

GRADE 12 POST-SECONDARY PRESENTATION



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



- Graduation Requirements
 - Total credits: You must have 30 credits to graduate
 - Literacy Test
 - Community Service Hours (40 hrs.) By: **May 1st 2024** For this year's current potential graduates
 - **Two eLearn credits or opt-out**
 - ✓ Plans for September 2024
 - ✓ Post Secondary Application Process
 - ✓ OYAP/Specialty programs
 - ✓ Scholarship/Awards

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE FAIRS

- The Ontario University Fair <https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/> will take place this fall. The dates are as follows:
- Saturday October 21st 10am-5pm
- Sunday October 22nd 10am-7pm
- Information regarding these events can be found by visiting <https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/>
- The Ontario College Fair is running during the following dates:
- October 18th 5pm-9pm and October 19th 9am-2pm
- STA's University/College fair is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday October 11th from 9am-12pm** in the STA gymnasium

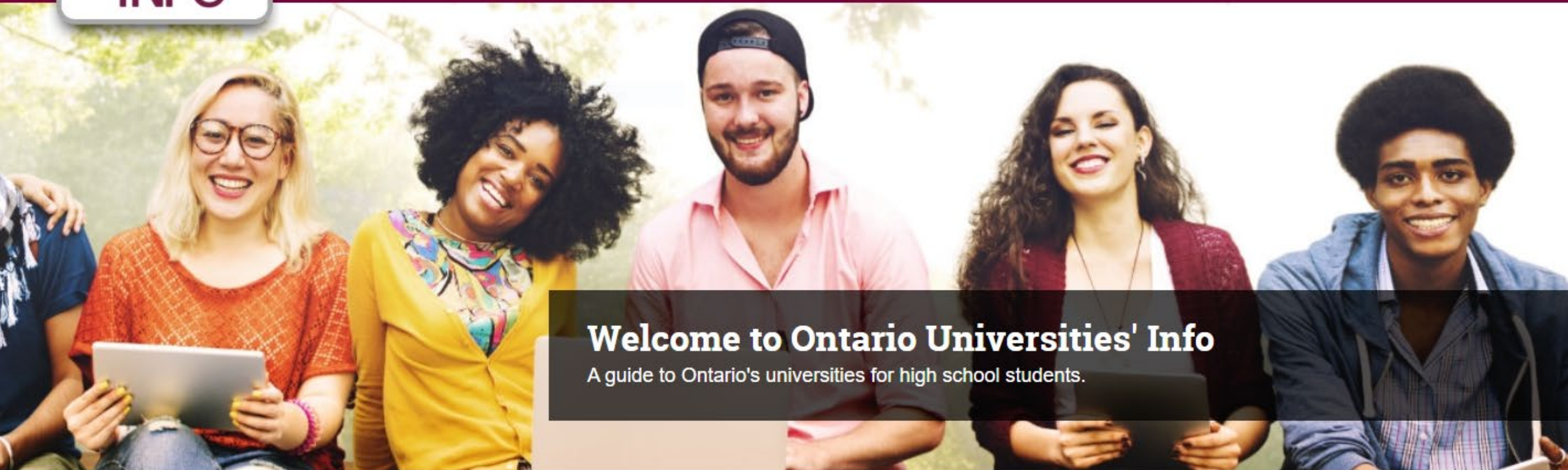


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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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

In previous years, the OUAC (Ontario Universities' Application Centre) would provide each student who is applying to university with a PIN code, which was required to create an OUAC account. New for this year students will not require a PIN code.

Instead, students will provide their Name, DOB, Address, Home School and OEN number to create their own Username and Password

The base application fee, covering the initial 3 program choices, for the Undergraduate Application will be \$156 for all applicants

Deadline for applying January 15th, 2024,

- 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 2023, February, April, June, July and August 2024



MARKS

- Submitted 5 times : October/November, February, April, July and August
- 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 2023/24

January 15th, 2024

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 2ND, 2024

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. The OUAC will send the grades we receive before the deadline to Ontario universities when they are received.

