



Government  
— of —  
Saskatchewan

Minister of Advanced Education

Legislative Building  
Regina, Canada S4S 0B3

March 18, 2026

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

Saskatchewan's 2026-27 Budget will protect the stability of our post-secondary sector with ongoing predictable investments. Funding from the Ministries of Advanced Education and Immigration and Career Training will support students as they pursue higher education and will invest in training opportunities that align with labour market needs and our growing economy.

The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to invest \$1,421,600 in Lakeland College for the fiscal year April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027. Appendix 1 provides a high-level summary of the funding allocation, while Appendix 2 outlines comprehensive details, including the breakdown and intended application of these funds.

Program investments in 2026-27 are intended to address the training and labour market needs of priority sectors outlined in the *Saskatchewan Labour Market Strategy*. The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to ensuring Saskatchewan people are prepared for the high-quality jobs being created in our province and that training is aligned with employer demand.

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Saskatchewan's future prosperity and success depend on an educated population and a skilled, innovative workforce. We appreciate Lakeland College's role in helping us meet the goals in *Saskatchewan's Growth Plan* and look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,



Ken Cheveldayoff  
Minister of Advanced Education



Eric Schmalz  
Minister of Immigration and Career Training

Attachments

cc: Dr. Alice Wainwright-Stewart, President and CEO, Lakeland College  
James Smith, Vice-President, Finance and Infrastructure and CFO, Lakeland College  
Louise Michaud, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education  
Drew Wilby, Deputy Minister of Immigration and Career Training

**APPENDIX 1**  
**Detailed Schedule of Funding**  
**Lakeland College**

**Funding Schedule April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027**

		<b>2026-27 Funding</b>	<b>2025-26 Funding</b>
<b><u>Training Programs and Services</u></b>			
	Skills Training	\$ 780,000	\$ 780,000
	Essential Skills	454,000	454,000
<b>Total Training Programs and Services</b>		<b>\$ 1,234,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,234,000</b>
<b><u>Administration Support and Other</u></b>			
	Learner & Employer Supports	73,000	65,800
	Program Administration Support	70,000	63,000
	Preventative Maintenance and Renewal	16,000	16,000
<b>Total Administration Support and Other</b>		<b>\$ 159,000</b>	<b>\$ 144,800</b>
<b><u>Student Supports</u></b>			
	Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship	28,600	28,600
<b>Total Student Supports</b>		<b>\$ 28,600</b>	<b>\$ 28,600</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>\$ 1,421,600</b>	<b>\$ 1,407,400</b>

<b>Funding Source:</b>	
Saskatchewan Ministry of Advanced Education	\$ 187,600
Saskatchewan Ministry of Immigration and Career Training	1,234,000
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$ 1,421,600</b>

**APPENDIX 2**  
**Funding Details**  
**Lakeland College**

**Training Programs and Services**

**Skills Training**

The Ministry of Immigration and Career Training is committed to delivering accredited programs that meet labour market needs, support employers across sectors, and strengthen Saskatchewan's economy. Funding for Lakeland College's 2026-27 Skills Training programming is as follows:

Programs	2026-27	2025-26
Skills Training Allocation	\$ 780,000	\$ 780,000
<b>Total Skills Training Funding</b>	<b>\$ 780,000</b>	<b>\$ 780,000</b>

**Essential Skills**

The Ministry of Immigration and Career Training is committed to helping adult learners build essential employment skills, advance their education and certification, and acquire prerequisites for further training that supports entry into the labour market. Funding for Lakeland College's 2026-27 Essential Skills programming is as follows:

Programs	2026-27	2025-26
Adult Basic Education	\$ 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
<b>Total Essential Skills Funding</b>	<b>\$ 454,000</b>	<b>\$ 454,000</b>

**Administration Support and Other**

For 2026-27, the Ministry of Advanced Education will provide Lakeland College with **\$159,000** to support Learner, Employer and Program Administration Supports. This includes adding the 2025-26 increase of \$1,400 (1%) to the base grant and a \$14,200 increase in 2026-27.

**Student Supports**

The Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship (SIOS) allocation for 2026-27 noted below is subject to institution ability to match funds in the previous year. The Ministry of Advanced Education will review reporting and fundraising progress with institutions prior to the 2027-28 Budget.

SIOS Component	2026-27	2025-26
Opportunity	\$ 28,600	\$ 28,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 28,600</b>	<b>\$ 28,600</b>

Payment to be issued October 2026.

By **June 30, 2026**, post-secondary institutions are to submit a letter to the ministry regarding scholarship priority areas (i.e., student categories and programs) for the upcoming year, as well as a plan that outlines how any unspent funding will be utilized. Institutions are also required to report actual (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026) scholarship activity by **July 31, 2026**.