

GRADE 12 POST-
SECONDARY PRESENTATION

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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 - TOTAL CREDITS: YOU MUST HAVE 30 CREDITS TO GRADUATE
 - LITERACY TEST
 - COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS (20 HRS) BY: **MAY 1ST 2021 FOR THIS YEAR'S CURRENT POTENTIAL GRADUATES**
 - ✓ PLANS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021
 - ✓ POST SECONDARY APPLICATION PROCESS
 - ✓ OYAP/SPECIALTY PROGRAMS
 - ✓ SCHOLARSHIP/AWARDS



UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE TOURS

. DURING A TYPICAL YEAR THERE WOULD BE A UNIVERSITY FAIR AND A COLLEGE FAIR IN TORONTO. HOWEVER THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID-19 THEY HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.

- ON OUR STA WEBSITE WE HAVE INCLUDED LINKS TO SOME SUGGESTED VIRTUAL TOURS. (PLEASE NOTE THIS IS JUST A SAMPLE)

[HTTPS://SECONDARY.HCDSB.ORG/STA/STUDENTS/POST-SECONDARY-APPLICATION-INFORMATION/](https://secondary.hcdsb.org/sta/students/post-secondary-application-information/)





Welcome to Ontario Universities' Info

A guide to Ontario's universities for high school students.



Find a Program

Search for your ideal program and find out the information you need to apply, like prerequisites, grade requirements and more. Plus, compare your choices.



Choose a University

Get to know Ontario's universities and where they are located. Find out information about campus visits, residence costs and more!



How to Apply

Which application is right for me? Answer a few statements to guide you to the proper undergraduate application.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR UNIVERSITY

OUAC (ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES' APPLICATION CENTRE) PROVIDES EACH STUDENT WHO IS APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY WITH A PIN CODE, WHICH IS REQUIRED TO CREATE AN OUAC ACCOUNT. WE WILL ANNOUNCE HOW EACH STUDENT WILL RECEIVE THESE AT A LATER DATE. STA STUDENT SERVICES WILL GO OVER THE APPLICATION PROCESS IN LATE OCTOBER.

YOU WILL APPLY TO UNIVERSITY ON THE OUAC WEBSITE USING THIS PIN. INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO APPLY ARE ENCLOSED WITH YOUR PIN.

YOU CAN APPLY TO 3 UNIVERSITIES. THEY WILL CHARGE \$150.00 FOR PROCESSING YOUR APPLICATION. IF YOU WISH TO APPLY TO MORE THAN 3 UNIVERSITIES, THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$50.00 PER UNIVERSITY. (THESE PRICES ARE LAST YEARS FEES)

DEADLINE FOR APPLYING JANUARY 15TH 2021 **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOUR APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED BEFORE CHRISTMAS 2020**

- Your top 6 grade 12 U/M marks will be used, including prerequisites, to determine your admission average.
- Universities will review:
 - Grade 11 marks to determine a possible early admission offer (always conditional upon grade 12 marks). ***There is no separate application for early admission.***
 - Grade 12 semester 1 final marks (Semester 1 Midterm Marks if available)
 - Grade 12 semester 2 mid-term marks
 - Grade 12 semester 2 final marks

ALL marks are sent electronically – you do NOT have to provide a paper transcript to any Ontario university.

MARKS

- SUBMITTED 4 TIMES : NOVEMBER, FEBRUARY, APRIL AND JULY
- FULL DISCLOSURE
- UNIVERSITY : 6 GRADE 12 U OR M LEVEL COURSE (ENG4U BEING ONE)
- THERE ARE A FEW PROGRAMS THAT REQUIRE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF U LEVEL COURSES
- COLLEGE : PREREQUISITES AND GRADE 11 AND 12 O, C, M OR U MARKS UNLESS YOU ARE APPLYING TO A UNIVERSITY DEGREE PROGRAM (TOP 6 U/M GRADE 12 MARKS)

OUAC Important Dates 2020/21

November 2020

Access code letters for the OUAC 101 application will be available

Rectangular Snip

January 15th, 2021

Deadline for Ontario high school students to submit their completed application to OUAC.

Note: The OUAC still processes applications received after this date and distributes them to the universities; however, specific university deadlines will apply.

The initial application includes all final grades from completed Grade 11 and 12 courses and a list of all current-year courses in progress.

May 27th, 2021

The latest date all high school applicants can expect a response from an Ontario university. This includes: an offer of admission; a refusal; or a deferral, once additional information is received.