May 29th, 2024

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 3RD, 2024

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, 2023, but Ontario universities will not compel a student in any way to make a decision earlier than this date.

<https://www.ouac.on.ca/deadlines/>



UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Check <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.

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. Visit the RMCC website at: www.rmcc-cmrc.ca.

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".

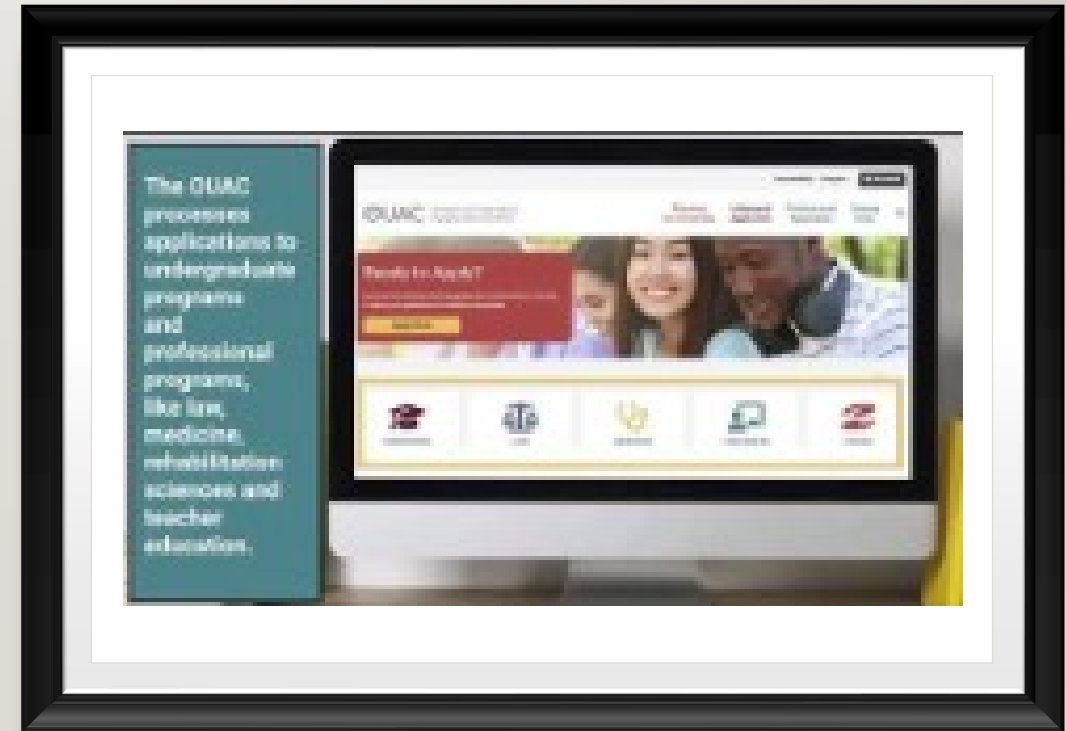
UNIVERSITY APPLICATION – NEXT STEPS

- The base application fee, covering the initial 3 program choices, for the Undergraduate Application will be \$156 for all applicants,
- Additional choices beyond the first 3 will remain at \$50. The international service fee for applicants who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents (landed immigrants) will remain at \$10.
- Apply On-line by January 15th , 2024

