

Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Student Council (SPSC) Nomination Details

2024-25 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, insights 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;
- 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): micro-credentials, mental health and wellbeing, experiential learning, student financial aid, learner pathways, student diversity groups, international education initiatives, the [ministry's business plan](#) and strategic priorities.

Expectations and Time Commitment

Expectations

Members of the SPSC will be required to:

- share opinions with meeting attendees;
- provide input on post-secondary education issues, initiatives and priorities;
- attend meetings, work collaboratively, and contribute to discussions;
- consider and respect the perspectives of other members, and students in Saskatchewan;
- keep information confidential, as requested; 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 Ministry, and the format and purpose of the SPSC.
- **Meetings:** Members will participate in three annual meetings, two virtual and one in-person. An honorarium will be provided to each council member who participates in the meetings. ***At this time, meetings are conducted in English only.*** Tentative meeting schedule:
 - Virtual: January and March - virtual meetings will be a maximum of two hours each.

- In person: February during reading week. The in-person meeting will be approximately six to eight hours long.
- **Activities:** Members may be asked to participate in two to four hours of activities outside of meetings over the course of the academic year.

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, journey person, undergraduate, graduate degree, etc.

Students can become members of the SPSC through nomination by their post-secondary institution. A designated number of nominations will be accepted from each institution (see the table below).

Completing the [Application Form](#): *Students are required to complete section A of the form and nominators are required to complete section B. **Students are also required to submit a copy of their resume with their application.***

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	Maximum # of Nominations	Ideal # of Council Members
Saskatchewan Polytechnic	7	4
University of Regina	7	4
University of Saskatchewan	7	4
Group 1		
First Nations University of Canada	4	5
Gabriel Dumont Institute/Dumont Technical Institute	4	
Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies	4	
Group 2		
Carlton Trail College	2	4
Great Plains College	2	
Lakeland College	2	
Northlands College	2	
North West College	2	
Southeast College	2	
Suncrest College	2	

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Institution	Maximum # of Nominations	Ideal # of Council Members
Group 3		
Briercrest College and Seminary	2	3
Campion College	2	
Collège Mathieu	2	
College of Emmanuel and St. Chad	2	
Horizon College and Seminary	2	
Luther College	2	
Lutheran Theological Seminary	2	
St. Andrew's College	2	
St. Peter's College	2	
St. Thomas More College	2	

Selection Process

The ministry selection team will evaluate the short answer sections of 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: April 1, 2024.

Please submit completed nomination and application forms to AESStudentCouncil@gov.sk.ca.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Notification of Acceptance to SPSC: August 30, 2024

For inquiries or more information on the SPSC, please visit our [website](#) or contact Carla Groeger, Director, Strategic Planning and Analysis Unit at 1-306-787-0996 or carla.groeger@gov.sk.ca.