

Welcome Grads!

And so it begins...

Post-Secondary Information Session



OPTIONS



SO MANY OPTIONS...

COLLEGE

APPRENTICESHIP

WORKPLACE

GAP YEAR

UNIVERSITY

APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY

OUAC: ONTARIO UNIVERSITY
APPLICATION CENTRE

How to Apply to an Ontario University

Go to:

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

Click on Ready to Apply/Apply Now

Create an account (you need our OEN)

Add your email (create a professional email account)

Create a username/password

Read and accept Terms and Conditions

Click "Create my account"

Choose type of application

How to Apply to an Ontario University

Check out the features designed to help you navigate the OUAC application:

- **How to Videos**
- **Key dates**
- **Chat feature**
- **Hub**
- **Links to Ontario Universities**
- **Application guide**
- **Getting Financial Aid**

Important Dates

JANUARY 15, 2024:
DEADLINE FOR
APPLICATIONS

****WE RECOMMEND YOU APPLY BEFORE OR DURING THE WINTER HOLIDAYS SO YOU CAN GET HELP IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS**

Important Dates

Grades Transmission Dates:

November 9, 2023

November 17, 2023

February 15, 2024

April 25, 2024

July 4, 2024

August 1, 2024

August 30, 2024

***grades get transmitted automatically**

Important Dates

October 2022:

- ✓ **1-2: Ontario Universities' Fair (Metro Convention Centre)**
- ✓ **12th: Scholarship Meeting 7-8pm virtual**
- ✓ **19th: GTA Post-Secondary Fair in cafeteria 9-11am**
- ✓ **19th: Guidance class visits begin**
- ✓ **Guidance sets up PIN numbers to be assigned through OUAC for potential grads**

Important Dates

- ✓ **Oct 10th week-guidance visits**
- ✓ **Oct 18th: Non-GTA Post-Secondary Fair in cafeteria 9-11am**
- ✓ **Oct 20-22: Ontario Universities' Fair**
- ✓ **Oct 19: American University Info Session**
- ✓ **Nov 22: Non-GTA Post-Secondary Fair in cafeteria 9-11am**

How Much Does It Cost?

- ✓ **\$156 for 3 Ontario University Program Choices**
- ✓ **Each additional program choice is \$50**
- ✓ **Supplemental Program Fees (check OUAC website for list of university fees)**
- ✓ **No limit to number of program choices except \$\$\$**

Ontario University Admission Requirements

- ✓ **OSSD**
- ✓ **6 Grade 12 U/M courses**
- ✓ **Pre-requisite Courses**
- ✓ **Additional Criteria**

Ontario University Admission Requirements

OSSD (Ontario Secondary School Diploma)

- ✓ **18 compulsory courses (check Groups)**
- ✓ **12 elective courses**
- ✓ **Successful completion of OSSLT (Grade 10 Literacy Test)**
- ✓ **40 Hours of Community Involvement (reduced hours only for this year)**

Ontario University Admission Requirements

Grade 12 U/M courses

- ✓ **ENG4U – always required**
- ✓ **5 other Grade 12 U/M courses, depending on the pre-requisites of the program/university**
- ✓ **Different universities may require different pre-requisites for the same program**
- ✓ **Students must check websites/OUInfo to check requirements**

Ontario University Admission Requirements

Additional Criteria

- ✓ **Supplementary forms (additional cost)**
- ✓ **Audition/Interview**
- ✓ **Portfolio**

Note: Different universities will have different requirements and due dates for the same programs; students **must check websites/OUInfo for details and deadlines.**

Language Requirements

- ✓ **Must write English proficiency test if in a non-English-instructional high-school for less than 4 full years (but should check each university website)**
- ✓ **Every institution has its own due dates and scores**
- ✓ **Write early so you can re-write if necessary**
- ✓ **TOEFL/IELTS are most commonly accepted tests**

OUIINFO

www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca

- ✓ **Degree Locator**
- ✓ **Admission Guidelines**
- ✓ ***2022-2023 Admission averages***
- ✓ **Prerequisites**
- ✓ **Notes re: admission, repeating courses**
- ✓ **Additional admission criteria**
- ✓ **Open Houses**
- ✓ **Residence information**
- ✓ **Scholarships and awards**
- ✓ **Liaison numbers, websites, e-mail addresses**

OFFERS OF ADMISSION

Conditional Offers

- ✓ **ALL offers of admission are **CONDITIONAL** until **FINAL** grades/diploma requirements submitted**
- ✓ **Student must maintain a certain average as specified in the offer and/or certain grade in prerequisite courses**
- ✓ **July transmission – if student has not met all the requirements (conditions, diploma) offer will be rescinded.**

Other Admission Considerations

Grade 11 marks

- **Universities see all grade 11 and 12 marks; will use them in your favour**

University/mixed/college/open courses (in grades 11 and 12)

- **do not interfere with admission as long as not included in top 6**

Early acceptance

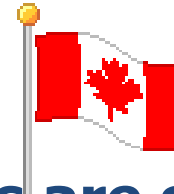
- **Happens automatically; students do not have to apply for this**

Courses taken outside of Day School

- **Some universities/programs will not accept/will penalize**

Out-of Province Applications

Canadian



- **Applications online: deadlines are student's responsibility**
- **Students applying to English language Quebec universities (McGill, Concordia, Bishop's), Dalhousie, King's College, U.B.C., Victoria must apply after submitting applications to OUAC b/c OUAC reference number required to transfer transcript information**
- **All other Canadian Universities: students must inform Guidance department**

Out-of Province Applications

American



- **Completely different process**
- **Students must do their own research and check deadlines**
- **Ideally, begin research in Gr.11**
- **The Common Application, and College Board are good places to start**
- **All items, including school report, mid-term report, resume or information form, etc. are required 4 weeks prior to deadline**
- **Give guidance counsellors enough notice to put together application package**

FINANCIAL AID



Scholarships

- ✓ All student should inquire
- ✓ Check Guidance News, @EarlHaigGuidance on IG and www.earlhaig.ca/guidance
- ✓ Speak to your guidance counsellor
- ✓ Websites for information
 - www.canlearn.ca
 - www.Studentawards.com
 - www.ScholarshipsCanada.com
 - www.scholartree.ca

Scholarships

Post-Secondary

- ✓ **Application required/not required**
- ✓ **Nomination required**
- ✓ **University websites**

Major scholarships

**Combination of leadership experience;
extra-curricular and community
involvement; strong academic profile**

Scholarships

Other

- ✓ **Corporations – children of employees**
- ✓ **Heritage**
- ✓ **Subject-specific/national**
- **E.g. TD Canada Trust Scholarships for Community Leadership; Toyota Earth Day Scholarships; Canadian Hospitality Foundation Scholarships; Loran Award**

Financial Aid

- ✓ **Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) www.osap.gov.on.ca (mid-end of June)**
- ✓ **Financial Aid offered by Universities**
- ✓ **Bank Loans and Lines of Credit**
- ✓ **Part-time/summer work/campus job**
- ✓ **Family**

Financial Aid

Bursaries:

- **Visit financial aid office at your university in late August**
- **Eligibility is based on financial need**
- **Applicants must have applied for OSAP**
- **No need to pay it back**
- **Every little bit counts**

Students with IEPs

- **Must self-identify** at university during registration process (they won't know you have an IEP unless you tell them)
- Current psycho-education assessment will be required in order to be considered for accommodations (usually within last 3 years)
- IEPs are only for EH
- Each university will have its own learning centre/own policies

Now What?!!



Pre-Application Process

Research the Program and/or University that is right for you:

- **Check out OUInfo, university websites, liaison officers, view-books to learn more about universities and programs**
- **Check out open houses/school tours**
- **Consult your guidance counsellor**
- **Talk to your parent/guardian/caring adults**
- **Check your credit counselling summary to make sure everything is in order**
- **Go to OUAC.ca to look at How To Apply videos for OUAC undergraduate applications and read FAQs**

Pre-Application Process

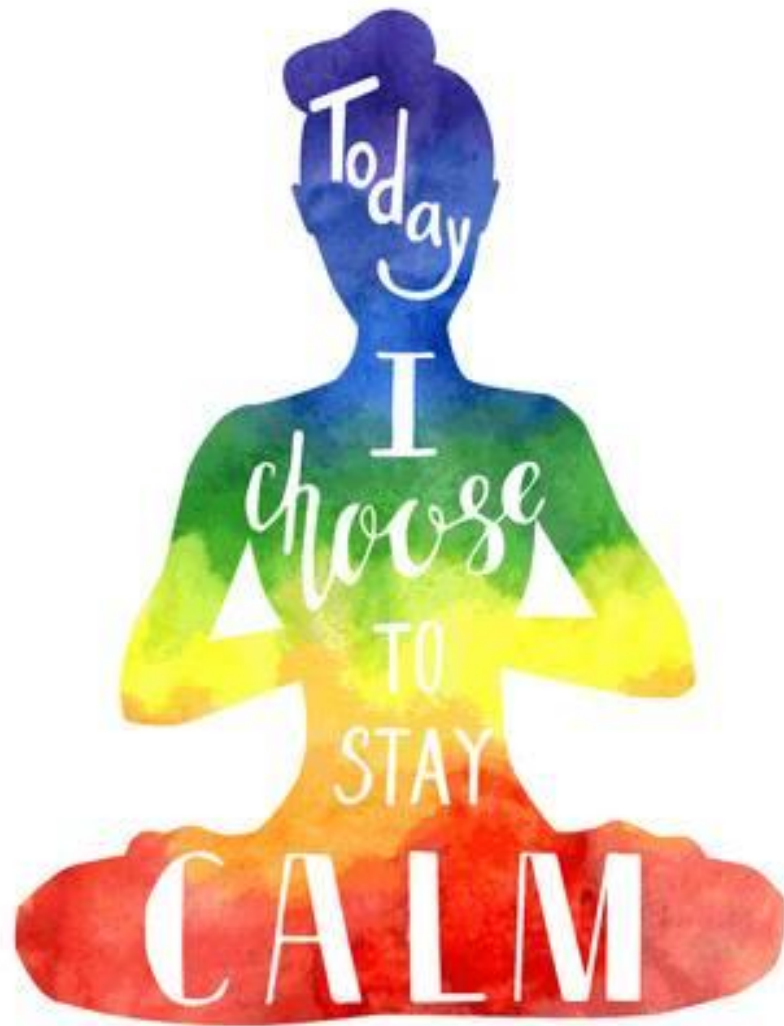
How Do I Make a Decision?

- Program vs. School
- Be Realistic
- Have a Plan B and Plan C
- Have a safety net

Last Minute Details

- Graduation requirements
- Specific Program requirements
- Non-academic requirements and deadlines

**GOOD LUCK
AND
DON'T PANIC**



Today

I choose

TO STAY

CALM