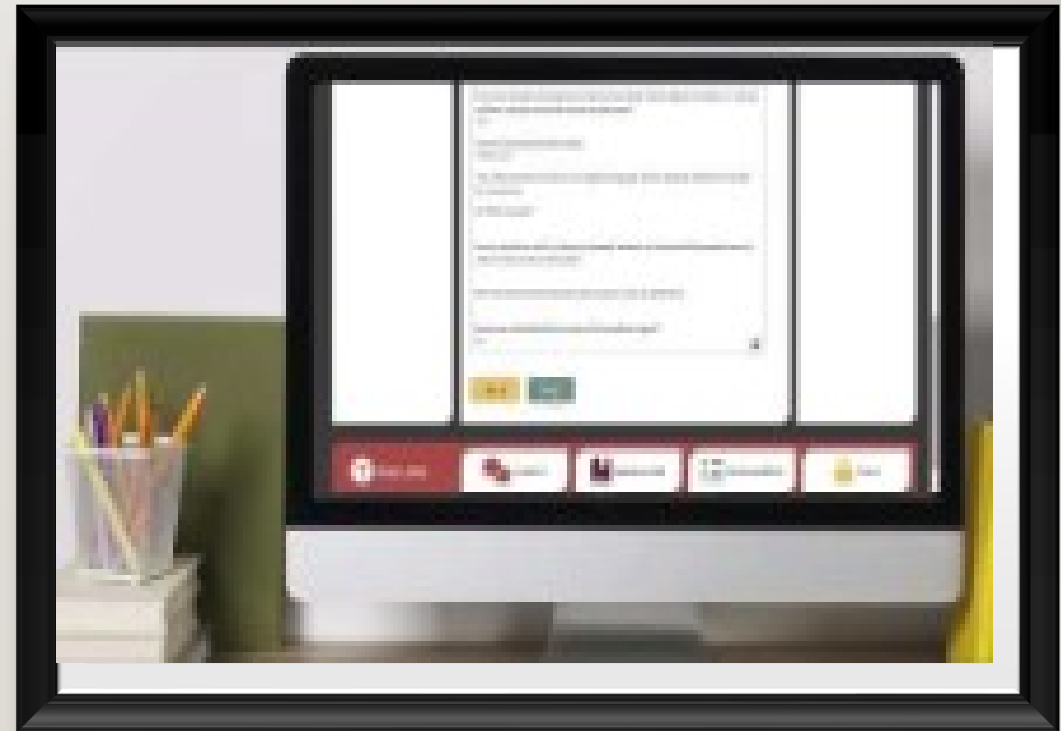
UNIVERSITY APPLICATION – NEXT STEPS

- Before you start the application, please take the time to watch the “How to Videos”
- <https://www.ouac.on.ca/videos/how-to-videos/>

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WHY CHOOSE COLLEGE?

- Diversity of programs - over 5000+ programs across 200+ areas of study
- Smaller class sizes/Hands on work experience
- 86% of students found employment with College certificates/diplomas in 2023
- 40% of all new jobs created within the next decade will be in skilled trades and technology
- The number of university grads enrolled in colleges has increased by more than 40% over 5 years
- Offer joint university degree programs with easier entry than university
- Ontario's colleges are leaders in technology and workforce development
- *Source: Skills Canada and ontariocolleges.ca*



THINKING ABOUT COLLEGE PROGRAMS?

- **One-year certificate programs** that help you build skills and get working fast
- **Two and three-year diploma programs** that prepare you for the career you would like
- **Graduate certificate programs** that build on the education you already have
- Diverse **College trades and Apprenticeship programs**
- Over **200 degree programs**
- **Transition programs/Bridging programs** such as General Arts and Science for **two years** and then transfer to university (check transfer agreements)

ONTARIO COLLEGES AND SKILLED TRADES

- If you're interested in the trades, a college program is a great place to start working toward your career.
 - plumbing, auto mechanic, carpentry, hairstylist and esthetician to baker, computer hardware technician, educational assistant, network cabling technician, special events coordinator, vet tech ***are some examples***
 - Not only will you learn from skilled and experienced tradespeople, you will also benefit from a network of industry connections that can lead to apprenticeships and jobs.
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- Source: Ontariocolleges.ca



DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

- Two or three years in a 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/BRIDGING/DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Earn a degree and a diploma at the same time from the partner schools in four years (college and university components)
- Examples: **Nursing, Paramedicine, Journalism, Game Design, Business Administration, Commerce, Food Studies, Animation**
- Will require 6 U/M level courses

Find a Program

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PROGRAM SEARCH Q

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[Career & Preparation](#)

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[Energy, Environmental & Natural Resources](#)

[Business, Finance & Administration](#)

[Culinary, Hospitality, Recreation & Tourism](#)

[Engineering & Technology](#)

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

- You will apply to college on the following website: www.ontariocolleges.ca
- Create an account - no PIN is required
- You can apply to 5 program choices (no more than 3 programs for one college). There is a \$125.00 application 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, 2024.**
- **It is strongly recommended that you apply as soon as possible for programs that are highly competitive**
- Colleges also have university degree programs. They will require 6 grade 12 u/m courses. The program will tell you if you are applying using OUAC or OCAS

HOW TO APPLY TO COLLEGE

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Ontario Colleges website. At the top, the URL 'ontariocolleges.ca' is visible on the left, and a user profile 'Welcome Sarah' with a notification bell and a language selector 'Français' is on the right. A large banner with a student's face and the text 'Start Applying' is centered. Below the banner, a sidebar on the left contains icons for 'Home', 'Profile', 'Apply', and 'Docs'. The main content area is titled 'When would you like to go to college?' and features two buttons: 'Before Jul. 31, 2020' and 'After Jul. 31, 2020'. The 'After Jul. 31, 2020' button is selected. Below these buttons, a text box explains that starting school after July 31, 2020, means applying for the 2020-2021 application cycle. A calendar icon shows 'Aug. 1, 2020' to 'Jul. 31, 2021'. To the right, a blue box lists available application cycles: 2021-2022 (Aug 2021-Jul 2022), 2022-2023 (Aug 2022-Jul 2023), and 2023-2024 (Aug 2023-Jul 2024). It also notes that applications are available in October 2022.

ontariocolleges.ca

Welcome Sarah

Français

Start Applying

When would you like to go to college?

Before Jul. 31, 2020

After Jul. 31, 2020

To start school after Jul. 31, 2020 you will want to apply for the 2020-2021 application cycle that includes all programs starting between Aug. 1, 2020 and Jul. 31, 2021.

2020-2021

Aug. 1, 2020 - Jul. 31, 2021

Available application cycles are:

- * 2021-2022: Programs starting between August 2021 and July 2022.
- * 2022-2023: Programs starting between August 2022 and July 2023.
- * 2023-2024: Programs starting between August 2023 and July 2024.

Available in October 2022.

Apply Now!

SUMMARY

- College Applications open **September 30th, 2023**
- Research your programs and Colleges at **ontariocolleges.ca**
- Create an Account
- Pay \$125 Application Processing Fee
- Apply by **February 1st, 2024** for *Equal Consideration* (highly competitive programs)

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
- **What is OYAP?**

In Halton, students have two options to participate in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP):

A/ OYAP Co-op

Participating in a cooperative education placement in any of the 144 Ontario apprenticeable trades

B/ Concentrated OYAP

Students can take any of our Concentrated OYAP programs. These pre-trade programs give students the knowledge and experience necessary to start their career in one of the many skilled trades.



OYAP AND SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

- OYAP allows you to explore and find the right career for you. And if you discover you want to change direction you can, because many skills are transferable.
- For more information about OYAP programs throughout the Halton Region visit:

<https://www.haltonpathways.ca>



SHSM

Specialist High Skills Major programs at St. Thomas Aquinas

Information & Communications Technology (ICT)

Health & Medical Technology (Health & Wellness)

Sports

Construction

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 and 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
- 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, Mentors, 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

▶ 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://studentsuccess.hcdsb.org/>
 - www.myblueprint.ca
 - <https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program>
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- Visit fairs and college and university open houses
 - Book an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor.