

Heading to College?



Agenda

- Key Terms
- How to prepare for applying to college
- How applying works?
- Key dates
- Funding for college
- Next steps



College Terms

- **Certificate**: A one year program which allows students to explore a general area of study.
- **Diploma** (regular /advanced): A focused area of study lasting 2 or 3 years.
- **Bachelor's Degree**: 4-year programs requiring university prerequisites.
(6 grade 12 U or M level classes including English 4U)



College Terms...

- **Collaborative Programs:** Study is at both the college and university levels. Students may earn a diploma and a degree (university requirements needed).



College Terms....

- **Apprenticeship Programs:** Programs are available for registered apprentices only. You cannot apply to these programs directly out of high school without an employer. To find out about pre-apprenticeship programs, visit ontariocolleges.ca



College Terms to look out for:

- **Graduate Certificate:** 1-2 year programs to focus your studies after one has earned a degree or diploma.
- **Highly Competitive Program:** This term indicates the number of qualified applicants far exceeds the number of spots available in the program (see listing of competitive programs on the home page of ontariocolleges.ca site)



What to do now.

Research programs at ontariocolleges.ca
and program requirements.



The screenshot shows the top section of the ontariocolleges.ca website. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with links for 'NEWSLETTER', 'APPLY / LOG IN' (highlighted in blue), and 'FRANÇAIS'. Below this is a white banner with the 'ontariocolleges.ca' logo and 'by OCAS' on the left. On the right, there are dropdown menus for 'Applying', 'Colleges', 'Programs', and 'FAQ', along with a search icon. The main banner features a warm, golden-hour photograph of three students smiling. Overlaid on this is a large, rounded rectangular button with the text 'APPLY NOW'. Below the button, it says 'Already have an account? [Log in.](#)'. At the bottom of the banner, a blue bar contains the text 'COMING SOON – Programs starting August 2023 - July 2024'.

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Plan B

- Make sure that you have a plan B in case your first plan does not work out, or if your plan changes.

~~Plan A~~
Plan B



Preparing to apply...

- Make sure you have provided permission 'Release of Information form' for Doyle to share your educational information with OCAS and/or OUAC. This was done through Cash Online. Talk to your parents about this. Without permission, we cannot send any of your marks/transcript to the application service.
- Sign up in the Guidance Google Survey: For college visits (no later than 1 day prior to the visit).
- Visit the colleges: Arrange a physical/virtual tour (look at "College Recruitment" at ontariocolleges.ca)
- Put together your financial plan: Consider how you are going to pay for school (scholarships, OSAP, etc.)



Visit College Fairs

Ontario College Fair

In the GTA? You might want to check out the [Ontario College Fair](#), the largest stop on the CIP Tour.

Energicare Centre

Exhibition Place, Toronto

October 18-19, 2023

To learn more about it, visit the [OCF website](#).



Before you Apply...

- Ensure you have a valid email address.
- If you do not receive emails from myaccount@ontariocolleges.ca – check your spam /junk and add to your safe senders list
- Know your complete home mailing address.
- Be sure to register with your legal name.




How Applying Works



- “How to Apply to Colleges in Ontario” YouTube Tutorial:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iG5oDFgkkEo&t=6s>
- Apply at ontariocolleges.ca before **February 1st, 2024**
- Begin by creating an account: Click “**sign up today**”
Your email address is required along with a password (**record your password**).
- Your OEN number is required.
- Agree to the Terms and Conditions. Click to activate.



How Applying Works...

- Complete all the sections of *My Profile*.
- A checkmark () will appear after each section is completed.
- You will be prompted to complete all sections.



How Applying Works...

Your Dashboard

Home
Profile
Apply
Docs
MORE VIDEOS

Offers

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Programs Starting

Messages

Latest Messages 16 Unread

- Be sure to pay the required fees Mar. 23, 2020
- One of your Transcript Requests has a new status update. Mar. 12, 2020
- One of your Transcript Requests has a new status update. Mar. 11, 2020

2019 - 2020 Application

Application Number: 190205612

Status: Paid

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Transcript Summary

Online Requests	In Progress
2	1

Supporting Documents

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- Select up to **5 programs** with no more than 3 program choices at any one college.
- List your choices in order of preference.
- There is a \$125 application fee; it is non-refundable.



How Applying Works.....

- Your payment **MUST** accompany your application. OCAS will not process your application without paying the fee.
- You cannot pay extra nor submit a separate application.
- **Be sure to record your application number.** It is assigned electronically by OCAS.



How Applying Works.....

What if you have changed your mind?

- You may amend /change your application anytime.
- Changes made after February 1st may affect the equal consideration of your application (be careful with *Highly Competitive* programs).



How applying works...

- **You are responsible** for reviewing your grades in OCAS, look in *My Profile* in the “education” section.
- If you are taking an e-learning course, make sure you see that course on your education information.



How Applying works.....

- To see your offers, check your OCAS account regularly under *Offers*.
- To confirm an offer, select the offer you wish to accept and click confirm.



Supplemental Information

- If your college requests any supplemental information such as an interview, portfolio, essay, performance piece or attending an information session – this is mandatory.
- Do not ignore these requests as it could jeopardize your chances of acceptance.



Key Dates

- **September 30th 2023:** Access to online college application opens at ontariocolleges.ca.
- **February 1st 2024:** Deadline for equal consideration to apply to colleges.
- **May 1st 2024:** The date applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer.
- **Mid-June 2024:** Tuition deposit due at the Colleges to secure your program.



How am I going to pay for College?

- Talk to your family now and get a plan in place.
- Explore the Scholarships information section on the MDCSS website (<https://doyle.wcdsb.ca/student-services/guidance/>) for valuable websites and available scholarships and bursaries.
- Save money.



Paying for College...

- OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program) government loans which assist students in Ontario. You apply to OSAP after you have accepted an offer of admission.
- Applications are available online at osap.gov.on.ca.



Paying for college...

- **Loans:** Must be paid back along with interest payments.
- **Scholarships:** Cash or the equivalent put towards educational expenses. Often an application is needed.
- **Bursaries/Grants:** Cash or the equivalent put towards students' educational expenses.
- **Part-time Job?** If so, save, save, save!
- **Ask your college:** They may offer loans, grants and scholarships (visit their website!)



What do I do now?



- Ensure diploma requirements.
- Continue to Research programs.
- Sign up for college virtual visits (information provided by Guidance).
- **Apply during Christmas break** – no later than February 1st 2024.
- **Make sure that you have signed 'Release of Information form'**
- Focus on your grades now.

