

## Ontario Student Assistance Program



# What is OSAP?

#### **OSAP** is financial assistance

The Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) is funded by both the federal and provincial governments.

OSAP provides needs-based assistance through loans and grants to help qualified students with the cost of postsecondary studies.



**Grants** Non-repayable aid (students keep)





Loans Repayable aid (students pay back)



# Am I eligible for OSAP?



#### Lots of people are!

- To be eligible for OSAP, you must be:
  - A Canadian citizen, permanent resident or protected person
  - An Ontario resident
  - Currently attending or entering an OSAP-approved program and school
  - Currently enrolled in or entering a certificate, degree or diploma program





# Can I get OSAP if I want to study outside of Ontario?

#### Yes!



Yes, you can still receive OSAP if you enroll in a public college or university program **outside of Ontario.** 

If you want to study **outside of Canada**, you can still be eligible to receive partial OSAP funding.



# How is OSAP aid determined?



#### It depends on your unique circumstances



### How much money can I get from OSAP?



# Use our calculator to see how much money you could get

 Go to <u>ontario.ca/osap</u> to find out how much you can get in OSAP loans and grants.

How much you could get	
See what you could get in grants and loans.	
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## Who can get free tuition?



#### Hundreds of thousands of students will get free tuition starting fall 2017

The changes to OSAP will result in **free tuition and no provincial debt** for:

- Dependent students whose annual family income is \$50,000 or less.
- Independent students whose annual income is \$30,000 or less.

#### Free tuition = grants from OSAP that exceed the cost of:

- Tuition for a regular college diploma program across Ontario; or
- Tuition for an undergraduate arts and science program at an Ontario university; or
- Average tuition for a regular college or undergraduate arts and science program for a student in a high cost program, such as dental hygiene or engineering.



### OSAP is still available if your family income is over \$50,000

Students from middle and higher income families may receive more generous support.



Availability of grant funding based on family size and income

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## How do I apply for OSAP?



#### Steps to apply for OSAP



#### Go to ontario.ca/osap.



Click "Register" to sign up as a new user.

Once you create an OSAP profile, you will be assigned an OSAP Access Number (OAN).





Complete an application.



Gather all required supporting documentation.



Upload, mail or deliver documentation to the financial aid office at your college or university.



Print, sign and submit the MSFAA to a designated Canada Post office.

The Master Student Financial Assistance Agreement (MSFAA) is your lifetime loan agreement.



Track the status of your application online, even from your phone.



#### Manage financial assistance anywhere, anytime

Ontario is redesigning OSAP for the digital age, making it faster, and easier to use, so that students can apply, check their status and manage their financial assistance anywhere, anytime, on any device.





OSAP: Ontario Student Assistance Program Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development OSAP helps full-time and part-time students pay for a college or university

#### **Need more information?**

- Talk to your school's guidance counsellor
- Visit the OSAP website: **ontario.ca/osap**
- Visit the Financial Aid Office of the school you plan to attend





#### **Communicate on social media**

#### Facebook.com/ONAdvancedEd



