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# **Applying to College and University**

**What you need to know to achieve your goal  
(and not feel (TOO) stressed)**

# Enjoy the Experience

- ✓ Answer FAQs
- ✓ Clarify the basic steps
- ✓ Help you apply to your pathway





# Graduation Requirements



# Ministry Requirements for Graduation



- ✓ Get your **Community Service Hours** completed and submitted!
- ✓ Check out [www.volunteermbc.org](http://www.volunteermbc.org) for current opportunities (in-person and virtual) available in Mississauga
- ✓ Forms available on the OLMC Guidance page
- ✓ Completed forms emailed to **CARMSGuidance@dpcdsb.org** by May 1st, 2023

## What do you need to graduate?

### 18 compulsory credits

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)\*
- 2 credits in mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 and 1 credit in Grade 12)
- 1 credit in science
- 1 credit in Canadian history or Canadian geography
- 1 credit in health and physical education
- 1 credit in French as a second language
- 1 credit in career studies

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

group 1: additional credit in English (such as a credit in English as a second language, or English literacy development), or the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, or guidance and career education, or cooperative education\*\*\*

group 2: additional credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, or French as a second language,\*\* or cooperative education\*\*\*

group 3: additional credit in science (Grade 11 or 12), or technological education, or French as a second language,\*\* or computer studies, or cooperative education\*\*\*

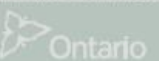
- ✓ 40 hours of community involvement activities
- ✓ the provincial literacy requirement

\*A maximum of 3 credits in English as a second language (ESL) or English literacy development (ELD) may be counted towards the 4 compulsory credits in English, but the fourth must be a credit earned for a Grade 12 compulsory English course. \*\*In groups 1, 2, and 3, a maximum of 2 credits in French as a second language can count as compulsory credits, one from group 1 and one from either group 2 or group 3. \*\*\*A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits. †The 12 optional credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual credit courses.

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# The Application Process

## Research

- **myBlueprint**
- **Communication**
- **Experience**
- **Narrow down your options**

## Select and apply

- **Go to the appropriate site**
- **Complete the forms**
- **Pay**
- **Wait**

## Decide

- **Weigh your options**
- **Consider all factors (again)**
- **Accept the admission**

# Where do I apply?



**College**

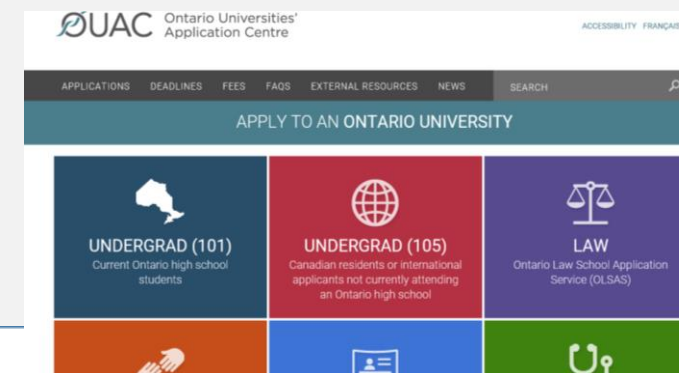
[www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)



Ontario's colleges are at the forefront of technology, innovation and workforce development, preparing students for success in the cutting-edge careers of tomorrow.

**University**

[www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca)



# Do I need a PIN?



**College**



**No - Create your profile and begin selecting program choices**

**University**



**YES - Use your PIN to help create a unique sign-in for your profile and then select program choices**

# How much does it cost to apply?



## College

**\$110 for 5 choices**

**No more than 3 programs at any one college**

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## University

**\$150 for 3 choices**

**Additional choices for \$50 each**

**No more than 3 programs at any one university**



# Do I have to rank my choices



**College**

**No**



**University**

It does not typically matter how you number your program choices on your application. A university must make it clear in its own policy information if there are exceptions. Consult the program information page of each of your choices to see if ranking of choices is a factor.

**What grades are considered before colleges and universities make an offer**



**College & University**



**Midterm and final grades from semester one and  
midterm grades from semester two will be  
considered for offers.**

**Do colleges and universities consider my grade 11 marks when making their decision?** 

**College & University**



**Maybe.**

**Your transcripts are fully disclosed to the institutions.**

**Therefore, your grade 11 marks are available to colleges and universities.**

# What are the deadlines for applications



**College**

**February 1, 2023**

**We recommend  
applying by  
December 20, 2022  
to avoid delays in  
processing**

**University**

**January 12, 2023**

**How do I send my grades to the colleges/universities on the application**



**College & University**



**You do not send them.**

**All grades are sent by the Guidance  
department.**



# **What if I have trouble with my application?**



## **College & University**

**Online help tools for both application types  
are available.**

**If you are still stuck,  
email your guidance counsellor.**



# Guidance Counsellors

**Mr. McCarthy  
(A-Ga)**

**[mike.mccarthy@dpcdsb.org](mailto:mike.mccarthy@dpcdsb.org)**

**Mrs. Cholette  
(Ge-N)**

**[michelle.cholette@dpcdsb.org](mailto:michelle.cholette@dpcdsb.org)**

**Ms. Hill  
(O-Z)**

**[melissa.hill@dpcdsb.org](mailto:melissa.hill@dpcdsb.org)**

# How do I know if I got accepted?



## College & University

**Check your email.**

**Log in to your profile on the respective website to confirm your offer.**

# How do I accept an offer



**College**

Respond on [ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca)

**University**

Respond on [ouac.on.ca](http://ouac.on.ca)

# When will offers be made



**College**

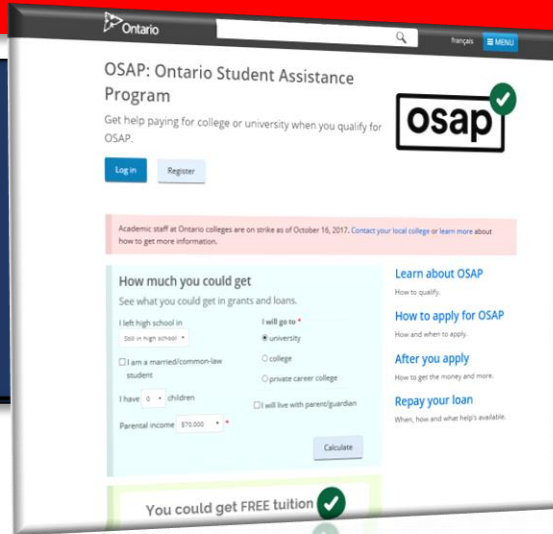
**Any time after November 1, 2022**

**University**

**Mid to late May**



# Should I apply for OSAP?



**College & University**



**Yes!!!**

**OSAP is a combination of**

**grants (money you do not have to pay back) and loans.  
Find out how much you are eligible for by visiting**

**[www.ontario.ca/osap](http://www.ontario.ca/osap)**

# How do I apply for scholarships, grants, and bursaries?

## College & University



1. Your application will automatically be considered for entrance scholarships, grants, and bursaries without additional application
2. Consult the schools that you apply to for additional financial support (often require a separate application)
3. Visit [scholarshipscanada.com](https://scholarshipscanada.com) and create an account to find more information
4. Visit the College and University Information Google Classroom for more information and resources.

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**GOAL**

**What is yours?**



# 2022/2023 College and University Google Classroom

Planning on applying to college  
or university for next year?

Your Guidance Counsellors have  
created a Google Classroom  
with all the information you  
need on applications, virtual  
open houses, scholarships and  
campus life.

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