

# Huron Heights Secondary School

**GUIDANCE SERVICES**  
**General Information on**  
**Applying to Post**  
**Secondary**  
**2023-2024**

# How to Apply to College & University Presentation

We Challenge you to answer the questions below:

- ❑ Code is on the screen -
- ❑ Read the questions carefully
- ❑ Chance to win a prize!!

A photograph of a dirt path winding through a forest. The sun is shining from the upper left, creating a bright glow and lens flare. The trees are tall and thin, with some green foliage visible. The path is covered in fallen leaves and grass. The overall mood is peaceful and inspirational.

Life gives you the journey  
YOU CREATE THE PATH

# O.S.S.D Requirements

## ...AGAIN

- ❑ 30 credits
- ❑ 18 compulsory credits (GROUP 1, 2, 3)
- ❑ 12 elective credits
- ❑ Pass Literacy Test or complete the OLC Course
- ❑ 40 hours of community involvement  
(Deadline: May 1, 2024)
- ❑ \*\*\* New Online Credit (1 for 2024 Grads if you are not planning to do an online course, please go to guidance to fill out the Opt Out Form

# **Making Decisions**

# Are you Ready to Go?

- ❑ Do you know what program you are interested in?  
Passion/strength/kind of learner you are
- ❑ (What marks do you need?) Make a plan ...what grades are reasonable in each of your classes - keep a goal in each class to maintain the overall average
- ❑ Have you looked at prerequisites needed for the program?  
Compared schools(fees, prerequisites) My Pathway Planner
- ❑ Have you visited the schools you are interested in applying to?(residence, campus, etc.) SUPER IMPORTANT!! Book Tours Go to Open Houses
- ❑ How are you paying for school?
- ❑ Do you have a Plan B? Plan C?

**Make sure  
you apply  
for the  
right  
program!**

# Terminology

**Undergraduate Degree:** *This is the first degree you will complete at university*

**Post Graduate Degree:** *This is a program that requires you to have some college or university requirements*

**Bachelor Degree:** *This is the type of undergraduate degree:*

*Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Business etc..*

**Degree:** *3-4 years of university program (some offered at college)*

**Diploma:** *College 2-3 years*

**Certificate:** *1 -2 years at college*

# What courses do I need to apply?

## College

- High School diploma required
- Grade 12 College English (ENG4C) or University English (ENG4U) plus requirements for the program you apply to - that is the average - one class or 2 etc.
- Be aware of additional requirements for highly competitive programs: (i.e. Portfolio, Audition, etc.)
- Highly Competitive Programs, also check the College Dialogue .pdf for information on Oversubscribed programs

## University

- High school diploma required.
- Minimum overall averages for each program are on My pathway planner (vary for schools)
- SIX Gr. 12 "U" or "U/C" (M) courses
- English 4U is a MUST for almost all programs. (Included in the SIX 4U's/M's).
- Plus what other prerequisites are listed for your Post Secondary program.
- Check for courses with the same first 5 characters—Universities do not recognize these as different courses (e.g. TDJ4M2, TDJ4M3)



# Why University?

- focus on student's professional and academic growth.
- universities offer a wide range of course options to students.
- Potential for increased earning potential.
- having a degree can possibly give you better access to more of the jobs market.
- being part of an environment that fosters competitiveness, creative thinking, innovation

# Why College?

- Innovative and Groundbreaking Programs
- A chance to explore
- Something for everyone
- Graduate with less debt - Cost is generally less than University
- Smaller class sizes
- Instructors are very knowledgeable and often still work in the field
- Almost half of all new jobs will be from skilled trades & technology!
- Advantage in getting a job because of experience and hands on training.

<https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/colleges/why-college>

# Options of Both College and University

Take advantage of Collaborative College-University programs (apply through OUAC) or Applied Degree programs in College (Apply through OCAS)

# OnTransfer.ca

## **A credit transfer & program pathway guide for Ontario students.**

Find the information & tools you need to transfer courses or find pathways to/from Ontario's public colleges, universities & Indigenous Institutes.



# Unsure about Programs?



**myBlueprint  
is a great  
place to  
start...**

# ESSENTIAL RESEARCH TOOLS

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

**University:** [www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca)

**Ontario's Transfer & Pathways Guide:** [Ontransfer.ca](http://ontransfer.ca)

**Apprenticeship** [Start an Apprenticeship](http://www.skilledtradesontario.ca/)

<https://www.skilledtradesontario.ca/>

<http://www.apprenticesearch.com/>

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship> - live chat option

YRDSB Board Site: [Planning for Post Secondary](#)

**Also Check out individual College & University Websites**



**Gather your Information - Research**

# Post Secondary Fairs

## **ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES:**

Oct 21-22 PLUS 2 virtual events:  
Tuesday, September 26 and  
Wednesday, November 22  
5-7 pm (ET)

<https://www.ontariouniversitiesevents.ca>

## **ONTARIO COLLEGES:**

October 18-19, 2023  
Enercare Centre TO

<https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/>

## **APPRENTICESHIP**

November 15 - 16, 2023  
International Centre - Hall 1  
Mississauga, Ontario

[Level Up- Apprenticeship Fair](#)

## **Huron Height Post Secondary Fair**

**Thursday, October 12 from  
6:00-8:00pm Cafeteria and  
Lower Gym**

**If you are unable to attend  
this date there are other  
[YRDSB POST SECONDARY  
FAIRS SCHEDULE](#)**

## **STUDENT LIFE EXPO:**

**Metro Convention  
Centre: Nov 18**

<https://studentlifeexpo.com/>



# Open Houses & Campus Tours

## College

Open Houses or book a tour:

<https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/colleges/college-recruitment>

## University

Open Houses or book a tour:

<https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/universities/events>

Many Colleges and Universities have Virtual Tours on their websites. Check them out if you aren't able to attend in person

# Ask the RIGHT questions.

## Sample Questions:

Questions to ask at the Post Secondary Fair(s) you attend

Examples:

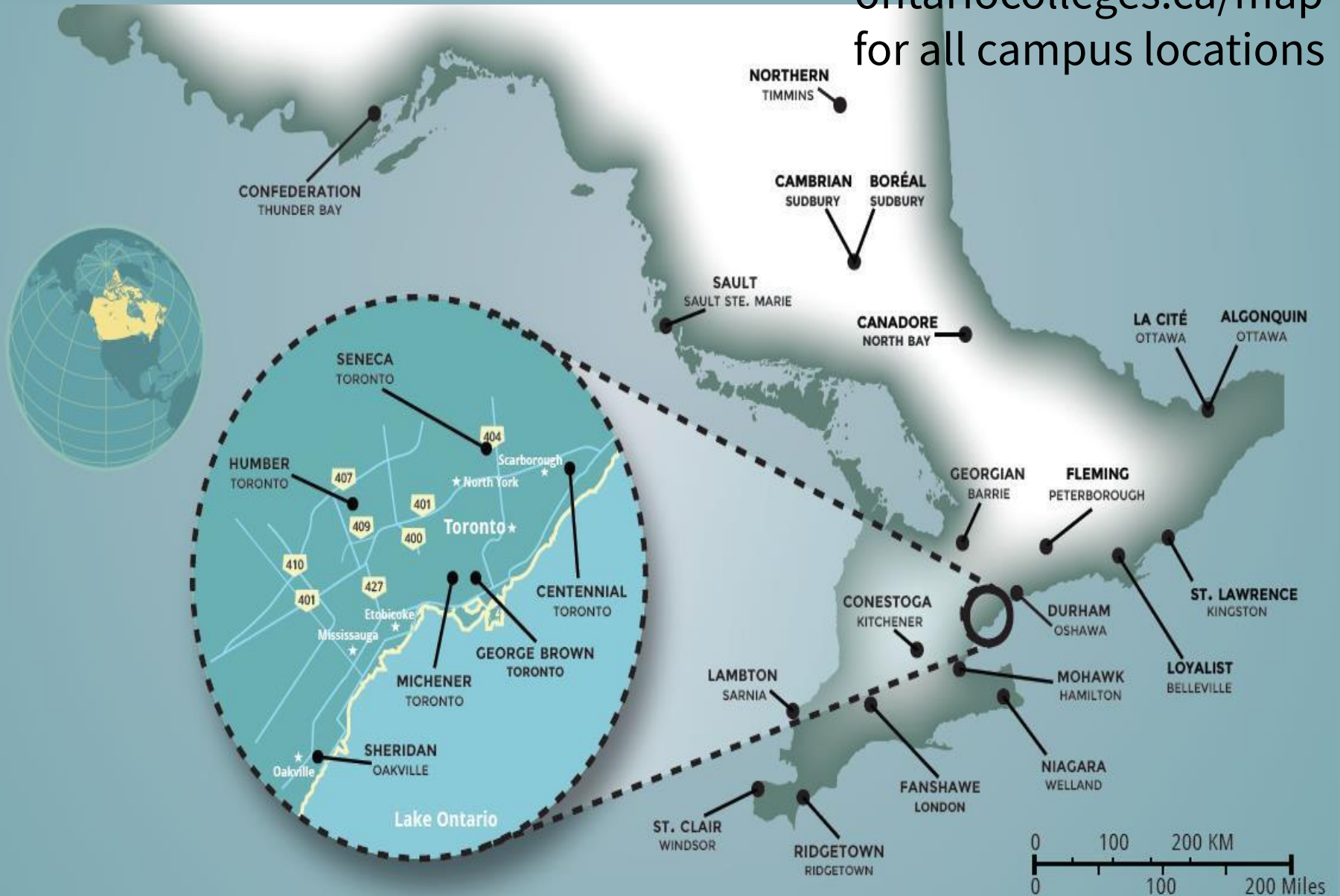
1. When are your campus tours/open houses? How do I book?
2. Is residence guaranteed? When do I find out? All co-ed?
3. Are the residence rooms double or single occupancy?
4. What are the sizes of the first year classes?

*We have prepared a question sheet for you to use if you would like to use it. On Google classroom.*

**BE PREPARED!!!**

# RESEARCH - Where do you want to go?

Visit [ontariocolleges.ca/map](http://ontariocolleges.ca/map) for all campus locations

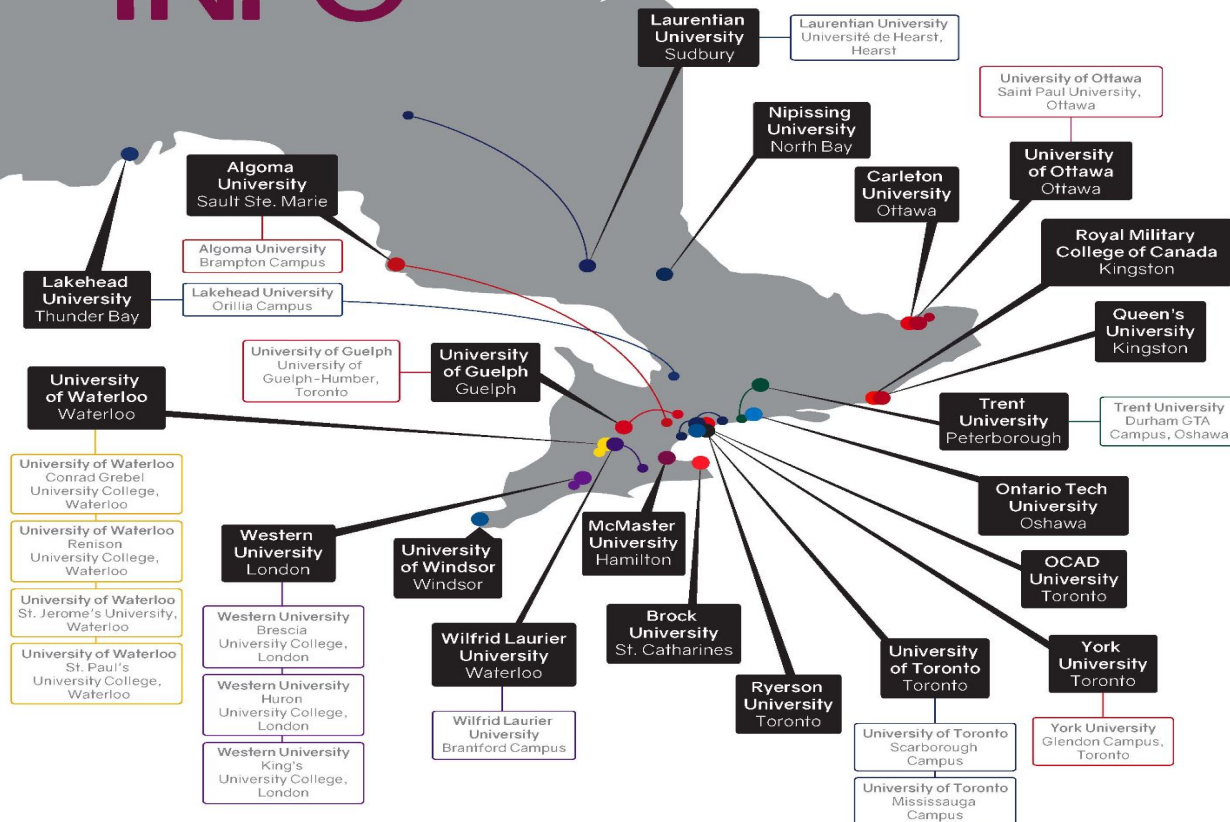


# Consider an Ontario University.

Start your research with:  
[ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca)

On OUIInfo, you'll find:

- Universities
- Programs
- Admission Requirements
- Prerequisites
- Residence and Meal Plans
- Campus Tours
- Scholarships and Awards





Your source for up-to-date Ontario university information – all in one place!

# Make a List

## Example, Program Requirements:

- Kinesiology or Bachelor of Education – Physical Education

<p>Ottawa Human Kinetics (BHK)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Low 80s</li> <li>· ENG4U</li> <li>· One 4U math</li> <li>· 2 SBI4U, SCH4U, SPH4U</li> </ul> <p>no to chemistry</p>	<p>McMaster Kinesiology I (BKin)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· 87-90%</li> <li>· ENG4U</li> <li>· MCV4U</li> <li>· SBI4U</li> </ul>  <p>no to calculus</p>	<p>York Concurrent Education: Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· High 70s to mid-80s</li> <li>· &gt; get into Kinesiology program (BA/BSc)</li> <li>· High 70s to mid-80s</li> <li>· ENG4U</li> <li>· Any 4U Math</li> <li>· 1 of SBI4U or SCH4U or SPH4U</li> </ul>	<p>Wilfrid Laurier Kinesiology (BKin)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Mid 80s</li> <li>· ENG4U</li> <li>· SBI4U (70%)</li> <li>· 60% in math</li> </ul>	<p>Waterloo Kinesiology (BSc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Low 80s</li> <li>· ENG4U</li> <li>· MHF4U</li> <li>· SCH4U</li> <li>· SBI4U</li> </ul> <p>no to chemistry</p> 
<p>UofT Kinesiology and Physical Education (BKin)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Mid to high 80s</li> <li>· ENG4U</li> </ul>	<p>Western Kinesiology (BA or BSc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Mid-80s</li> <li>· ENG4U</li> <li>· SBI4U</li> </ul>	<p>McGill Concurrent Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Mid 80s</li> <li>· ENG4U</li> </ul>	<p>Windsor Human Kinetics (BHK)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· 78%</li> <li>· ENG4U</li> <li>· SBI4U (70%)</li> </ul>	<p>Brock Concurrent Education</p>

# **Preparing your Application**

# Where do I Apply?

## Ontario Colleges

**OCAS**– Ontario College Application Service through [ontariocollege.ca](http://ontariocollege.ca)



The screenshot shows the OCAS website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'ontariocolleges.ca' and 'OCAS' on the left, and 'Applying', 'Colleges', 'Programs', and 'FAQ' on the right. The main content area is split into two columns. The left column is for 'Canadian Applicants', featuring a red backpack with a Canadian flag and a text box stating 'You are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada residing inside or outside of Canada.' Below this are buttons for 'APPLY NOW' and 'LOG IN', and a 'More Info' link. The right column is for 'International Applicants', featuring a backpack with a globe and a text box stating 'You are a citizen of another country and do not have permanent residency status in Canada.' Below this are buttons for 'APPLY / LOG IN' and 'More Info'.

## Ontario Universities

**OUAC**– Ontario University Application Centre  
[www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca)



The screenshot shows the OUAC website interface. At the top, there is a logo for 'OUAC Ontario Universities' Application Centre. Below the logo is a large purple banner with the text 'Apply to an Undergraduate Program at an Ontario University'. Below the banner is a text box that says 'Check out our new, easy-to-use Undergraduate Application.' At the bottom, there are two yellow buttons: 'Apply' with an external link icon and 'Search Programs' with an external link icon.

# When do I Apply?

## College

October – February 1st

College Application  
Deadline:

**February 1/2024- for  
equal consideration**

## University

October– Beginning of  
January

University Application  
Deadline:

**January 15/2024**

**See your Guidance Counsellor with any questions/ for  
help with application/ computer access (EARLY IS BETTER)**



# New Account Process For OUAC!!!

**CREATE  
YOUR OWN  
ACCOUNT**

The OUAC processes applications to undergraduate programs and professional programs, like law, medicine, rehabilitation sciences and teacher education.



# What Information will I need to Apply?

- OEN
- School Mident Number
- Appropriate Email Address (do not use your GAPPS)– Make sure you check junk!
- Use your full legal name to ensure there is no issues

# Where can you find your Ontario Education Number?

If you are applying to Post Secondary in Ontario for either College or University you will need your OEN.

This can be found:

- On any Ontario Provincial Report Card
- Also sent in an email on Wednesday, October 5 (TODAY) to your GAPPS account

Huron Heights School Mident Number

**917893**

# Application Fees

## College

- The application processing fee for programs starting after Aug 2024 is \$110 (Non-refundable)
- You may choose up to 5 program choices, with no more than 3 at the same college
- Visa, MasterCard, Amex via online or phone. Money orders also accepted
- 
- Application is not processed until fee is paid

## University

- Ontario University Application Centre requires a fee of \$156.00 to accompany the application.
- The application allows for 3 choices for the \$156 fee.
- Any university choices beyond 3 requires an additional \$50.00 per choice. Unlimited choices BUT max 3 programs at one university. NO charge for changing *program at a university* by the date of FEB 4
- Visa, MasterCard, Amex, online banking (OUAC will give you acct #)
- Application not processed until you PAY

# How to Apply to University Video



# How to Apply to College Video

The screenshot displays the homepage of ontariocolleges.ca. At the top left, the URL 'ontariocolleges.ca' is visible. On the right, there is a user profile for 'Sarah' with a notification bell icon and a 'Français' language option. The main banner features a young woman looking at a laptop with the text 'Start Applying' overlaid. Below the banner, a navigation bar asks 'When would you like to go to college?' with two buttons: 'Before Jul. 31, 2021' and 'After Jul. 31, 2021'. A note below the buttons states: 'If you'd prefer after Jul. 31, 2021 you will use the application for 2020-2021 application cycle. This includes all programs starting between Aug. 1, 2020 and Jul. 31, 2021.' A calendar icon shows 'Aug. 1, 2020' and 'Jul. 31'. A blue box contains the text: 'Available application cycles are: \* 2021-2022: Programs starting between August 2021 and July 2022. \* 2022-2023: Programs starting between August 2022 and July 2023. Available in October 2021: \* 2023-2024: Programs starting between August 2023 and July 2024.' A sidebar on the left contains icons for Home, Profile, Apply, and Done.

# Check, Read, Check!

## Once you have applied check:

- Every school will be sending you information to set up an account specific to their school
- that your marks are correct- WE SEND THEM to OUAC & OCAS and many out of province universities request your marks from OUAC
- if you have to do supplementary application
- if you need portfolio/audition
- CHECK YOUR EMAIL SO YOU DON'T MISS ANYTHING!

**STAY ORGANIZED!!!**

# Let's Talk Offers

- Early offers not early acceptance
- Offers are not guaranteed – they give you an offer and give conditions – read these conditions and keep average up.. it is final marks for both semesters that count.
- Rolling Offers vs. Specific Offer Times
- Rounds of Offers – grade 11 marks before mid terms 90+
  - Midterms(sem 1 + grade 11's to equal 6 courses)
  - final marks for sem 1
  - midterms sem 2 MOST offers go out (all gr. 12)



# Offers are Conditional

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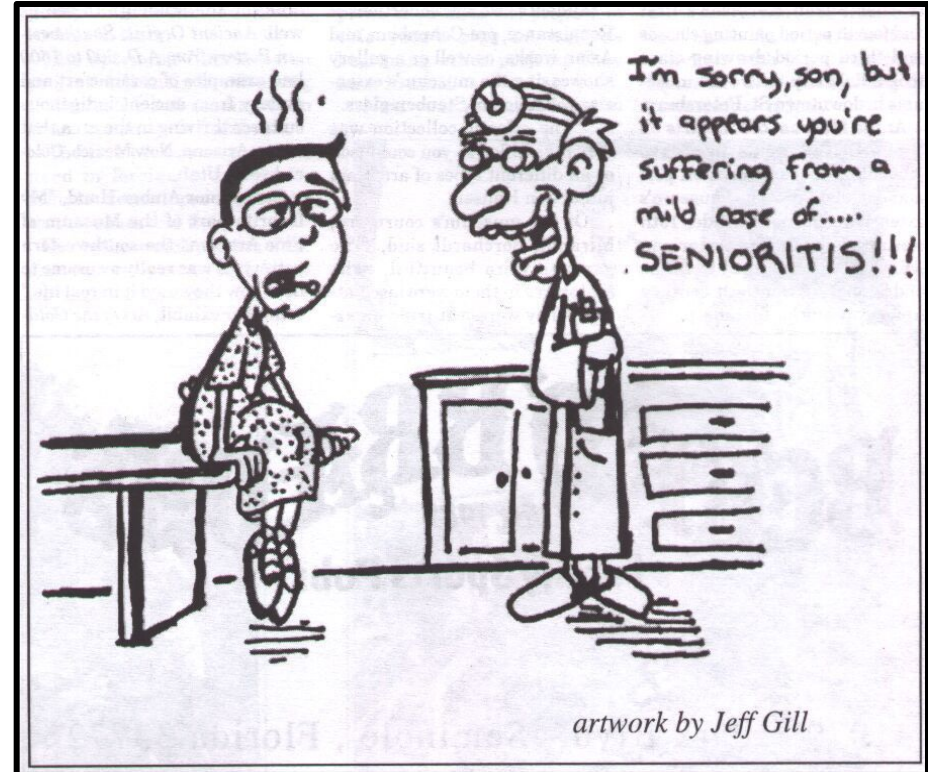
Dictionary result for  
senioritis

/ˌsēnyəˈrīdəs/

*noun*

HUMOROUS•US

1. a supposed affliction of students in their final year of high school, characterized by a decline in motivation or performance.



**MOST ACCEPTANCES OCCUR AFTER SEMESTER 1 FINALS and SEMESTER 2 Midterms are submitted**

**ALL OFFERS ARE CONDITIONAL - Don't let your marks slip and don't drop classes!!**

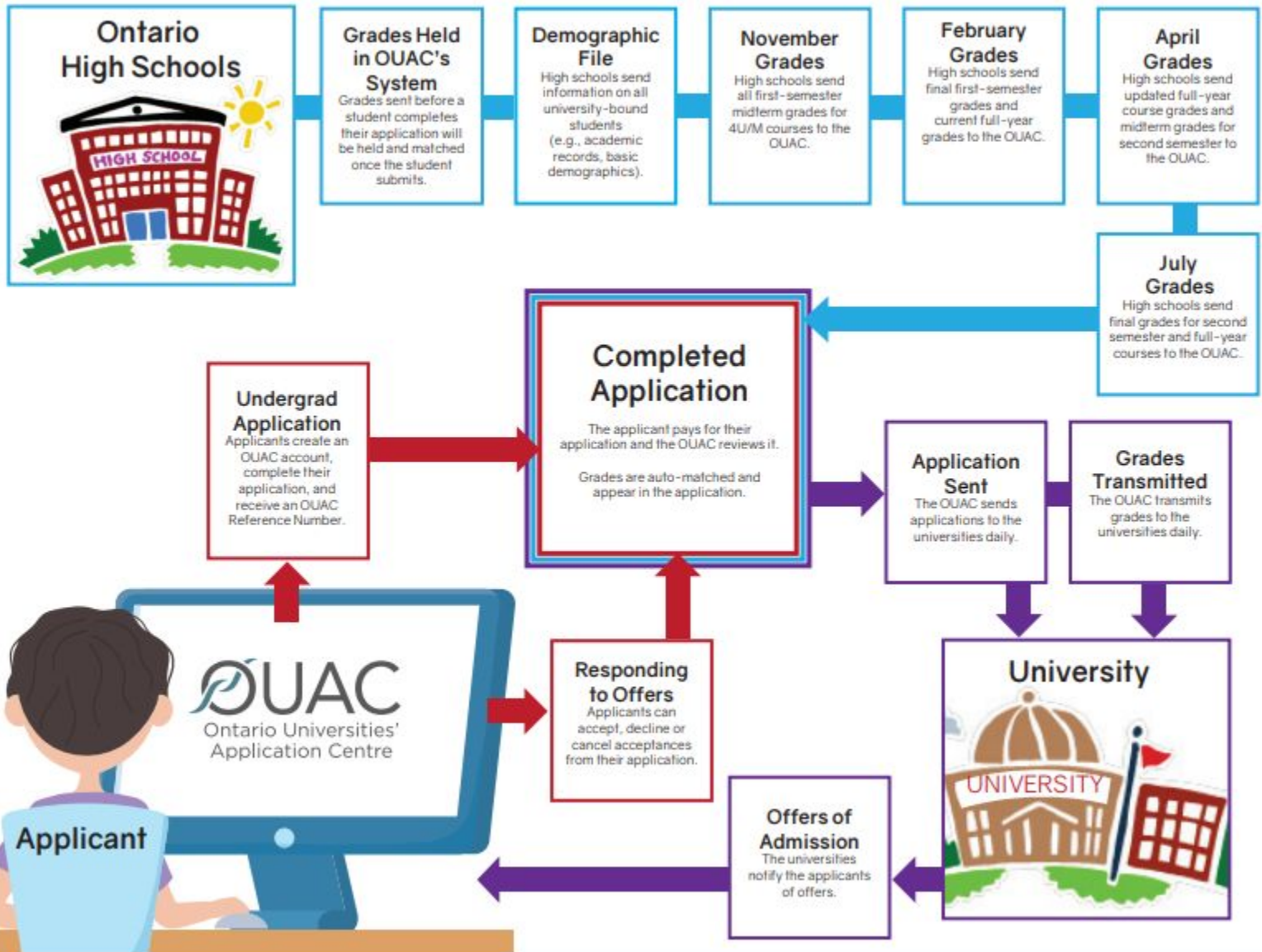
# Accepting Offers

# Accepting Your Offer

**Your offers will come appear on OUAC & OCAS and also directly from school.**

**Accept on OUAC & OCAS**

**Life of a File: How a Student's File is Created and Becomes a Completed Application**



# Common Questions

**Alternate Offers** - some schools yes - depends on reason and some depends on average

**Deferrals** - some - can't be at any school while waiting - always apply - might not know until August

**Ranking** - most doesn't matter

**Night school/ Summer** - most OK - University of Waterloo asks why

**Supplementary Application** - all vary for both College & University

**Residence** - Not all are guaranteed. Double Check. Type of Room?

- Prices VARY depending on room type

# Important Dates

## College

- Offers can start as early as November 1, 2023
- May 1, 2024: Deadline to Confirm Offers of Admission

[OCAS Schedule of Important Dates](#)

## University

- May 29, 2023 – Latest date to receive a response from universities (a refusal too)
- June 1, 2023– Confirmation of acceptance must be made to university and earliest date universities can ask for financial commitment

[OUAC Schedule of Important Dates](#)

# Second Semester

*Those students who will leave after Sem 1:*

- You must be responsible for your own application .
- Check in periodically with Guidance for Graduation information
- ILC/Private school courses will not be added automatically—You must come to guidance with proof of enrollment so we may add courses to your OUAC application. Check to ensure courses added.
- Night/Summer School Courses - make sure these are added to your OUAC application
- *Fill in Not Returning Form*

# APPLYING TO OTHER CANADIAN PROVINCES

- Deadlines will be different
- Applications will be completed online on the individual school websites as “out of province” applications (not on OUAC)
- Some Universities electronically receive your grades through your OUAC Ref. #. Check into this.
- Otherwise, Guidance will need to send your transcripts
- Make an appointment in Guidance for assistance
- You need to take responsibility for researching the info including



# APPLYING TO SCHOOLS IN THE USA

- U.S. schools consider grades 9-12
- SAT or ACT entrance exams\*\* -many schools aren't requiring
- Many U.S. universities use the "Common Application"
- Any student applying to the U.S. must connect with a counsellor in Guidance early in the school year to complete the school portion of your application and regularly send transcripts electronically
- Tuition may be significantly higher (US\$)
- Take personal responsibility. Do your research.

# Post Secondary Information Sessions

Make sure you are attending the various guidance sessions that will be offered throughout the year topics include:

- **Apprenticeship Pathways (Oct- Nov)**
- **How to Finance Post Secondary (Jan-Feb)**
- **Accepting your Offer /Grad/Prom info (April)**

# Students with an IEP

Students with IEPs CAN receive accommodations in college and university

It is the student's responsibility to make an appt with Student Services once you receive your offer and activate the support. They will not know that you have an IEP otherwise.

See them *well before* your program starts. Ask about what documentation will be needed.

[Transitioning to Post Secondary Site](#)

There is also a section in the Graduating Class Google Classroom for Students with IEPs

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE,  
SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES**

# OSAP

## Ontario Student Assistance Program



**Begin your OSAP application when filling out your online university or college application.**

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

# Preparation for Scholarships

- Lists and examples of co-curricular activities
- Reference Letters , Criteria
- Volunteer / Experience / Coop
- Documentation
- Up to date resume
- Check scholarship board outside of guidance regularly
- ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS
- Show Me The Money
- See Mr. Gorman

# SCHOLARSHIPS / AWARDS AT HURON

## Alex and Cathie MacKay Endowment Trust Fund

- A graduating student continuing their education in a Canadian College or University
- Student has financial need
- 70% overall average in their best eight senior level courses

# WHAT TO DO?

*When you need a reference letter...*



If you require a reference letter for a scholarship or bursary, you must:

- ❑ Make the request at least 2 weeks in advance to allow teachers time to write the reference.
- ❑ Provide the name of the award, institution and criteria for the award.
- ❑ Provide a copy of an updated resume.



# YOU GOT THIS!

Huron Heights S.S. is committed to assisting students and parents with the transition from high school to the destination of choice.

Feel free to contact us at any time for further information.

**FACT**

**MYTH**



**Poor Grade 11 grades will cause colleges and universities to reject your application.**

**MYTH**

*Grade 11 grades, if good, will often mean an earlier offer of admission but will not be held against you. Institutions will wait to see your grade 12 grades.*

**FACT**

**MYTH**



**Early Offers of Admission are important.**

**MYTH**

*Early offers of admission can take off the pressure. This can be hazardous to your motivation if you are not careful. The bulk of all offers wait until the February to April time frame. Later offers are more common for more competitive programs.*

**FACT**

**MYTH**



**Better to have all U level courses and no M level courses in your top 6.**

**MYTH**

*Universities want a total of 6 courses that can be any combination of U or M as long as prerequisites are met. Some Programs do say minimum number of \*U\* courses*

*M level courses are equivalent to U when applying.*

**FACT**

**MYTH**



**Night School and Summer School and Repeated are frowned upon by colleges & universities.**

**MYTH**

*Summer school and Night school are fine, especially if they are taken through a public Board of Education. For some universities/programs you might need to provide an explanation regarding why you chose to take the course outside of day school.*

*Check the individual schools on how they approach repeated courses.*

# CHECK THE GUIDES



The answers to these and other commonly asked questions can be found in the Regional Dialogue Documents which have been posted on the

2023/24 Grade 12  
Graduating Classroom

[University Resource](#)

[College](#)

[Resource](#)