Heading to University in 2024?



What are your post-secondary plans?



WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY TO AN ONTARIO UNIVERSITY

- **≻**OSS Diploma
- ➤ Six Gr. 12U, U/C courses including program specific requirements
- ➤ Some programs require additional information/

requirements based upon the program (ie. Portfolio)





AIF — WHAT IS THIS?

- Admission information forms can have different names, ie. WLU ABS (Applicant Background Summary).
- These are supplemental information forms that compliment your application.
- It is <u>your</u> responsibility to seek them out. If the schools you are applying to have them, search for them on their website. They won't always send them to you!

UNIVERSITY LANGUAGE

Undergraduate – entry level university student (Bachelor's degree).

Major – area of academic emphasis selected in an Honours or General Program.

Minor – cluster of courses, outside of major courses.

Honours – More demanding in content and number of required courses than General program.





WHAT CAN STUDENTS DO TO PREPARE?

- Decide what you want to pursue (pathway, programs, schools)
- Find out who offers what you want
 - Compare Programs (use Ontario Universities' Info website)
- ➤ What pre-requisite courses and what marks will you need to get into your programs of choice?
 - Compare Admission Requirements and Processes



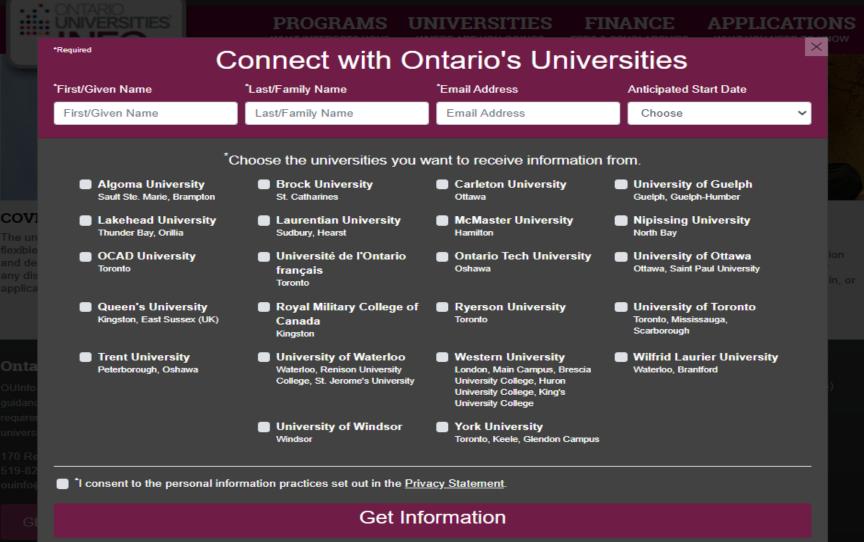
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- Develop a Plan 'A' and a Plan 'B'
- Assess your plan carefully, apply carefully
- Hope for the best-case scenario but be prepared with a back up plan.



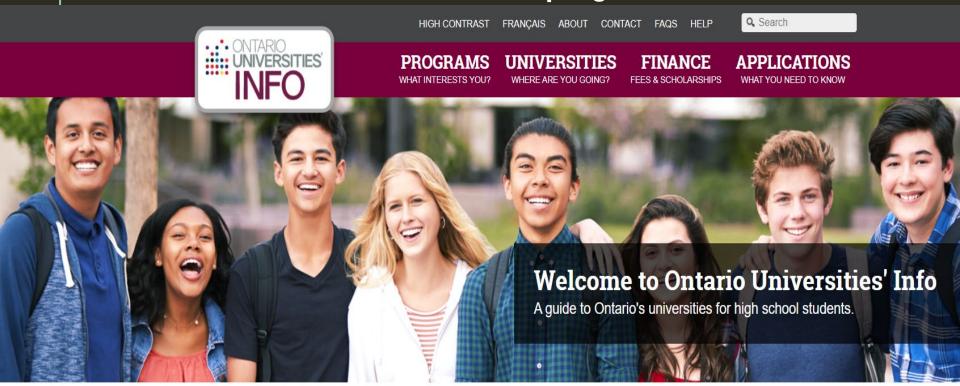


ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES INFORMATION





Research schools of interest and programs offered here





Search for your ideal program and find out the information you need to apply, like prerequisites, grade requirements and more. Plus, compare your choices.



Choose a University

Get to know Ontario's universities and where they are located. Find out information about campus visits, residence costs and more!



How to Apply

Which application is right for me? Answer a few statements to guide you to the proper undergraduate application.

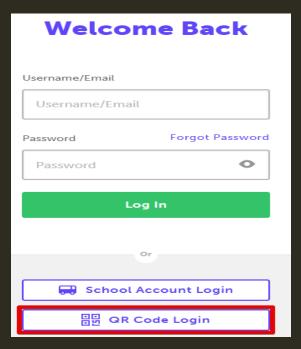


Something to keep in mind... my Blueprint



- myBlueprint will give you direct links to sites like OUInfo and ontariocolleges.ca
- Using WCDSB my apps page, log in and explore myBlueprint (this isn't just a course selection tool)

You can use myBlueprint for various career exploration inventory quizzes but also, for specific post-secondary planning!!





How applying works

- Once you know which programs/universities you wish to apply to, you are ready to start the process
- University applications open on September 21st
- You require your OEN (Ontario Education Number) to apply (found on report cards, ASPEN portal)
- First steps are creating a student account on the OUAC (Ontario Universities Application Centre) site



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How to Apply

Here is how to prepare and submit your application by the appropriate deadline.

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1. Select an Application	0
2. Create Your Account (if applicable)	0
3. Complete the Application (+ Prepare Transcripts and Referees, as applicable)	0
4. Review and Submit Payment	0

Recent News

Aug Start Your Research with OUInfo

Aug 28 Coming Soon: The New Undergraduate Application!

Aug 23 Ontario Universities' Fall Events:
Registration Now Open!

Visit www.ouac.on.ca to get started



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Ready to Apply?

Once you've decided which programs you're interested in, it's time to start your application to Ontario's universities.

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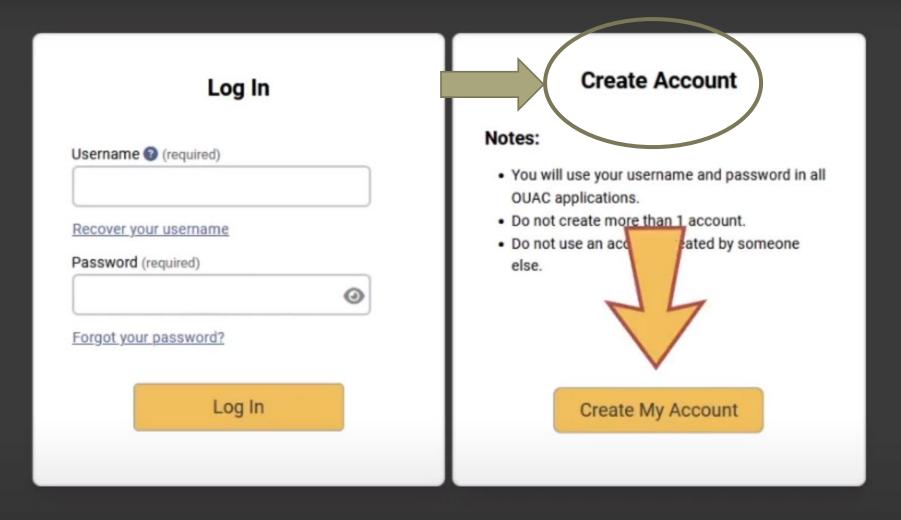








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If you do not have an account, select "Create My Account".

How applying works

- OUAC site takes care of distributing your information to the schools you apply to and therefore charges a fee Base fee is \$156 for this year (3 schools or programs).
- Students can pay additional fees for additional program choices (\$50 each)
- OUAC has developed online video tutorials that describe how to create your account, apply and respond to offers of admission online.
- Visit https://www.ouac.on.ca/videos/how-tovideos/



- Some schools/programs charge supplemental program fees; these fees cover the cost of individual faculty admission processes.
- Fee is non-refundable and is paid at the same time as your OUAC application fee.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FEES



Welcome to the Undergraduate Hub

a new look:

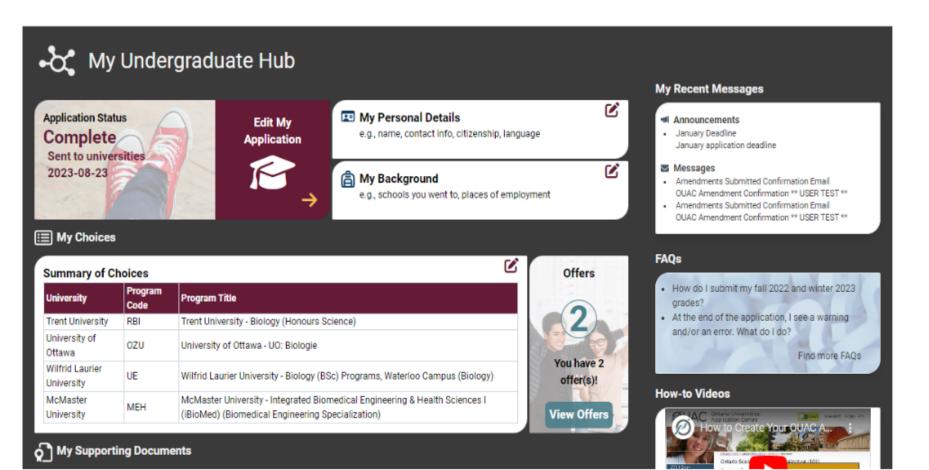












OUAC GRADES COLLECTION PERIODS

- ✓ 1st Data submission Mid November: OUAC will receive all final grade 11 marks, final grade 12 marks already completed and mid-term grades semester one.
- ✓ 2nd Data submission Mid February: Final grades for Semester 1 will be sent to OUAC.
- ✓ 3rd Data submission April Grades Collection: OUAC will receive midterm grades for semester 2.
- ✓ 4th Data submission July Grades Collection: Final grades for Semester 2.

WHAT IS FULL DISCLOSURE?

Full disclosure is defined as:

Students who withdraw from a class 5 school days after the issuance of a mid-term report card will have that mark permanently recorded on their transcript.



SCHEDULE OF DATES

- ✓ January 15, 2024: Deadline for students to submit completed application to OUAC.
- ✓ May 29, 2024: The final date a student can expect a response from an Ontario university.
- ✓ June 3, 2024: The earliest date an Ontario high school student may be required to respond to an Ontario university offer of admission and give a financial commitment.

ACCURACY IS KEY!

- ✓ It is the <u>student's</u> responsibility to make any changes to their application on the OUAC site.
- ✓ If changes are made after the deadline to apply, this may impact your chances at acceptance for that program.
- ✓ Student's must make sure they have the required courses for ALL programs they apply for.
- ✓ Please check that your course information and grades are accurate in OUAC.



Ontario Universities Regional Fairs/Virtual Sessions

- Waterloo Regional Fair Nov. 8th 10-1pm & 5-8pm CIF Fieldhouse, U of W, 220 Columbia St. W. https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/regional/#schedule
- ➤ Virtual Information Sessions (university presentations) (ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/virtual/) Sept. 26th, Nov. 22 all from 5-7 p.m.

Ontario Universities Fair (OUF)

- The Ontario Universities' Fair: Oct. 21-22, 10-5 pm, Metro Toronto Convention Centre (no presentations)
- Learn more at <u>www.ontariouniversitiesevents.ca</u>



APPLICATIONS FOR OUT OF PROVINCE



You need to do your research!

You apply directly to the



- universities (online) and you send your transcript(s) (ordered with guidance admin. assistant.
- Fees and due dates will vary with each university (Note: some are quite early so look into this now!).
- > You need an Ontario Secondary School Diploma to apply (OSSD).
- Application requirements will vary with each university and department in some cases so again...

 DO YOUR RESEARCH!



OUT OF PROVINCE INFO.

There are 10 out of province institutions that OUAC assists in collecting academic data for students who have applied through OUAC. If you apply to any of these schools, provide your OUAC number to them to have marks transmitted electronically (you won't need to get transcripts ordered).

- >Acadia University
- ➢ Bishop's University
- The University of British Columbia
- ➤ Concordia University
- ➤ Dalhousie University
- McGill University
- ➤ Simon Fraser University
- ➤St. Mary's University
- ➤ The University of Victoria
- ➤ The University of Calgary





AMERICAN COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

There are over 3000 American Colleges — it is very important to do your research. www.commonapp.org is linked to over 1000 American schools.

(https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges)

Generally you are required to write SAT's and/or ACT's (grade 11 is ideal or fall Grade 12 at the latest).

Information on these tests are available online at

www.collegeboard.org for SAT's and

<u>www.ncaa.org</u> (student athlete).



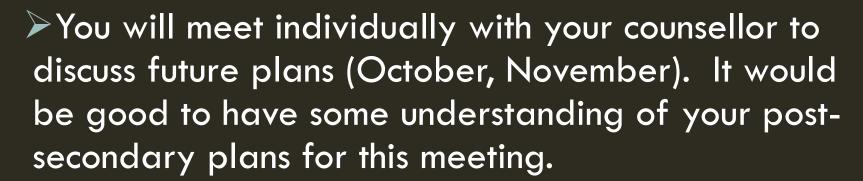
HOW ARE YOU PAYING FOR SCHOOL?

- OSAP https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program
- ➤OSAP aid estimator will determine approximate assistance
- Scholarships/Bursaries are a great way to assist with post-secondary costs
- Search for information on Doyle website: https://doyle.wcdsb.ca/student-services/guidance/scholarships/
- www.scholarshipscanada.com
- > www.scholartree.ca



NEXT STEPS:

- Complete Diploma Requirements.
- Do your research!



Be prepared to discuss your education plans as well as your extra-curricular, financial realities and volunteer and community involvement.

Personal email address is required to apply!





NEXT STEPS:

- Sign up for up to 5 post-secondary school visits using the google form sent out by Guidance.
- Looking for more Scholarship information, sign up for the Scholarship Information Session Oct. 4^{th.}
- Complete the Scholarship/Awards/Bursary Self-Nomination form — Submit to Guidance.
- Looking for Athletic Scholarship information (Ontario or U.S.) book an appointment with Mr. Schade.
- Community Involvement hours do I have my 40 hours completed? Due May 1st to Guidance.



FINAL THOUGHTS...

Do your best UNTIL THE END! Focus on your courses and work on obtaining the best marks possible!

Good luck!

