

WELCOME

PLANNING FOR POST SECONDARY EDUCATION



Where did our grads go? Grads of 2011

- Carleton 43
- Ottawa 30
- Algonquin 23
- Queen's 14
- Waterloo 6
- StFX, Trent 4
- McGill, Guelph 3
- U of T, OCAD, Nipissing, Western, Acadia, Dalhousie, St. Lawrence (2)
- Wilfrid Laurier, Windsor, Bishop's, Georgian, Conestoga (1)
- USA – Yale, St. Lawrence, Purdue (1)

Graduation Requirements



- 30 credits (18 compulsory)
- 40 hrs. community involvement
 - Deadline: **June 1, 2012**
- Literacy test
- To participate in the graduation ceremony final marks for on-line courses must be submitted by **June 1st**

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- College
- University
- Apprenticeship
- Work/Travel
- Part-time Studies/Work
- Return, up-grade



Resources

- Calendars and Viewbooks
- Open Houses
- Websites
- University/College Visits (list in Guidance/SRB website)
- e-mail/ phone liaison officers



Decisions



- Determine what to study (www.careercruising.com)
- Research which institutions have the program(s)
- Check the prerequisites
- Determine where to apply

Student Responsibility

- Take ownership for **your** future
- Continue investigating options
- Attend post-secondary sessions
- Make contact with university/ college/liaison officers
- Keep up-to-date with changes
- Talk to your counsellor

TERMINOLOGY

- **OSSD**– Ont. Sec. School Diploma
- **Undergraduate program** - first university program
- **Bachelor's degree** - first degree in university/ sometimes college
- **Diploma** - obtained after completion of college program

Why College?

- **89% of college grads find jobs within 6 months of graduation**
- **1/3 of Ontario's workforce is made up of college grads**
- **University grads apply to college for job-ready skills**
- **Practical experience & small class size**
- **Lower tuition costs**
- **Shorter program length=working sooner**

Considerations

- **Kinesthetic learner** - practical applications
- **Hard skills** - job ready
- **Transition** - university
- **Some college programs not available at university (Dental Hygiene, Veterinary Technician)**
- **Articulation** - agreements to transfer to specific university programs

Excellent Facilities

- **State of the art Nursing and Technology Labs**



Algonquin Centre for Construction Excellence



- Architectural Technician
- Building Construction Technician
- Cabinet & Furniture Technician
- Civil Engineering Technology
- Construction Engineering Technician
- Heating, Refrigeration, Air Conditioning Technician
- Welding & Fabrication Techniques

Application Information

- **Ontario College Handbook - Chart of all programs and all colleges in Ontario**
- **OCAS - Ontario College Application Service (located in Guelph, Ontario)**
- **OEN (Ontario Education Number)**
See timetable, report card or Credit Counselling Summary

Important Dates

- **Apply - beginning October 2011**
- **February 1st - Equal consideration date**
- **Offers - begin February 1, 2012**
- **Accept offers - February - May, 2012**
- **June 15, 2012 - earliest date to pay tuition**

College Application Process

- **Application is on-line**
- **Tutorial - available on the web site**
- **No PIN number required**
- **Cost - \$95 for 5 choices**
- **Maximum 3 choices at one college**
- **Pay - on-line (credit card), cheque (mail)**

Apply

www.ontariocolleges.ca

APPLY TO COLLEGE
Go to ontariocolleges.ca click on "Apply". Select the option that applies to you to continue.

EXISTING USER
Account created between September 26, 2009 and May 17, 2011 for the 2010-2011 or 2011-2012 application cycle(s).

All applicants that have created an online application before May 17, 2011 need to complete the required information to allow us to retrieve your account information. If an exact match is found an account activation email with complete instructions will be sent to the email address provided during account creation.

Let's Get Started

- If you have **NOT** created an account with ontariocolleges.ca
- If you created an account for the 2010-11 or 2011-12 application cycles, between Sept. 26, 2009 and May 17, 2011.
- If you have already migrated your account OR created an account after May 24, 2011.

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Complete the information in this section. Take note of your username and password. Click "I Agree to the Terms and Conditions" to continue to the next step.

- By default, your user name will be your email address. Deselect the checkbox to enter a username of your choice.
- Make sure your password is a minimum 8 characters, has upper and lower case letters, and at least one number and one symbol - !@#\$%^&*.
- Challenge questions are used to verify your identity if you need to call our customer contact centre.
- If you do not agree to the Terms and Conditions you will be logged out of the secure online college application.

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ACCOUNT ACTIVATION
Notice of successful account creation is provided.

An email will be sent to the email address provided during account creation. Click on the link within the email to activate your account.
Note: You will not be able to log in without activating your account.

ACCOUNT ACTIVATION SUCCESSFUL
Notice of successful account activation is provided.

Click on the link to access the log in screen.

Log in using the username and password created when signing up for an account. If you forget your username and/or password click on the link to have your information sent to the email address provided during account creation.

You may also log into your account by going to ontariocolleges.ca and clicking on **APPLY** and selecting the "Returning / Migrated User" Sign In button.

Timelines for College Applications

- **Feb. 1st** - deadline for online application
- **Feb. 1st** - earliest release of offers by colleges (apply early!)
- **May 1st** - offer must be confirmed

Marks

- Colleges receive final grades from **9-12**
- Grade 12 - semester 1 **midterm marks (November)** are sent

Applied Degrees Collaborative Degrees

- **Applied Degrees in College**
 - Bachelor of Applied Design (Interior Design)
 - Bachelor of Applied Business (e-Business)
 - Bachelor of Hospitality & Tourism Management
- **Collaborative Degrees- partnerships between college and university**
 - Bachelor of Science in Nursing with U of Ottawa
 - Bachelor of Information Technology with Carleton University
- **Articulation agreements with universities**

Collaborative Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing

- **Degree program** – university courses required for application
- **Courses** at both Algonquin College and University of Ottawa
- Apply on **OUAC** not OCAS
- **Competitive programs** – apply at both university and college

Articulation Sample Scenario

- **Business Administration**
- Algonquin College (3 yr. diploma)
- Enter year 3 of B.Comm at U of Ottawa
- diploma + degree
- practical training
- **Tuition** - college \$2,980
- - university \$6,045

Highly Competitive Programs

- Apply early
- May require further academic testing
- Prerequisites are important in ranking students
- Check list on the college web site

Research Ideas

- ontariocolleges.ca
- **PLAN & FIND** tabs to research different colleges & programs
- **PARENT** tab – information on Open Houses & tuition
- **LINKS** to all college web sites
- **CALL** colleges & speak with faculty

Ontario University eINFO GUIDE

- The comprehensive guide to Ontario universities for secondary school students
www.electronicinfo.ca
- **OUAC** = Ontario University Application Centre (located in Guelph, Ontario)
www.ouac.on.ca

Applying Online to Ontario's Universities

COMPASS.101

Ontario Secondary School Students

www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101/

tutorial available

University Application

- a PIN (Personal Identification Number)
- a school number
- a student number



Pin numbers arrive in late November

Verify....verify....verify

- Log on to the OUAC or OCAS websites and **VERIFY** the following:
- Personal information
- Course history
- Current courses for both semesters
- Inform your counsellor about external credits being taken
 - Eg. night school, on-line courses etc.

Important Information

- Make sure your **e-mail address** is up-to-date
- Make sure e-mail messages from OUAC or OCAS do not go to your junk mail
- Keep all your application information in a separate file

University Timelines

- January 11** deadline to complete online application
 - February 7** recommended last date for university/program changes
 - May 29** latest date students can expect a response from an Ontario university
 - June 1** earliest date Ontario universities may require a response from students
- Universities **outside of Ontario** will have their own timelines and application process. eg. McGill

Payment information

- Cost is **\$125** for 3 choices (non refundable)
- Additional choices are **\$42** each
- Can pay online using:
 - **Visa, Mastercard or American Express**
 - **Telephone banking**
 - **Cheque or money order**

Sample Application

Scenario A (\$125)

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| 1. | CJ | Journalism | Carleton |
| 2. | OWE | Journalism | Ottawa |
| 3. | QA | Arts | Queen's |

Scenario B (\$125)

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| 1. | OAS | Architecture | Carleton |
| 2. | OLA | Civil Engineering | Ottawa |
| 3. | CH | Industrial Design | Carleton |

Alternate Offers ???

- What does this mean?
- Who gives them?
- Why are they important?



Eg. Commerce – Arts Economics

Marks

When you apply, grade 11 marks and completed grade 12 course marks are sent plus a list of courses you are taking this year

- 1st semester final marks
- 2nd semester midterm marks
- 2nd semester final marks

Additional Admission Criteria

Programs that require *more than marks*

Examples- tests, portfolios, interviews, auditions and personal information forms

Be aware of **deadlines**

UNIVERSITIES OUTSIDE OF ONTARIO

Bishop's, Concordia, McGill, Dalhousie, Simon Fraser, UBC, UVIC, U of Calgary are connected to OUAC

Most American Universities require testing ie. SAT
www.collegeboard.com

*TOEFL – for students whose 1st language is not English
Contact university for specific instructions*

What Happens Next?

- Read 'Welcome letter'
- Institutions will assign each applicant a **student number**
- Use this **student number** to track the status of your application

University Offers

- Each university is different
- Early offers are made using grade 11 marks
- Most offers arrive after the mid-term of 2nd semester
- One offer does not cancel other offers
- Programs requiring portfolios, etc will have later offers

University of Ottawa offer process

First Round Offers (mid December)

- A minimum of 5 grade 11 (3U/M) grades must be available
- Average must be 80% or better (depends on program)
- No refusals at this time
- Applicants who do not receive an offer at this time will be evaluated in next round of offers

Second Round Offers (March)

*decisions are based on grade 12 and grade 11 marks

- A minimum of 3 grade 12 (4U/M) grades must be available
- All prerequisites must be presented (grades or in progress)
- A minimum of 6 courses are included in the calculation of average (eg. 4-4U/M and 3-3U/M)
- Places are kept open in all programs for the final round of offers

Third Round Offers (May)

- Decisions based on grade 12 marks
- A minimum of 6 grade 12 (4U/M) grades must be available- final or interim grades
- All prerequisites must be presented
- Offers, refusals are sent

Time to Apply

- Be Realistic
- Be Informed
- Don't Panic
- Remember, it's not a life-long decision
- Work hard, but enjoy this year!



SCHOLARSHIPS

Financing Your Education 2011-2012




SCHOLARSHIP TERMS

- **Scholarship**- money given to college or university bound students (usually based on marks, extra-curricular activities, community service, leadership or a combination of all)
- **Bursary**- money given to students based on financial need
- **Renewable**- money is given each year, if grade average is maintained
- **Non-Renewable**- money is given at one time only



MORE TERMS.....

- **Sponsored Applicant**- student nominated by the school after being selected by the scholarship committee
- **Direct Application**- student is responsible for submitting the application to the institution by the deadline
- **Entrance Scholarships**- awarded automatically by colleges and universities to high school graduates

GETTING STARTED

Step One: RESEARCH

USEFUL LINKS!!

- www.studentawards.com
- www.scholarshipscanada.com




GETTING STARTED

Step One: RESEARCH Continued....

- University/College Websites - each school has their own list of scholarships (www.electronicinfo.ca)
- Employers
- Community organizations
- Guidance Scholarship Board





ORGANIZING

Step Two: ACHIEVEMENTS

Prepare a list of all your achievements from grade 9 to grade 12 under the following headings:

	ACADEMICS	EXTRA-CURRICULAR	COMMUNITY SERVICE	LEADERSHIP
2011	Honor Roll	Hockey Team	Food Bank	Student's Council
2010				
2009				
2008				

EXAMPLES OF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Volunteering
- Awards: academic, music, art achievements, etc.
- Leadership positions - instructor's assistant, camp counsellor, etc.
- Sports, clubs or outdoor pursuits in school or the community
- Employment
- International Travel





THE APPLICATION


Step Three: Completing and Submitting The Application

- Read the scholarship instructions carefully (eg. word count, due dates, postage, signatures, etc.)
- Use a word processor to complete the application
- Edit your rough draft
- Meet the DEADLINES! Late applications will not be considered



LETTER OF REFERENCE

- Ask someone who knows you really well (coach, teacher, former employer, or community contact)
- Ask two weeks ahead of time
- Provide your reference with a list of your achievements (resume)
- Write a thank you letter! It's important.



UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIPS

University of Western National Scholarship Program

Criteria:

- Minimum academic average of 90%
- Entering University for the first time
- Original and creative thought
- Leadership potential
- Commitment to the community



Application Requirements:

- School Sponsorship Required (up to 4 candidates)
- Application Form; includes short essays
- Original Transcript

DEADLINE: February 14, 2012

<http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/index.cfm/student-finances/scholarships-awards/national-scholarship/>

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIPS

Garfield Weston Award



Criteria:

- Entering full time College studies
- Passionate about field of study
- Leadership potential
- Commitment to the community
- Have a minimum average of 75%
- Check consortium for colleges that scholarship applies to

Application Requirements:

- Application Form; includes short essays
- Original Transcript
- Letter of Reference

DEADLINE: March 2012 –Applications Available On-line January 2012

<http://www.garfieldwestonawards.ca>

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIPS

The Brian Smith Scholarship

Criteria:

- Candidate must be graduating from a local high school
- Planning on attending any university or college in Ottawa
- Active role in school or community sports
- Commitment to the community
- Demonstrates financial need
- Has overcome a significant personal hardship



Application Requirements:

- Application Form; Includes a short essay
- Original Transcript
- Letter of acceptance from post-secondary institution

DEADLINE: April 2012 -Applications Available On-line January 2012

<http://www.bgcottawa.org/index.php/en/about-us/scholarships>

DIRECT ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Carleton University

(Based on 2011 admissions)



All Renewable at A- standing*

- 95-100%.....\$16 000 (\$4000 x 4 years)
- 90-94.9%.....\$12 000 (\$3000 x 4 years)
- 85-89.9%.....\$8000 (\$2000 x 4 years)
- 80-84.9%.....\$4000 (\$1000 x 4 years)

All Universities have different averages

FINANCIAL AID

WHAT IS OSAP?

- OSAP is the Ontario Student Assistance Program
- OSAP helps fund a student's post secondary career
- The amount of assistance is dependent upon several factors (detailed on-line application)
- Financial Aid Calculator

<http://osap.gov.on.ca>



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