

College - Important Dates - When to Apply (2026/2027)

If 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/highly Competitive programs that fill up quickly.

To make sure you get into your preferred program, it's a good idea to apply to college as soon as the online application becomes available in late September.

Complete and pay for your application on or before [February 1 in order to receive equal consideration for admission](#) to programs beginning the following September.

The following dates apply to programs starting in the fall of 2027. 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.

September 26, 2026: Online Application Opens

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](#).

November 1, 2026: 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 waitlists are established.

February 1, 2027: 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 [Highly Competitive Programs](#) must be received by this date in order to be considered. It is better to apply for these programs before the February 1st date.

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 1. Use our [Find a Program](#) tool at any time to find programs that are still open.

May 1, 2027: Deadline to Confirm Offers of Admission

The most common deadline for confirming offers of admission - but not the only one. Applicants should check their offers of admission for exact deadline dates.

Applicants must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by the stated deadline 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 2027: Tuition Deposit Due at the Colleges

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At most colleges, the tuition deposit is due mid-June. [Contact the colleges](#) directly to find out their specific deadline dates.

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.

The colleges may charge up to \$500 for the tuition deposit, all of which counts towards your tuition costs.