## **University and College Application DEADLINES**



#### **Ontario University Applications**

DUE: January 15, 2021 visit www.ouac.on.ca

(Students who are eligible to apply will receive a PIN and a PASSWORD. Students will be notified when and how Pins and Passwords will be distributed)

## **Ontario College Applications**

DUE: February 1, 2021 visit <u>www.ontariocolleges.ca</u>

(Students do not need a Pin or a Password o apply. Students create their own account).

#### Marks Uploads:

\*\*\*\*Marks are uploaded automatically from the board office to OUAC and OCAS. Only exceptions are.....marks from other boards (other than HCDSB) or credits obtained through private schools.

## <u>Important Facts about Post-Secondary Admission Requirements</u>

- 1. Universities calculate admission average using a student's top six Grade 12 credits at the "M" or "U" level, including the programs' required courses. One credit must be ENG4U. You cannot use "O" level or "C" level credits to apply to university.
- 2. Colleges calculate admission average based on the program's required courses. This may be the average of one or more courses. One of these credits must be ENG4C or ENG4U (very few colleges also accept ENG4E). Some colleges do not accept Coop or Physical Education credits because they are at the open level. Check college websites to verify program requirements.
- 3. Many colleges have transfer agreements with universities. This is helpful for students who are not eligible to apply to university directly from high school. Visit www.ontransfer.ca for details.

#### **University Application Information and Procedures**

All Grade 12 Students planning on applying to an Ontario University next year must obtain their PINs. Once PINs arrive at the school Student Services will notify you. When you have your PIN, you can apply.

ouac.on.ca



#### **Summary of Fees**

All fees are listed in Canadian dollars.

Base Application Fee: \$150

For the initial three university/program choices.

Additional Choice Fee: \$50/choice

Please Note: These are last year fees 2019.

For each university/program choice beyond the initial three (e.g., if two additional university choices are added, you must pay \$100 in addition to the base application fee).

Note: You may apply to as many Ontario universities/programs as you wish; however, you are limited to a maximum of 3 program choices at any one university (including its affiliates). Some universities may further limit the number of programs you can apply to.

#### 101 How to Apply

#### **Step 1: Research Your University Selections**

- Check out university publications and university websites <a href="https://www.ouac.on.ca/">https://www.ouac.on.ca/</a>
- Visit <u>ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca</u> and the 101 application to browse programs online.
- Record your program choices and their OUAC codes.
- Make note of all admission requirements and program-specific deadlines.
- Review the 101 Application Guide.

## **Step 2: Gather Information Needed to Apply**

In October/November your high school will distribute Application Access Code letters (PINs) that contain the information required to apply online: (More info regarding this to come shortly)

- School Number
- Student Number
- Temporary PIN

- Narrow down your university program selections by talking to your parents, teachers and guidance counsellors about your interests and options.
- Watch the instructional video on how to apply online.
- Review the <u>101 Important Dates</u>.

#### Step 3: Apply

- Use the information in your Application Access Code Letter to log in to your online application. Note: The first time you log in you must change your temporary PIN to a personal password. Use your password (instead of your PIN) the next time you log in.
- Complete all sections of the application.
- Review your program selections before clicking "I Verify and Agree".
- Submit your application, with payment, well before the 101 application deadline and any university program-specific deadlines.
- Record the OUAC Reference Number you receive and keep it in a safe place. You will require this number, along with your password, for future access to your application, and to respond to university offers of admission.

#### **Step 4: After Applying**

- After one business day, log in to your online application to verify the details. Review and make any necessary changes.
- Ensure spam filters are set to accept email from the OUAC and the universities you applied to. Email is the primary mode of communication for the universities and the OUAC.
- The universities will acknowledge that they received your application.
- After you receive your report card, log in to verify your grades information. Notify your guidance office of any necessary corrections.
  - Expect to receive either an offer of admission or a refusal from the universities you applied to by the end of May. Review the 101 Important Dates.

# Ontario College Application Information and Procedure

When to Apply

As long as space remains in an Ontario college program, you may apply for it. However, there are some important dates to keep in mind, especially for popular programs that fill up quickly.

Apply to college as soon as the online application becomes available in October. Complete and pay for your application on or before <u>February</u> <u>1 in order to receive equal consideration for admission</u> to programs beginning the following September.

The following dates apply to programs starting in the fall of **2021.** The application process at ontariocolleges.ca follows an annual cycle, based on the academic year (August to July). For programs beginning at other times of the year, please **contact the individual colleges** for more information about application processing dates.

## Early October 2020: Online Application Opens

In early October, access to the online college application becomes available for programs beginning in the following academic year (August to July). You may create an account and **begin your application**.

#### February 1, 2021: Equal Consideration Date

Apply on or before this date in order to receive equal consideration for admission to programs starting the following fall. After this date, colleges consider applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until programs are full.

Note that applications to <u>Highly Competitive Programs</u> must be received by this date in order to be considered. As these programs receive a high volume of applicants, all seats may be filled by February 1.

Applicants are encouraged to complete their applications well before the Equal Consideration Date, as website volumes on the online application are at their highest at this time.

Many programs continue to accept applicants after February 1st

#### February 1, 2021: Earliest Offer Date

This is the earliest date that colleges may begin to send offers of admission to programs for the upcoming academic year. Offers will continue to be issued until programs are filled or wait-lists are established.

#### May 1, 2021: Deadline to Confirm Offers of Admission

Applicants must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by this date. Log in to your ontariocolleges.ca account to **confirm your offer**.

Colleges may extend offers of admission after this date. Each college will set the deadline to confirm offers made after May 1, and this deadline will be communicated to you with your offer.

#### June 2021: Tuition Deposit Due at the Colleges

The colleges require payment of a tuition deposit in June to secure your spot in your program. Each college sets its own tuition deposit amount and payment deadline. This information will be communicated to you by the college.

#### OCAS – Ontario College Application Services

Apply on or before February 1, 2021 in order to receive equal consideration for admission to programs starting the following fall. After this date, colleges consider applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until programs are full.

#### **Important Info Before You Apply**

- The <u>application processing fee</u> is \$95.00 (non-refundable).
- An application allows you up to 5 program choices (no more than 3 at any one college).
- All program choices must start within the same academic year (August-July).
- Your username is permanent.
- Your password must be between 8 and 14 characters in length.
- Use a valid email address.
- DO NOT create more than one account.
- The application works best in **certain web browsers**.

#### **How to Apply**

- Log in to your account.
- Fill in your personal information and educational history.
- Add your program choices.
- Pay the application processing fee and any transcript fees.
- Application is NOT complete until they receive payment.
- Log back in to verify your transcript information, or to make changes or updates to your application.
- Log back in after February 1 to view and **confirm offers of admission**.

For a step-by-step tour of the secure online application, **download the user guide**: https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/apply

#### <u>Important Dates</u>

- October: Applications become available for programs starting the following fall.
- February 1: <u>Equal Consideration Date</u> apply to <u>highly</u> <u>competitive programs</u> on or before this date.
- February 1: Colleges may begin sending offers of admission.
- May 1: Deadline to confirm offers (colleges may extend offers after this date).
- Mid-June: Tuition deposit payment due.

• See the **Important Dates** page for more information.

#### **Applying to Universities (Out of Province)**

Students interested in applying to a university out of province must apply directly to the school that they are interested in. Application forms can be found directly on the school website. The OUAC assists the following out-of-province institutions in collecting academic data for Ontario secondary school students who have applied through the OUAC:

- Acadia University
- Bishop's University
- The University of British Columbia
- The University of Calgary
- Concordia University
- Dalhousie University
- McGill University
- The University of New Brunswick
- Saint Mary's University
- Simon Fraser University
- The University of Victoria

Students who complete an application form for these out-of-province universities can provide authorization for a university to request their academic information from the OUAC. To provide authorization, the applicant must include their 11-digit OUAC Reference Number on the institution's application form.

Note: In all cases, the eleventh digit should be "o". This automated transfer of academic data greatly reduces the workload in secondary schools by eliminating the need to prepare and mail hardcopy transcripts.

## **OSAP**

## Ontario Student Assistance Program

https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-osap

## What is OSAP?

The Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) is a financial aid program that can help you pay for college or university.

OSAP offers funding through:

**-grants**: money you don't have to pay back

-a student loan: money that you need to repay once you're done school

When you apply for OSAP, you will automatically be considered for both grants and loans. If you do not want to take a loan, you can decline it after your application is approved.

# What OSAP can help with?

OSAP can help you pay for:

- Tuition
- Books, equipment and supplies
- Compulsory student fees charged by a school
- Living expenses (full-time students only)
- Child care (for students with children)

## **How to get OSAP**

- Apply for money that can help you pay for a college or university education. Click below for more information on the application process for OSAP.
- https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-get-osap#section-5

For more information please visit:

# **Applying to College and OSAP combined**

In partnership with the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), we are pleased to announce the launch of a new feature that simplifies the OSAP application process for our college applicants. See link for more details <u>Integration between College and OSAP Applications</u>

#### Helpful Resources

- Ontario University Information: ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca
- Ontario College Information: ontariocolleges.ca
- Ontario University Application Center: ouac.on.ca
- Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program: https://oyap.com/en/about\_oyap/what\_is\_oyap/
- Prepskills for US admissions

#### https://prepskills.com/

- Schools Outside Ontario: <a href="https://uscollegeexpo.com/">https://uscollegeexpo.com/</a>
- Students with Disabilities resource guide: https://www.transitionresourceguide.ca/

#### Financial Aid / Awards & Scholarships

- CanLearn Student Loans Grants & Scholarshipshttps://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education.html
- Ontario Universities' Info Scholarships for Ontario students
- https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/
- OFSAA Scholarships: https://www.ofsaa.on.ca/programs/scholarships
- OSAP Ontario Student Assistance Program: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program">https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program</a>
- Student Awards: <a href="https://studentawards.com">https://studentawards.com</a>
- Scholarships Canada: https://www.scholarshipscanada.com