GRADE 12 POST-SECONDARY PRESENTATION

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- **Total credits:**
  - You must have 30 credits to graduate
- Literacy Test
- Community Service Hours (40 hrs.)
  - By: May 1st 2027 For this year's current potential graduates
- Two online credits or opt-out



REVIEW:

- ✓ Plans for September 2027
- ✓ Post Secondary Application Process
- ✓ OYAP/Specialty programs
- ✓ Scholarship/Awards

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (40 HOURS)

- Pick up a form in Student Services, the IB Office to record the details of your involvement – dates, hours completed and organization/ contact names, signatures, and phone numbers.
- Alternatively, you can submit a letter from the organization (on letterhead) that outlines the details of your involvement.
- Only the **first 40 hours** are required for graduation

❖ **New Ministry Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement:**

➢ Bronze – 50-99 hours

➢ Silver – 100 – 199 hours

➢ Gold – 200+ hours

- **Return all forms to Student Services**



Bronze: 50 to 99 volunteer hours



Silver: 100 to 199 volunteer hours



Gold: 200+ volunteer hours

Places you can volunteer

Community involvement activities may take place in a variety of settings such as:

- local businesses
- hospitals, long-term care, retirement homes and other health care institutions
- not-for-profit organizations
- public sector institutions, like your town, city or region
- offices of local, provincial or federal government representatives
- First Nation, Métis and Inuit communities or organizations
- religious, cultural events and community activities

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- are a requirement of a class, course or program that you are enrolled in (such as a co-op, Social Justice)
- take place during school hours (not including lunch break)
- would normally be done for wages or a salary by a person in that workplace or organization (ie. Doctor's Clinics)
- are duties that you would normally do in your house, such as daily chores, or personal recreation activities
- are part of a court-ordered program (for example, a community service program for young offenders)
- You can't volunteer in any positions or activities that go against minimum working age requirements, applicable legislation, regulations or policies.

Your volunteer opportunity should not have you:

- operating a vehicle, power tools or scaffolding
- giving any type of medication or doing medical procedures
- handling "designated substances" such as arsenic, asbestos, lead or mercury
- involved in banking or the handling of securities or valuable items, such as jewelry, art or antiques
- needing the knowledge of a regulated tradesperson
- involved in activities that promote discrimination, harassment or put the safety of yourself or others

Check with your Guidance Counsellor if you are unsure

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE FAIRS

- The Ontario University Fair https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/ will take place this Fall. The dates are as follows:
- Saturday September 26th 9:30am – 5:00pm
- Sunday September 27th 9:30am – 5:00pm
- Information regarding the Fair can be found by visiting https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/
- The **Ontario College Fair will not take place in 2026-2027**.
  - Students are invited to attend one of the College Information Program opportunities offered at Colleges and Polytechnics throughout Ontario https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/events/search
- STA's Post-Secondary Fair is scheduled to take place on ***Thursday October 1st from 8:30am-11:00am*** in the STA gymnasium

THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR UNIVERSITY



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 $159 for all applicants

Additional program choices beyond your initial 3 choices are $51 each

Deadline for applying January 15th, 2027

- Your top 6 grade 12 U/M marks will be used, including prerequisites and any supplemental 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 Grade 12 marks
  Grades will be shared with the universities using the timeline below:

  Grades are transmitted in Oct/Nov 2026, February, April, June, July and August 2027

MARKS

- Submitted: October/November, February, April, July and August
- Full disclosure - ALL Gr.11 and Gr.12 marks are uploaded to OUAC
- **University**: 6 grade 12 U or M level courses including ENG4U and required prerequisites. Some programs may require a certain number of "U" level courses
- **College**: consider grade 11 and 12 O, C, M or U level marks and required prerequisites.
  - If you are applying to a University Degree Program through a College, 6 U/M grade 12 marks are required

OUAC Important Dates 2026/27

January 15th, 2027

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 3rd, 2027

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

May 28th, 2027

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, 2027

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, 2027** 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://ouinfo.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



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.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Why carry more than 6 grade 12 U/M courses?
- Night school/online courses/repeated courses
- All offers are conditional!!



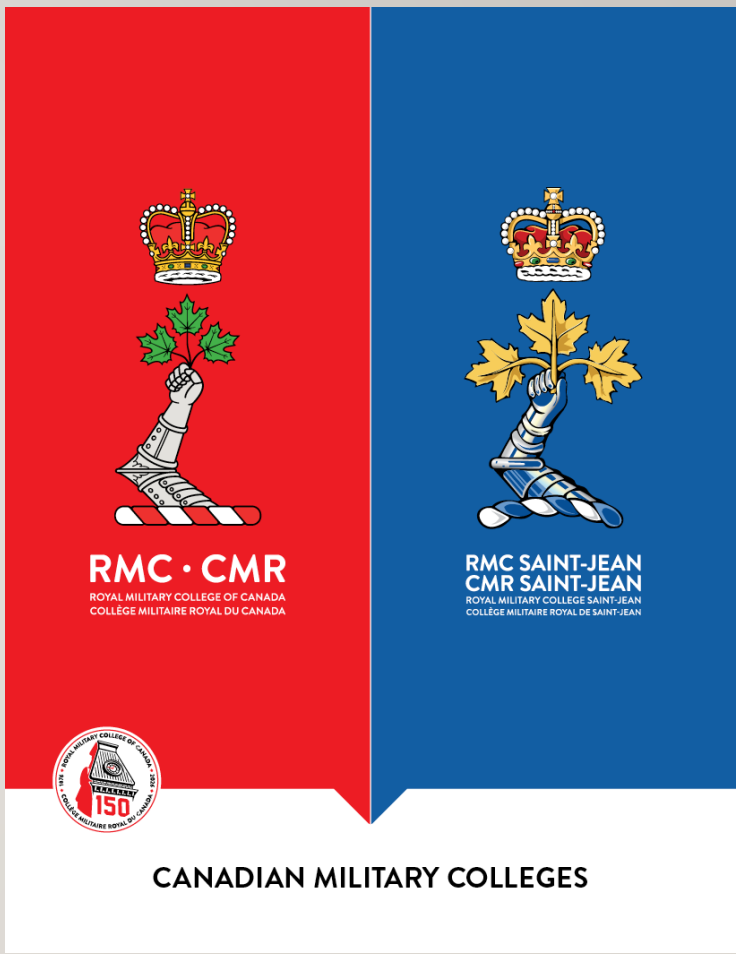
IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW…..

- If you are taking a course outside of Aquinas it is ***your responsibility*** to provide Student Services with an official report card.
- ***Marks from private institutions may not automatically be uploaded to OUAC***
- It is the responsibility of the student to inform the private institution where you are taking the course or your guidance counsellor that the mark needs to be updated on OUAC or OCAS
  - Final Report Cards for courses completed outside of school are due to your Counsellor by **9:00am on Monday, June 21, 2027**
- ***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 (RMC), 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
- Concordia University
- Dalhousie 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 **$159 for all applicants**
- Each additional choice beyond the first three (3) is $51.
- Program fees. There are programs that require an additional fee to apply. https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/undergrad-fees/#future-fees
- Apply Online by January 15th , 2027

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/



How to Create Your OUAC Account



How to Complete Your Undergraduate Application

to an Ontario University



UNDERGRAD

WHY CHOOSE COLLEGE?

- Diversity of programs - allows students to explore niche fields and find programs that align with their interests.
- Smaller class sizes/Hands on work experience
- Many Apprenticeship and Skilled Trades programs
- With diploma and certificate programs that typically take 1-3 years to complete, graduates can enter the workforce sooner
- Many Colleges have partnerships with Skilled Trades employers
- Many Colleges offer joint university degree programs or bridging programs to University

- *Source: Skills Canada and ontariocolleges.ca*

THINKING ABOUT COLLEGE PROGRAMS?

- **One-year certificate programs** that help you build skills and get working fast *(ie) Culinary*
- **Two and three-year diploma programs** that prepare you for the career you would like *(ie) Child and Youth Care*
- **Graduate certificate programs** that build on the education you already have such as a diploma or degree
- **Apprenticeship programs -** allows you to learn a skilled trade on the job
- **Degree programs -** offer the best of both worlds – theoretical knowledge and practical skills *(ie) Business Administration, Interior Design*
- **Collaborative and Joint Degree programs** such as Nursing – offered jointly by a College and partnering University *(ie) Paramedicine*
- Source: https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/apply/program-types

ONTARIO COLLEGES AND SKILLED TRADES PROGRAMS

- 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.
- Many Colleges have built-in Apprenticeship training

- *Source: Ontariocolleges.ca*

APPRENTICESHIP

- **What is an apprenticeship?**
- An apprenticeship is a structured form of trades training where you learn by doing. Instead of just reading or listening, you get **hands-on experience**. Most of the time (about 80%), you work and learn on the job from skilled professionals—and you **get paid while you learn!**
- The remaining time (about 20%) is spent in classroom-based learning, which might take place at a college, a union training center, or another learning space.
- Apprenticeships take 2 to 5 years, depending on the trade.
- Typically, you work for a year or more, then take 8-12 weeks of classroom training.
- This cycle continues until you complete the program.
- Colleges are the primary facilitators of apprenticeship and skilled trades programs.

APPRENTICESHIP

- Skill Trades Ontario
- Visit the Skills Ontario website for information of Skilled Trades and Apprenticeships.
- Sign up at www.apprenticesearch.com to learn about Skilled Trades and find a Skilled Trades Job.

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
- Vary between Colleges and programs
- Highly competitive programs will have higher admission averages**
- Prerequisite course marks are included
- May prefer a good grade in College English and Math courses instead of a mediocre grade in the University level



COLLABORATIVE AND JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Offered jointly by a College and a partnering University
- Students may earn one or two credentials – one from College, one from University

  - **Examples:** Computer Engineering Technology, Nursing, Paramedicine, Journalism, Game Programming, Nuclear Medicine, Information Technology, Radiation Therapy, Theatre and Drama Studies

  - Will require 6 U/M level courses

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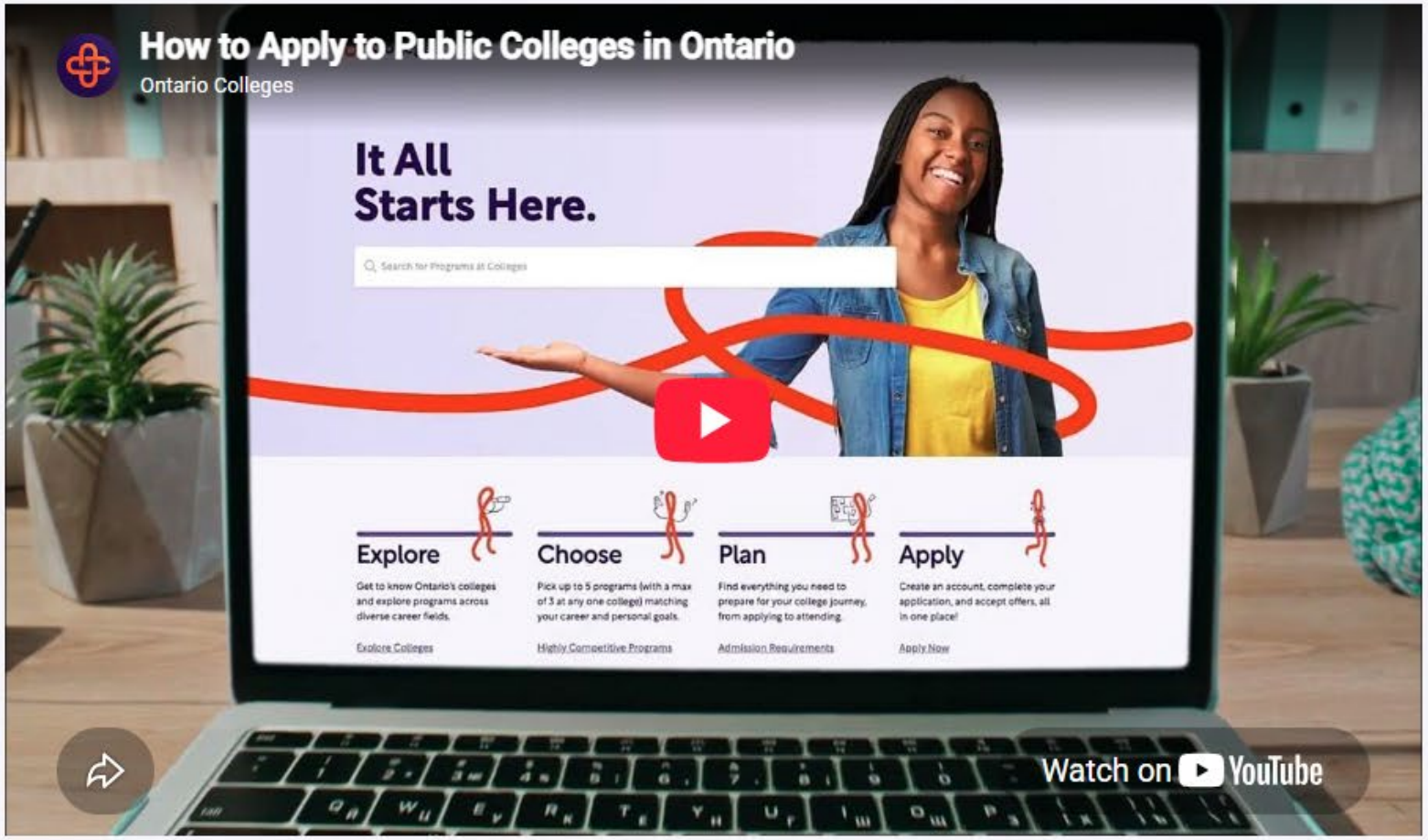
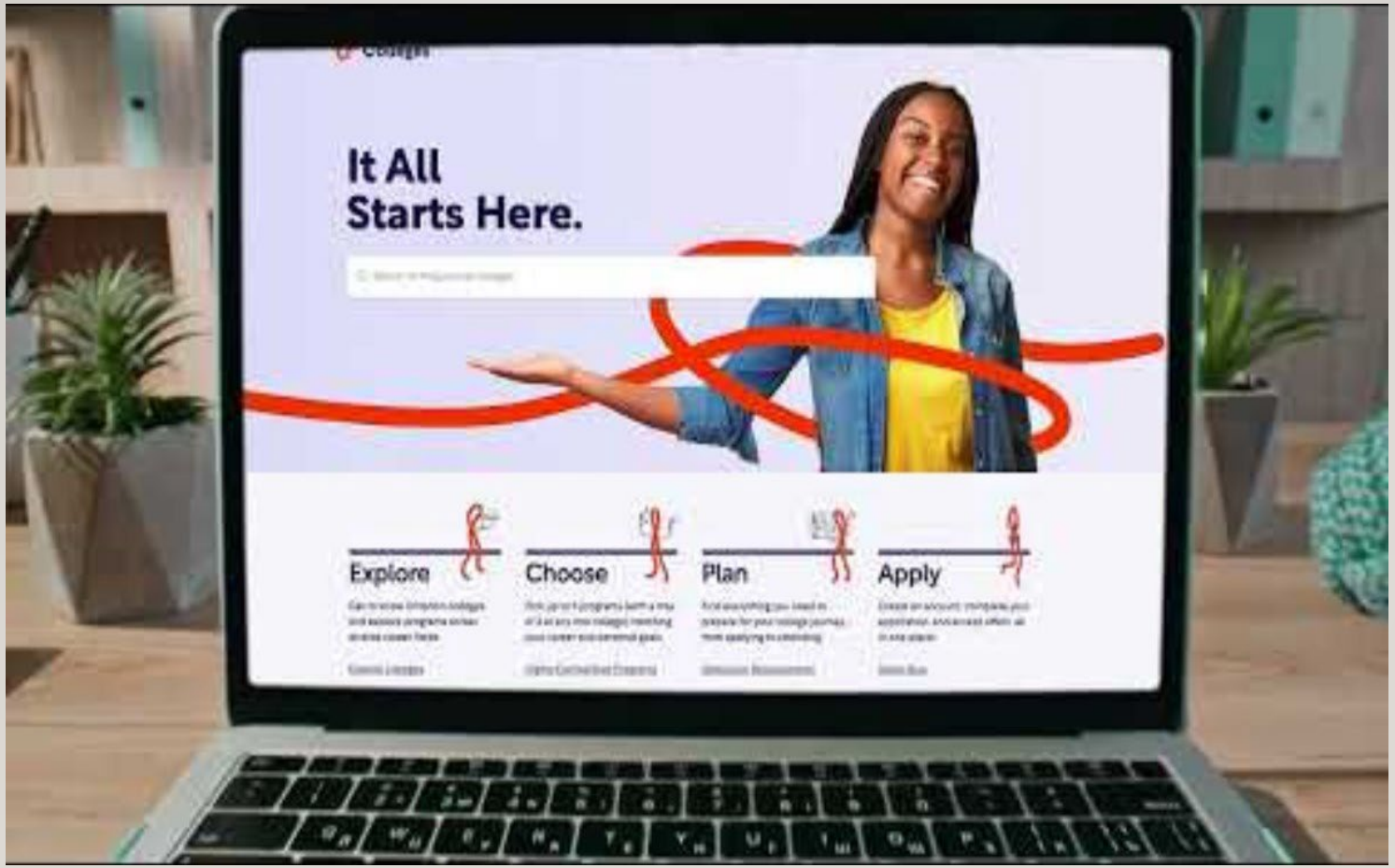
How to Apply



COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

- You will apply to College on the following website: **www.ontariocolleges.ca**
- **Sign up with an email address or with Google**
- Create a password
- Fill out your application
- Add your program choices. You can apply to 5 program choices (no more than 3 programs per college).
- Pay the application fee. (non-refundable) There is a $150.00 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 transcript to any Ontario colleges.
- **You can apply to Ontario College programs beginning September 26, 2026**
- **Applications are due by February 1st , 2027 for highly competitive programs ("Equal Consideration Date")**
- **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



SUMMARY

- September 26, 2026 - Online application opens for Ontario Colleges
- Research your programs and Colleges at ***ontariocolleges.ca***
- Create an Account (do not create more than one account)
- Pay $150 Application Fee (non-refundable)
- Apply by **February 1st, 2027** for *Equal Consideration* *(highly competitive programs)*
- Attend College recruitment events

OYAP AND SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

- For those students who aren't sure if college or university is their destination right after high school, the HCDSB offers many different types of specialty programs and OYAP programs

What is OYAP?

At HCDSB, OYAP offers students different pathways to explore careers in the skilled trades:

A - OYAP Co-op

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

B - Concentrated OYAP

Concentrated OYAP programs in the HCDSB. These **pre-trade programs** give students the knowledge and experience necessary to start their career in one of the many skilled trades.

C – OYAP-FAST

Accelerated stream that allows Grade 11/12 students to participate in more apprenticeship learning

SCHOLARSHIPS



- Visit our website https://secondary.hcdsb.org/sta/students/scholarship-information/
- REGISTER ON….Community Education Awards Hub **www.theocf.org**
  - www.studentawards.com
  - www.scholarshipscanada.com
- More information on scholarships can be found on the STA Graduate Website (coming soon..)
- 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.
- Ensure you meet the criteria of the scholarship you are applying to

TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS/BURSARIES

Entrance scholarships

Automatic and offered by the post secondary school…based on admission average (80% or higher but varies by school) and may be renewable (Lakehead U. example)

University/College scholarships needing application

Check the college/university Financial Aid Office websites or look in EINFO

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

Community Scholarships – scholarships or bursaries offered by community partners

SUMMARY: DO YOUR RESEARCH!

Visit:

- https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/
- www.ontariocolleges.ca
- Halton Pathways
- www.myblueprint.ca
- https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program
- Visit Fairs and college and university open houses
- Book an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor.

GRADUATION INFORMATION

- Website coming soon…
- STA Grad Instagram – **stagrad_2027**
- **Dates:**

  Prom:

  Friday, June 11, 2027

  - Oakville Conference & Banquet Center

  Graduation Brunch & Rehearsal:

  - Tuesday, June 22, 2027

  Graduation Ceremony:

  - Thursday, June 24, 2027 @10:30 am
    - Sixteen Mile Sports Complex, Oakville

