



Foundation-Supported Resources and Aid for Lakeland Students

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, The Lakeland Foundation provides critical support to our students in need of financial aid and other forms of assistance. While donor-supported efforts and programs span nearly all college departments, three of the most critical resources that provide swift and direct assistance for many students relate to **scholarships, food insecurity, and unanticipated immediate needs.**

Scholarships

The Lakeland Foundation offers more than 130 donor-supported scholarships and grants—both need-based and merit-based—that help eligible Lakeland students cover tuition, books, and other essential educational expenses. Students can apply for this assistance through the online Scholarship Center by logging in to MyLakeland. All scholarship support is awarded and disbursed through Lakeland’s Office of Financial Aid.



[Please click here for step-by-step instructions to apply for Lakeland Foundation scholarships and grants](#) through the online Scholarship Center, which automatically matches students with scholarship opportunities based on eligibility. [Please visit the Financial Aid webpage](#) for more information on applying for these and other types of scholarships and financial aid.

[Please click here to make a gift](#) in support of Foundation scholarship funds, or [visit the Foundation’s Ways You Can Give webpage](#) more information on giving options.

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Lakeland Cares Cupboard

Thanks to the support of the Foundation’s “Ken Quiggle End Student Hunger Now Fund,” the Lakeland Cares Cupboard opened on our campus in 2018 in response to the growing awareness of food insecurity faced by many of our students. Since that time, hundreds of donors, including Lakeland employees and local organizations, continue support the Cares Cupboard each year with cash and in-kind donations.



Upgrades to the storage equipment in the Cares Cupboard, now [located in Rm A-1001 of the A-Bldg.](#) were made possible through the generous assistance of Western Reserve Junior Service League and Meijer. These improvements have enabled Lakeland to establish a partnership with the [Greater Cleveland Food Bank](#), which greatly expands our capacity to provide a wide range of fresh and nonperishable food and personal care items for our students in need – all free of charge and with no questions asked.

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[Please click here for more information on the Lakeland Cares Cupboard](#), including location, hours of access, available items, and other resources for students.

[Please click here to make a gift to the Ken Quiggle “End Student Hunger Now” Fund](#), which supports the Lakeland Cares Cupboard and its efforts to reduce food insecurity on our campus.

Student Emergency Grants

Student Emergency Grants funded by the Foundation’s Student Immediate Needs Fund may be available to Lakeland students who are enrolled in an **active** term and have encountered an unexpected financial hardship that could prevent them from completing the semester. Expenses such as housing, food, medical bills, car repairs, and other unanticipated needs are considered. All requests submitted for Student Emergency Grants are evaluated and disbursed by Lakeland’s Office of Financial Aid.



Within weeks of the shutdown in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Lakeland’s Student Service Center saw a *five-fold increase* in requests for emergency assistance from the Student Immediate Needs Fund from students trying to continue their Lakeland education online, who suddenly found themselves facing unemployment or were without a financial or family safety net. Foundation donors responded to our urgent fundraising appeal with thousands of dollars in cash and gift card donations that went directly to support these students, helping them to meet their most basic needs while enabling them to stay on track academically and complete the spring semester.

[Please click here for more information on Lakeland’s Student Emergency Grants](#), including criteria and how to apply, as well as external resources for students in need of assistance.

[Please click here to make a gift to The Lakeland Foundation’s Student Immediate Needs Fund.](#)

FOR HELP: If you are a Lakeland student, or if you have a student, a family member, or friend who is enrolled at Lakeland and is experiencing financial hardship, food insecurity, or other issues that interfere with accessing their daily needs or reaching their academic goals, there are a number of resources at Lakeland that may be available to them. Please contact any of the following Lakeland offices for help or direction to additional internal or external resources:

- [***Lakeland Student Service Center***](#)
- [***Lakeland Office of Financial Aid***](#)
- [***Lakeland Counseling and Advising Center***](#)
- [***Lakeland’s “Reach Out” Mobile App \(support for mental health needs\)***](#)

[Contact us at The Lakeland Foundation](#) for ways in which you can support student success through these and other initiatives at Lakeland. ***Thank you for all you do for our students!***