	64,400	59,400
Program Administration Support	63,000	58,000
Preventative Maintenance and Renewal	16,000	16,000
Total Administration Support and Other	\$ 143,400	\$ 133,400
<u>Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship</u>		
Opportunity Scholarships	28,600	28,600
Total Scholarship Funding	\$ 28,600	\$ 28,600
Total Funding	\$ 1,406,000	\$ 1,396,000

Funding Source:	
Saskatchewan Ministry of Advanced Education	\$ 172,000
Saskatchewan Ministry of Immigration and Career Training	\$ 1,234,000
Total Funding	\$ 1,406,000

APPENDIX 2
Funding Details
Lakeland College

Training Programs and Services

Essential Skills Programming

For 2024-25, the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training will provide Lakeland College **\$454,000** for the delivery of Adult Basic Education, Adult Basic Education-Essential Skills for the Workplace and On-Reserve Adult Basic Education. This funding is intended to support adult learners to develop basic employment skills, increase education and/or certification levels and gain prerequisites for further training that will lead to labour market attachment.

Skills Training Allocation

The Ministry of Immigration and Career Training will provide Lakeland College **\$780,000** for Skills Training funding in 2024-25. The Skills Training Allocation is for the delivery of accredited training programs that meet the labour market needs of employers across various sectors in your region.

Administration Support and Other

For 2024-25, the Ministry of Advanced Education will provide Lakeland College with **\$143,400**, which includes a one-time \$10,000 increase, to support Learner, Employer and Program Administration Supports.

Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship

The Ministry of Advanced Education will disburse Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship payments in **October 2024**. Annual allocations are subject to budget appropriation and institution ability to match funds in the previous year. Reporting and fundraising progress will be revisited with institutions prior to the 2025-26 Budget.

By **June 28, 2024**, post-secondary institutions are to submit a letter to the Ministry of Advanced Education regarding scholarship priority areas (i.e., student categories and programs) for the upcoming year. By **July 31, 2024**, institutions are required to report actual (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024) scholarship activity.