# Post-Secondary Information Session #3

Applications

& You

### **Key Dates**

- ► Nov 21
  - 5 days AFTER you receive your mid-term report card
  - Last day to drop a course before full disclosure applies
  - You must see your counsellor for a drop form before Nov 20

### **Key Dates**

- ► January 6
  - ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> day back from winter break
  - Registration for semester 2 TDSB Night school
  - Only for courses that cannot be timetabled at FHCI

### **Key Dates**

- ► January 15
  - Deadline for applications to OUAC (Ontario Universities)
- February 1
  - Deadline for applications to OCAS (Ontario Colleges)
  - Recommended to apply earlier for Highly Competitive Programs

#### Reminders

- ► Get on the Grad E-mail List
  - Send an e-mail to Ms. Sukhdeo <u>Sandra.sukhdeo@tdsb.on.ca</u>
  - Subject: Grad
  - Body: Your first and last name
- Check your English Proficiency Requirements
  - ► Sign up for TOEFL or iELTS
- Non-TDSB courses
  - If you did not attend the lunch session on October 22, pick up the information at the end of this session

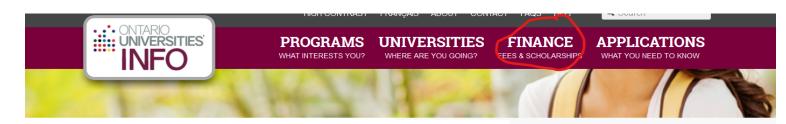
# How to Apply to Ontario Colleges?

# How to Apply to Ontario Universities?

### Special Note

- ► The Royal Military College of Canada
  - Application is through the Canadian Forces website
  - https://forces.ca/en/
  - Long process should begin soon

# Special Note



#### Scholarships

These scholarships are primarily available to high school students from Ontario, • Canada, applying to first-year university.

Most universities offer scholarships to applicants from outside Ontario and from outside Canada, as well as upper-year and mature students, but these scholarships are not listed on OUInfo. Contact the universities directly for further information.

Sort	By
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University

Caribbean Alumni Entrance Scholarship	
McMaster University	
\$1,800	

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 Eileen Gray Farley Scholarship
 DEADLINE

 McMaster University
 Varies

 Two scholarships of \$3,000 and one of \$6,000
 Varies

Frank Thorolfson Memorial Scholarships

#### **Find a Scholarship**

Keyword
Show Advanced Search Options
University
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Dollar Range
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SEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Finance

## Supplementary/Personal Statement

Opportunity for you to highlight your...

- Awards/Achievements
- Extra-Curricular Activities/Community Service
- Employment Experience
- Passion/Goals/Dreams
- Strengths
- ► Values

### Supplementary/Personal Statement

What are they looking for? Ultimately a good match!

- Leadership qualities
- Communication skills
- Evidence of knowledge and interest in the program
- Problem solving style/abilities (how you think)
- Creativity (important for some programs)
- Research timeline and Plan! You don't want these to be additional stress during exams!

## Mental Health & Self-Care

#### Survey on October 23, 2019

1. Which of the following best describe(s) you 8 week into the school year? Check all that applies.

- □ Fabulous/great!
- □ Hanging in there
- Stressed
- Overwhelmed
- Worried
- Down/Sad

2. How would you like your parent(s)/guardian(s) to support you when you are feeling stressed or overwhelmed?

3. What would you like your parent(s)/guardian(s) to hear or understand when you are under a lot of stress?

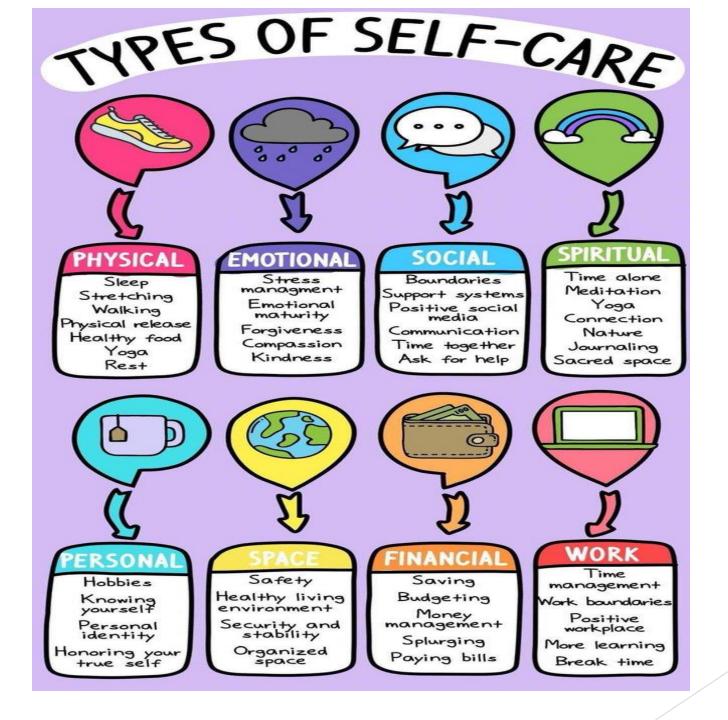
# Getting a flat tire...



- Makes it difficult to steer straight
- Makes the ride bumpy and shaky
- Makes steering difficult
- Causes a wreck
- Causes you to not reach your destination

Adapted from Northwest Missouri State University/SHIFT Project: http://www.nwmissouri.edu/wellness/shift/index.htm "I have come to believe that caring for myself is not self indulgent. Caring for myself is an act of survival." - Audre Lorde

SELF-CARE IS NOT SELF-INDULGENCE, IT IS SELF-PRESERVATION



#### Real Self Care

- Fueling your body with food that gives you energy and helps you improve mentally and physically.
- Drinking water
- Being kind to yourself
- Setting boundaries
- Spending time with people that enrich your life
- Treating yourself to something new because you love yourself.
- Moving your body because you can.

#### Fake Self Care

- Dieting
- Alcohol or drugs
- Talking shit to yourself to "motivate" you
- Saying yes to everyone because you're a "nice person."
- Socializing because of FOMO
- Buying anything that promises to make you love yourself more.
- Working out as punishment or attending a class that shames your eating habits/appearance.

Source: Whitney Hawkins Goodman

#### Real Self-Care

Adapted from article in Psychology Today When Self-Care Becomes a Weapon - Which self-care practices actually work? By Whitney Goodman Posted Jul 12, 2019

- ► Get in touch with your feelings and actual <u>needs</u>
  - Don't use "strategies" to mask them
  - ▶ Be true to yourself
- Practice kindness to yourself
  - No feeling or thought or mistake is final
  - Stop judging yourself
- What do I need at this moment?
  - Respect your own needs



2015-03-180 What do I do for self-care? Get plenty of sleep lidy =0 = Enjoy sunshine Read Read about people whose lives are more complicated Cook Write or draw (out loud) P Garden I=KI Talk to myself Get a hug Cuddle cats Walk or bike (esp. in ) Q Talk to select people Å

#### IDEAS FOR PRACTICING SELF-CARE

PHYSICAL go for a walk dance hike swim get a hug play with a dog clean & reorganize your room take a bath

#### MENTAL

read a book learn a new skill like photography of drawing do a DIY project color turn your phone off

#### EMOTIONAL

meditate practice Yoga light a candle talk with a friend go on a date journal write down a list of things you're grateful for We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.

- Aristotle

TooMuchonHerPlate.com

# Just for Teens A Personal Plan for Managing Stress

- When is stress Good and Bad
- How does the body handle stress
- Steps to creating a plan to take care your body and emotions
- When to turn for help

Will be emailed to everyone on the Grad E-mail List!

#### **Need More Support?**

#### Kids Help Phone 🙂

Get help Y Get info Y Who we are Y

#### We're here for you

What's on your mind?

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Search Examples: emotional health, dating, suicide, bullying, LGBTQ2S+



Call a counsellor: 1-800-668-6868 Donate





# Need More Support?

#### Walk-In Counselling

Skylark <u>www.skylarkyouth.org/</u> Yonge and Eglinton

Yorktown https://www.yorktownfamilyservice s.com/ Eglinton and Dufferin