June 1st, 2021

The earliest date an Ontario high school student may be required to respond to an Ontario university offer of admission and give a financial commitment (e.g., registration deposit, residence deposit, etc.).

All other admissions-related elements, including scholarships, other forms of student assistance or financial incentives, and offers of residence are considered part of the offer of admission. Therefore, a student may accept these other offers before June 1st, 2021, but Ontario universities will not compel a student in any way to make a decision earlier than this date.

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. CHECK INFO!
2. MINIMUM # OF COURSES NEEDED TO APPLY (6U/M)
3. WHAT IS THE ADMISSION AVERAGE BASED ON
4. PRE-REQUISITE COURSES. I.E. ENG4U
5. DO PREREQUISITES COURSES HAVE A MINIMUM AVERAGE
6. ADDITIONAL ADMISSION CRITERIA: AUDITION, PORTFOLIO, INTERVIEW, ESSAY, SUPPLEMENTARY APPLICATION

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. WHY CARRY MORE THAN 6 GRADE 12 U/M COURSES
- 2. NIGHT SCHOOL/ONLINE COURSES/REPEATED COURSES
- 3. ALL OFFERS ARE CONDITIONAL!!

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW.....

- IF YOU ARE TAKING A COURSE OUTSIDE OF AQUINAS IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE STUDENT SERVICES WITH AN OFFICIAL REPORT CARD.
- STUDENTS MUST TELL THEIR GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR THAT THEIR MARK NEEDS TO BE UPDATED ON OUAC OR OCAS (MARKS FROM PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS DO NOT GET AUTOMATICALLY UPLOADED) THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT TO INFORM THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE
- IT IS THE STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE ALL REQUIRED COURSES. IF YOU PLAN ON RETAKING A COURSE, PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE TWO CREDITS. IT WILL SHOW AS A REPEAT.
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OUT OF PROVINCE AFFILIATES

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
- 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 "0".

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE

APPLYING TO THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA

- THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA (RMCC), LOCATED IN KINGSTON, ONTARIO, IS NOT PART OF THE OUAC'S PROCESSING SERVICE. A SEPARATE FORM, ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL APPLICATION MATERIALS, MUST BE OBTAINED FROM A CANADIAN FORCES RECRUITING CENTRE. CALL THE CANADIAN FORCES RECRUITING CENTRE AT 1-800-856-8488 OR VISIT THE RMCC WEBSITE AT: WWW.RMCC-CMRC.CA.

UNIVERSITY APPLICATION – NEXT STEPS

- YOU WILL RECEIVE A LETTER FROM OUAC THAT WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
 - SCHOOL NUMBER
 - STUDENT NUMBER
 - PIN
- THE COST TO APPLY FOR THIS YEAR HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED YET. HOWEVER LAST YEAR IT WAS \$150 FOR 3 CHOICES; \$50 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL CHOICE
- APPLY ON-LINE BY JANUARY 15TH , 2021
- **PLEASE NOTE** WE DO NOT KNOW IF OUAC WILL BE MAILING THE PINS DIRECTLY TO STUDENTS OR WHETHER THEY WILL BE SENDING THEM TO THE HIGH SCHOOL. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

WHY CHOOSE COLLEGE?

- DIVERSITY OF PROGRAMS AND LOCATIONS
- TUITION SAVINGS
- SMALLER CLASS SIZES
- HANDS ON WORK EXPERIENCE
- 84% OF STUDENTS FOUND EMPLOYMENT WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF GRADUATION
- 40% OF ALL NEW JOBS CREATED IN THE NEXT DECADE WILL BE IN THE SKILLED TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY
- THE NUMBER OF UNIVERSITY GRADS ENROLLED IN COLLEGES HAS INCREASED BY MORE THAN 40% OVER 5 YEARS
- OFFER UNIVERSITY DEGREE PROGRAMS WITH EASIER ACCESS THAN UNIVERSITY
- UNIVERSITY TRANSFER PROGRAMS & JOINT PROGRAMS WITH UNIVERSITIES

THINKING ABOUT COLLEGE PROGRAMS

- COLLEGE PROGRAMS COMBINE ACADEMIC AND APPLIED LEARNING WITH EMPLOYMENT PREPARATION IN SOME OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
 - APPLIED ARTS, BUSINESS, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY
- MAY BE A TRANSITION PATHWAY:
GENERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE PROGRAM FOR TWO YEARS AND THEN TRANSFER TO UNIVERSITY (CHECK TRANSFER AGREEMENTS)
- [HTTPS://WWW.ONTRANSFER.CA](https://www.ontransfer.ca)

DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

- TWO OR THREE YEARS IN SPECIAL CAREER RELATED AREA
- WILL USUALLY REQUIRE:
 - GRADE 12 ENGLISH
 - GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL
 - SENIOR LEVEL COURSES
- SOME PROGRAMS MAY REQUIRE SPECIFIC COURSES SUCH AS:
 - BIOLOGY, TECH MATH, GRADE 11 OR 12 MATH

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

- BASED ON ALL GRADE 11 AND 12 MARKS INCLUDING CO-OP
- AVERAGES ARE USUALLY 65% OR ABOVE
- HIGHLY COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS ARE MUCH HIGHER**
- PREREQUISITE COURSES MARKS ARE INCLUDED
- MAY PREFER A GOOD GRADE IN COLLEGE ENGLISH AND MATH COURSES INSTEAD OF A MEDIOCRE GRADE IN THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL

JOINT PROGRAMS

- EARN A DEGREE AND A DIPLOMA AT THE SAME TIME FROM THE PARTNER SCHOOLS IN FOUR YEARS (COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY COMPONENTS)

DEGREE PROGRAMS

- 4 YEARS OF ACADEMIC STUDY AND APPLIED PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES
- REQUIRES 6 GRADE 12 U OR M COURSES
- EX. BACHELOR OF NURSING (HUMBER), BACHELOR OF ANIMATION (SHERIDAN)

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COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

- YOU WILL APPLY TO COLLEGE ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE: WWW.ONTARIOCOLLEGES.CA
- THERE IS NO PIN (PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER) REQUIRED TO APPLY.
- YOU CAN APPLY TO 5 COLLEGES (NO MORE THEN 3 PROGRAMS FOR ONE COLLEGE). THERE IS A \$95.00 PROCESSING FEE.
- COLLEGES WILL USE **BOTH GRADE 11 AND 12** COURSES TO DETERMINE ADMISSION.
- ALL MARKS ARE SENT ELECTRONICALLY. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PROVIDE A PAPER TRANSCRIPT TO ANY ONTARIO COLLEGES.
- **THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS FEBRUARY 1ST , 2021.**
- **IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR PROGRAMS THAT ARE HIGHLY COMPETITIVE AND OVER SUBSCRIBED.**
- **COLLEGES ALSO HAVE UNIVERSITY DEGREE PROGRAMS. THEY WILL REQUIRE 6 GRADE 12 U/M COURSES. YOU DO NOT APPLY FOR THESE THROUGH OUAC YOU APPLY THROUGH ONTARIO COLLEGES**

OYAP AND SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

- FOR THOSE STUDENTS WHO AREN'T SURE IF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IS THEIR DESTINATION RIGHT AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, THE HCDSB AND THE HDSB OFFER MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF SPECIALTY PROGRAMS AND OYAP PROGRAMS
- FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OYAP PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT HALTON REGION VISIT:

[HTTPS://STUDENTSUCCESS.HCDSB.ORG/WHERE-DO-I-START/ONTARIO-YOUTH-APPRENTICESHIP-PROGRAM-OYAP/](https://studentsuccess.hcdsb.org/where-do-i-start/ontario-youth-apprenticeship-program-oyap/)
[WWW.MYBLUEPRINT.CA](http://www.myblueprint.ca)



SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR PROGRAMS AT STA
INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (ICT)
HEALTH & MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY (HEALTH & WELLNESS)

TO GRADUATE WITH YOUR SHSM RED SEAL THE FOLLOWING GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET:

- 4 MAJOR SHSM CREDITS
- 1 MINOR SHSM CREDIT
- 2 CREDIT CO-OP
- 1 ENGLISH & 1 MATH
- CERTIFICATIONS FOR YOUR PROGRAM (ARRANGED BY SHSM TEACHER)

SCHOLARSHIPS

- VISIT OUR WEBSITE
- REGISTER ON....
 - WWW.STUDENTAWARDS.COM
 - WWW.SCHOLARSHIPSCANADA.COM
- MANY ARE TIME SENSITIVE WITH CONCRETE DEADLINES SO YOU MUST BE ORGANIZED
- MANY LIMIT THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS PER SCHOOL. THESE WILL REQUIRE A NOMINATION PROCESS.

PRELIMINARY PREPARATION

- 1. KEEP TRACK OF ALL THE ACTIVITIES YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH, LED OR HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF SUCH AS:
 - -AWARDS (HONOUR ROLL)
 - -EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
 - -CO-OP EXPERIENCES
 - -INTERNATIONAL OR EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES
 - -PART-TIME JOBS
 - -ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT (**AIM FOR >85%**)
 - -SCHOOL CLUBS, SPORTS TEAMS, AND ASSOCIATIONS
 - -STUDENT COUNCIL (SAC, PREFECT, ETC.)
 - -VOLUNTEER WORK AT SCHOOL OR IN THE COMMUNITY

TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- **ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS**

- AUTOMATIC...BASED ON ADMISSION AVERAGE (80% OR HIGHER) AND MAY BE RENEWABLE (LAKEHEAD U. EXAMPLE)

- **UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS NEEDING APPLICATION**

- CHECK THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID OFFICE WEBSITES OR LOOK IN E!NFO

- **FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS (I.E. TERRY FOX, LORAN)**

- USUALLY NEED HIGH MARKS AND OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE OR DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP
- YOU MAY NEED TO BE NOMINATED BY THE SCHOOL

OSAP: ONTARIO STUDENT ASSISTANT PROGRAM

- ▶ APPLY AFTER YOU HAVE ACCEPTED YOUR OFFER OF ADMISSION
- ▶ OSAP SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN APRIL/MAY
- ▶ THERE ARE ALSO GRANTS AND BURSARIES TIED TO THE OSAP APPLICATION (*THESE DO NOT HAVE TO BE PAID BACK*)
- ▶ INTEREST FREE LOAN WHILE IN SCHOOL FULL TIME
- ▶ 6 MONTH GRACE PERIOD FROM PAYMENT PERIOD ONCE FINISHED

1) APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

- REMEMBER: THIS IS A COMPETITION SO BE HONEST, ACCURATE AND COMPLETE.
 - ▶ **DO YOU QUALIFY?**
 - CHECK THE CRITERIA CAREFULLY
 - PRINCIPAL'S NOMINATION?
 - LIMIT ON NUMBER FROM EACH SCHOOL?
 - ▶ **DUE DATES**
 - POSTMARK DATE OR ARRIVAL? (A FAX MAY NOT BE ALLOWED)
 - COUNT ON DOING EVERYTHING A WEEK EARLY
 - ▶ **ACADEMIC INFORMATION**
 - OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT (ASK MRS. HAYWARD IN GUIDANCE AT LEAST A WEEK IN ADVANCE)
 - CREDIT COUNSELLING SUMMARY (ASK YOUR COUNSELLOR)

2) APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

- REFERENCES, PRINCIPAL'S STATEMENT, ETC.
 - WHO TO ASK? (ASK SOMEONE IN A POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY WHO WILL SAY GREAT THINGS ABOUT YOU)
 - GIVE THEM AMPLE TIME (AT LEAST A WEEK) WITH POLITE REMINDERS
 - GIVE THEM THE INFO. THEY NEED: SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA, YOUR RESUME
 - REVIEW THE LETTER AND ASK FOR REVISIONS DIPLOMATICALLY
- PERSONAL STATEMENT, ESSAY, ETC.
 - THIS TAKES THE PLACE OF A FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEW
 - ADDRESS THE CRITERIA OF THE SCHOOL. WRITE IN A FORMAL, DIRECT TONE AND CHECK FOR ACCURACY AND CLARITY
 - PROOFREAD, REVISE AND MAKE IT YOUR BEST EFFORT (ASK YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR OR OTHERS TO EDIT AND IMPROVE IT)

3) APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

- **THE APPLICATION**
 - IS THE ORIGINAL REQUIRED?
 - BLANK SPACES MAY BE VIEWED AS ERRORS – IF THE ANSWER IS ZERO, SAY 0
 - **TYPE** WHERE POSSIBLE OR PRINT NEATLY IN INK
 - ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY
- **ASSEMBLE THE PACKAGE (ONE WEEK EARLY)**
 - ARE ALL PAGES AND DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED?
 - MAKE A COPY OF EVERYTHING
 - CHECK THE ORDER AND PUT IN AN ENVELOPE

DO YOUR RESEARCH!

VISIT:

- [HTTPS://WWW.ONTARIOUNIVERSITIESINFO.CA/](https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/)
- [WWW.ONTARIOCOLLEGES.CA](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)
- [WWW.STUDENTSUCCESS.HCDSB.ORG](http://www.studentsuccess.hcdsb.org)
- [WWW.MYBLUEPRINT.CA](http://www.myblueprint.ca)
- [HTTPS://WWW.ONTARIO.CA/PAGE/OSAP-ONTARIO-STUDENT-ASSISTANCE-PROGRAM](https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program)

- VISIT VIRTUAL FAIRS
- BOOK AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR.