

GRADE 12 POST-SECONDARY PRESENTATION



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



- Graduation Requirements
 - Total credits: You must have 30 credits to graduate
 - Literacy Test*
 - Community Service Hours* (20 hrs.) By: **May 1st 2022 For this year's current potential graduates**
 - Plans for September 2022
 - Post Secondary Application Process
 - OYAP/Specialty programs
 - Scholarship/Awards
- * See information regarding ministry updates pertaining to community hours and literacy test requirements for this year's potential grads

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduation Requirements based on Ministry Updates
- Students graduating in the 2021-22 school year are exempt from the literacy requirement
- For the 2021-22 school year, the ministry is revising the 40-hour community involvement graduation requirement so that students will not be adversely impacted by the ongoing challenges related to covid-19. For students graduating in the 2021-22 school year, the community involvement graduation requirement will be reduced to a minimum of 20 hours of community involvement activities

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE FAIRS

- The Ontario University Fair <https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/> will be a virtual event this year. The dates are as follows:
 - Saturday September 25th 12pm-2pm
 - Tuesday October 26th 5pm-7pm
- Information regarding these events can be found by visiting <https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/>
- STA's University fair is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday November 9th from 9am-11am** in the STA gymnasium. If there is a change in the event i.e., cancellation, a decision will be communicated to students
- STA'S Virtual college fair will take place **Thursday October 21st at 1pm**
- Every Monday in October and November, there will be four panel groups running simultaneously on Zoom, each made up of six to seven colleges.
- Each group will provide:
 - A brief overview of the Ontario community college system
 - Highlights from each college on the panel
 - Time to ask your questions to individual college representatives
- Students can register here <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/colleges/college-recruitment>





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. 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 13th, 2022, **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOUR APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED before Christmas 2021**

- Your top 6 grade 12 U/M marks will be used, including prerequisites and any supplement information to determine your admission average.
- ALL marks are sent electronically – you do NOT have to provide a paper transcript to any Ontario university.
- Universities will review:
 - Grade 11 marks and your Grade 12 marks
 - Grades will be shared with the universities using the timeline below:

Grades are transmitted in Oct/Nov 2021, February, April, June, July and August 2022



MARKS

- Submitted 5 times : October/November, February, April, July and August
- Full disclosure (University and College's see all your grade 11 and 12 grades)
- 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 2021/22

November 2021

Access code letters for the OUAC 101 application will be available

January 13th, 2022

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 5, 2022

Target date for Ontario universities to receive all midterm/final grades available for 4U/M courses and interim grades for full-year courses from the OUAC. Grades the OUAC receives earlier than the deadline will be sent to Ontario universities when received.

May 27th, 2022


The latest date all high school applicants who submitted their application by the January application deadline 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, 2022

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 admission-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 1, 2022, but Ontario universities will not compel a student in any way to make a decision earlier than this date.

<https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/101-dates/>



UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Check Einfo! <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/>
2. Minimum # of courses needed to apply (6 Grade 12 U/M courses)
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

- Why carry more than 6 grade 12 U/M courses?
- Night school/online courses/repeated courses
- 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.

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 13th , 2022
- **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>

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 than 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, 2022.**
- **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/>

www.myblueprint.ca



Specialist high skills major programs at STA

Information & Communications Technology (ICT)

Health & Medical Technology (Health & Wellness)

Sports

Construction and Carpentry

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 <https://secondary.hcdsb.org/sta/students/scholarship-information/>
- REGISTER ON....
 - www.studentawards.com
 - www.scholarshipscanada.com
 - <https://www.grantinterface.ca/Home/Logon?urlkey=theoef> (Awards Hub)
- 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

- 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

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/>
- www.ontariocolleges.ca
- <https://www.haltonpathways.ca/>
- www.myblueprint.ca
- <https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program>

- Visit virtual fairs
- Book an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor.