

# Huron Heights Secondary School

## **GUIDANCE SERVICES** **General Information on** **Applying to Post** **Secondary** **2024-2025**

A photograph of a dirt path winding through a forest. Sunlight filters through the trees in the background, creating a warm, golden glow. The path is covered in fallen leaves and grass. The text is overlaid on the path.

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, 2025)
- ❑ \*\*\* 2 credits Online Credit (if you are not planning to do 2 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 (or plan to visit) the schools you are interested in applying to? (residence, campus, etc.) **SUPER IMPORTANT!!**  
Go to Open Houses
- ☐ How are you paying for school?
- ☐ Do you have a Plan B? Plan C?

# 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>

# 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 job market.
- being part of an environment that fosters competitiveness, creative thinking, innovation

**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. IDJ4M2, IDJ4M3)
- Check the [University Dialogue. pdf](#) for information on how gr 11 marks are treated, repeated courses, transitions, tours etc.,

# 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.ouinfo.ca](http://www.ouinfo.ca)

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

**Apprenticeship** [Start an Apprenticeship](http://Start an Apprenticeship)

<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](http://Planning for Post Secondary)

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



**Gather your Information - Research**

# Post Secondary Fairs

## **ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES:**

Oct 5-6 PLUS 2 virtual events:  
Wednesday, September 25 and  
Thursday, November 21  
5-7 pm (ET)  
<https://www.ontariouniversitiesevents.ca>

## **ONTARIO COLLEGES:**

October 16-17, 2024  
Enercare Centre TO  
<https://ontariocollegefair.ca/>

## **APPRENTICESHIP**

November - [Level Up- Apprenticeship Fair](#)  
Oct 15 Accelerated OYAP Open House  
[INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION](#)

**Sacred Heart CHS Post  
Secondary Fair**  
**Thursday, October 10 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: Oct 27 12-5pm**  
<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:

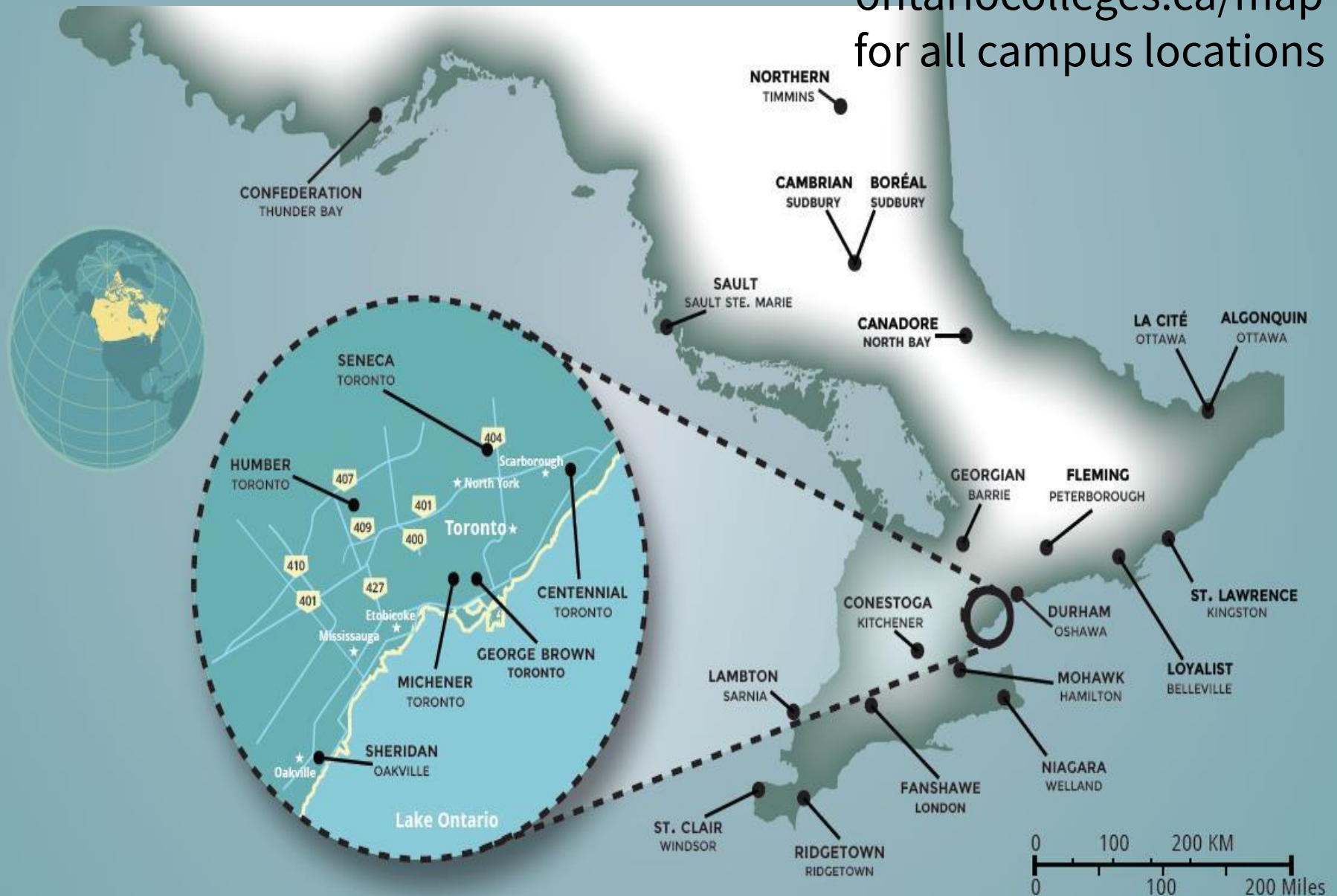
1. When are your campus tours/open houses? How do I book?
2. Is residence guaranteed? When do I find out? All co-ed?
3. Are the residence rooms double or single occupancy?
4. What are the sizes of the first year classes?

*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

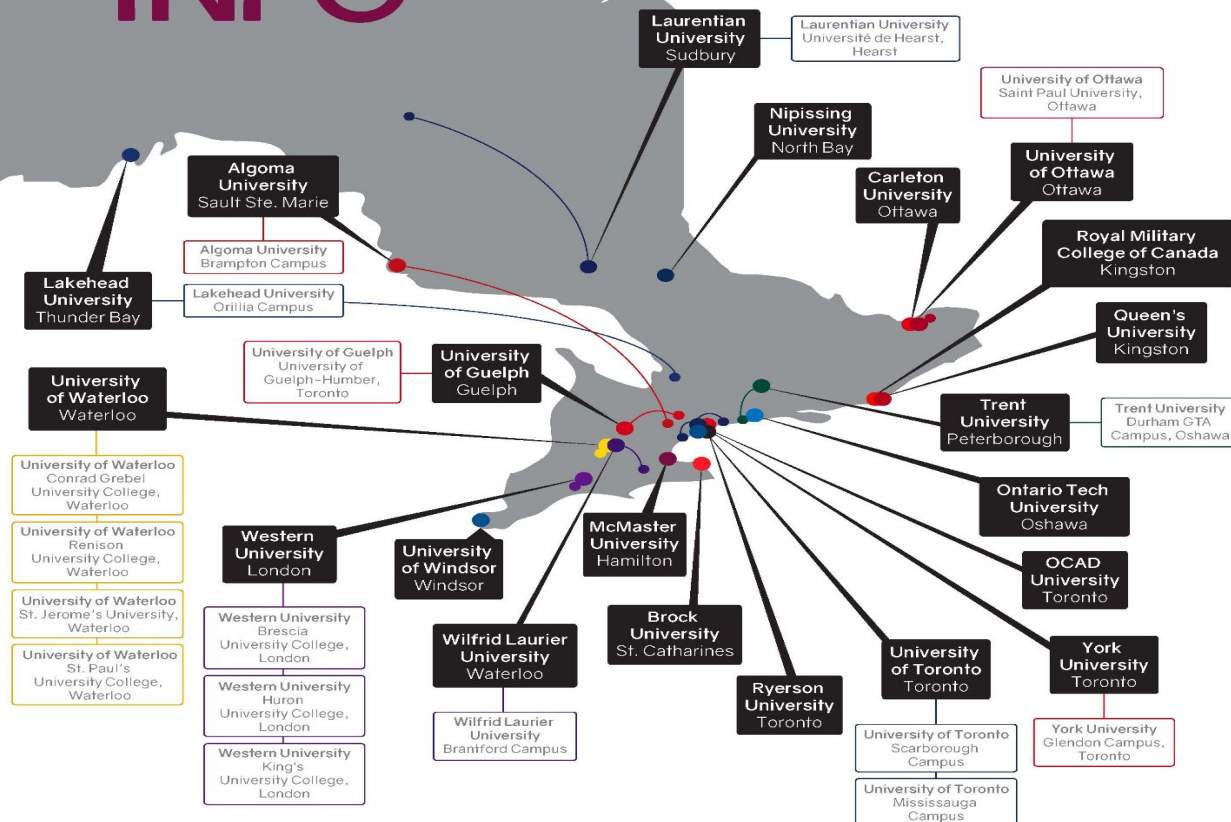


# Consider an Ontario University.

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)



## Ontario Universities

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



# When do I Apply?

## College

October – February 1st

College Application  
Deadline:

**February 1/2025– for  
equal consideration**

## University

October– Beginning of  
January

University Application  
Deadline:

**January 15/2025**

**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 the week of Oct 10 to your GAPPS account

Huron Heights School Mident Number  
**917893**

# Application Fees

## College

- The application processing fee for programs starting after Aug 2025 is \$150 (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.
- Some have additional supplementary fees
- 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



**\*\*Note that dates and Costs in this video are not up to date in this video but the process is accurate.**

# 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

sen·ior·i·tis

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!!**



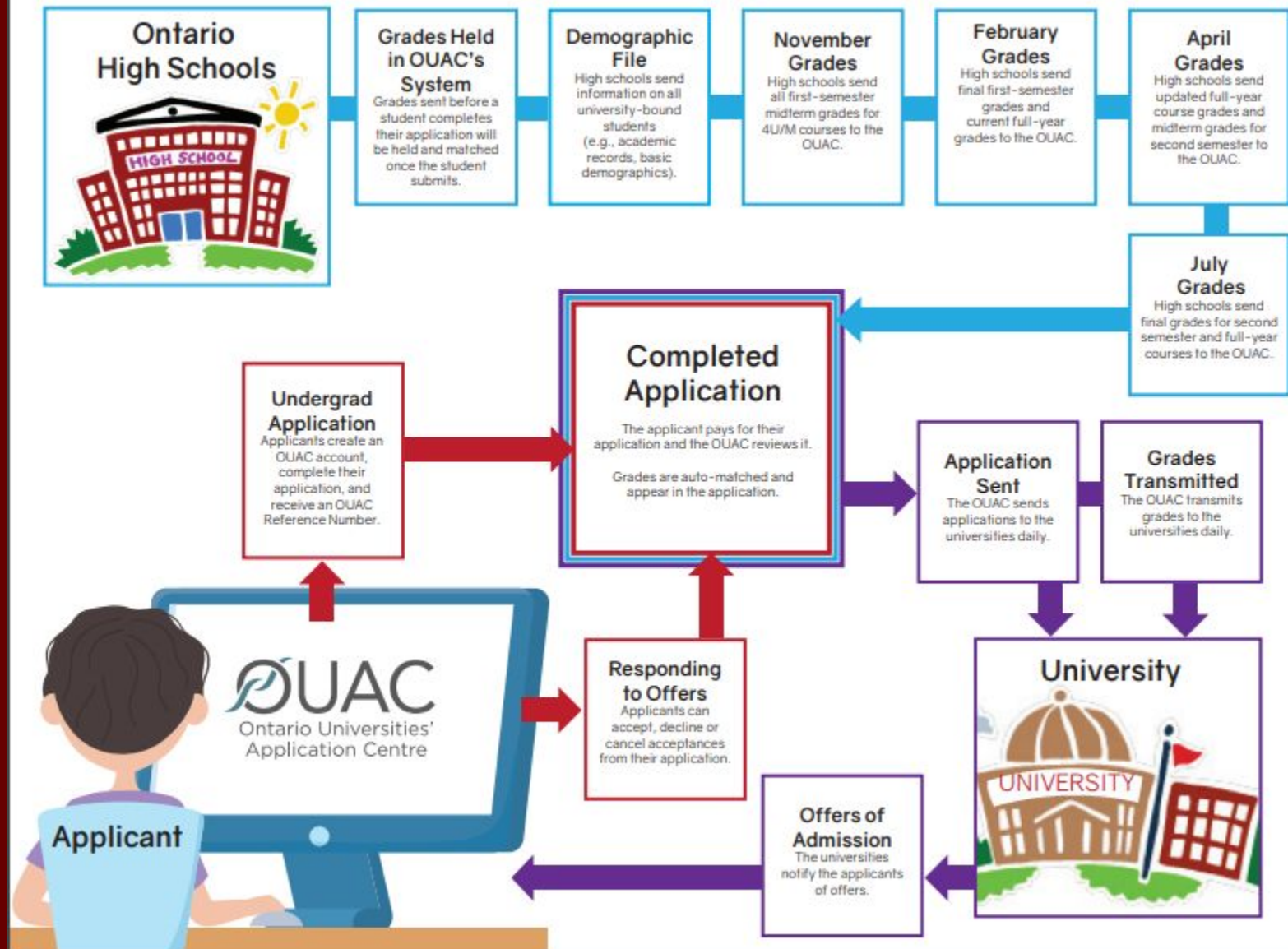
# **Accepting Offers**

# 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

**Extenuating Circumstances** – Varies by School

# Important Dates

## College

- Offers can start as early as November 1, 2024
- May 1, 2025: Deadline to Confirm Offers of Admission

[OCAS Schedule of Important Dates](#)

## University

- May 29, 2025 – Latest date to receive a response from universities (a refusal too)
- June 1, 2025– Confirmation of acceptance must be made to university and earliest date universities can ask for financial commitment

[OUAC Schedule of Important Dates](#)

# Semester 1 Only

*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 can ask private schools to inform OUAC and OCAS
  - Our upload will only send a private school course once it has been completed and we have entered it into our system
- Night/Summer School Courses – make sure these are added to your OUAC application

# 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 (check [fairtest.org](https://fairtest.org))
- 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
- See Mr. Gorman

[Graduating Classroom](#)

# 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.

# 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 courses
- Community Involvement

## **Entrance Scholarships-**

80% 85% 90% 95% - every school gives different amounts - must use prerequisites - get this just by applying. The amount they give is usually over the amount of time that you are there



**Your Semester 1 marks are being sent to  
OCAS and OUAC**

**FACT**

*Don't worry! Institutions are only using these  
marks for early acceptance. More on that  
later....*





**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.*



**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.*



**If you get a conditional offer in February or April (when most acceptances happen), you must maintain your average to keep your spot and get a final offer.**

### **FACT**

*You must keep up your average and do not drop or change your classes unless you speak with a counsellor. Your **CONDITIONAL** offer was based on your marks and courses at the time you were accepted. If your grades fall below the required marks, they can cancel/remove the offer.*



**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.*



**When applying to colleges, you will get  
and adjusted average (differential) if  
you have U or credits**

**MYTH**

*A mark is a Mark. Whether you took 12U or 12C English, the mark will be treated the same by the college.*

*Check the Regional Dialogue*



**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.*



**If you miss the deadline for applying to Ontario  
Colleges or Universities, you have lost all  
opportunities to go to school in September.**

**MYTH**

*By applying by the deadline, you will be given EQUAL CONSIDERATION. That is, your application will be considered with all the others who apply by the deadline. If you apply AFTER the deadline, your application will only be considered after institutions have looked at everyone else's...but it will be considered if there are spots available.*

*Also, in May, after conditional acceptances have been distributed, OUAC ad OCAS posts programs that still have spots available and you can apply to those programs (check that you meet the requirements)*

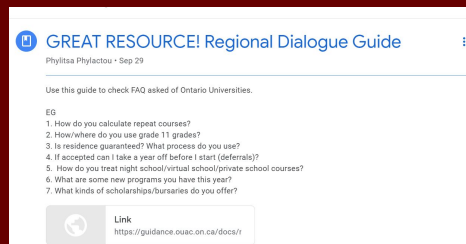


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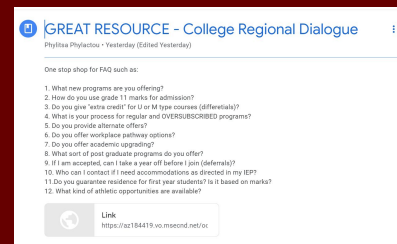


The answers to these and other commonly asked questions can be found in the Regional Dialogue Documents which have been posted on the

**2023/24 Grade 12 Graduating Classroom** (4r2zrsk)



**University**



**College**



# QUIZ WINNERS



**CECILIA MISURACA  
CONNOR GRAHAM  
LIAM MELTZER**

# POST SECONDARY FAIR 2023

**OCTOBER 12, 2023**



**HOSTED BY :**

**HURON  
HEIGHTS  
SECONDARY  
SCHOOL**

**LOCATION:  
LOWER GYM /  
CAFETERIA AREA**

**6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Meet with  
representatives  
and explore your  
options !**

# 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.