	College	University
1. What does a student earn?	certificate (1 year) diploma (2/3 years) applied degree (4 years)	degree (3/4/5 years)
2. Application Center	Ontario College Application Services (OCAS) ontariocolleges.ca	Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) ouac.on.ca
3. Application deadline	February 1, 2026 (Equal Consideration Deadline)	January 15, 2026
4. On-line Application	Yes	Yes
5. Choices	5/$150 (no more than 3 program choices at 1 college)	3/$156 $50 for each additional choice (max. of 3 program choices at 1 university. Certain universities may further limit the # of programs to which applicants may apply)
6. Minimum Admission Requirements	OSSD	OSSD and required average in 6 4U/M courses for specific program
7. Additional Requirements	- specific courses/marks - averages - portfolio - testing - interview - essay - experience	- specific courses/marks - averages - Personal Information Form (PIF) - portfolio/audition
8. Admission Responses	October onward. Once an application is submitted, admission responses can be offered.	December - May 28th, 2026
9. Research opportunities	- College/campus visits/calendars/ websites/liaison presentations www.ontariocolleges.ca	- University/campus visits/calendars/ websites/liaison presentations Ontario Universities Application Centre www.ouac.on.ca - Sept 27-28, 2025: Ontario Universities Fair Metro Toronto Convention Center www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca

SAMPLE COSTS / FEES

Examples based on 2020/2021 school year:

College		University	
Durham College		**Ontario Tech University**	
(Standard Program)		(All Programs)	
		Tuition	$6,647 to 10,433
Tuition	$2,936.41	Ancillary Fees	982
Ancillary Fees & Levies	1,140.55	Tech-enriched Learning	127 to 854
Books, Supplies & Equip.ave	900.00	U-Pass	270
		Student Organization Fee	169
	$4,976.96	Books, supplies	1,050 to 2,150
			$9,245 to 14,858
Loyalist College		**Queen's University**	
(Standard Program)		(Arts/Science Program)	
		Tuition	$6,670
Tuition	$2,936.46	Student Fees	1,045
Ancillary Fee	1,226.00	Books and Supplies	1,600
Residence (Apt. Style)	5,850.00	Residence	13,840
Books, supplies	900.00	(Room/Meal Plan)	
		Personal Expenses	2,000
	$10,912.46		$25,155

All colleges and universities provide information on entrance scholarships, bursaries and awards on their websites, in guidebooks, during liaison presentations, in the Ontario College Guide, **(ontariocolleges.ca)** and **(ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca).**

Scholarship/Bursary/Financial Aid
Monthly Scholarship report available on the grade 12 Google Classroom.

www.scholarshipscanada.com
www.yconic.com
www.canlearn.ca
www.osap.gov.on.ca

Ontario Colleges (OCAS) - Important Dates and Timelines

When to Apply

As long as space remains in an Ontario college program, you may apply for it. However, there are some important dates to keep in mind, especially for popular programs that fill up quickly.

Apply to college as soon as the online application becomes available in October. Complete and pay for your application on or before February 1 in order to receive equal consideration for admission to programs beginning the following September.

The following dates apply to programs starting in the fall of 2026. The application process at ontariocolleges.ca follows an annual cycle, based on the academic year (August to July). For programs beginning at other times of the year, please contact the individual colleges for more information about application processing dates.

Early October 2025: Online Application Opens

In early October, access to the online college application becomes available for programs beginning in the following academic year (August to July). You may create an account and begin your application.

November 1, 2025: Earliest Offer Date

This is the earliest date that colleges may begin to send offers of admission to programs for the upcoming academic year. Offers will continue to be issued until programs are filled or wait-lists are established.

February 1, 2026: Equal Consideration Date

Apply on or before this date in order to receive equal consideration for admission to programs starting the following fall. After this date, colleges consider applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until programs are full.

Note that applications to Highly Competitive Programs must be received by this date in order to be considered.

Applicants are encouraged to complete their applications well before the Equal Consideration Date, as website volumes on the online application are at their highest at this time.

Many programs continue to accept applicants after February 1. Use our Find a Program tool at any time to find programs that are still open.

May 1, 2026: Deadline to Confirm Offers of Admission

Applicants must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by this date. Log in to your ontariocolleges.ca account to confirm your offer.

Colleges may extend offers of admission after this date. Each college will set the deadline to confirm offers made after May 1, and this deadline will be communicated to you with your offer. Applicants should always review their offers of admission for exact deadline dates.

June 2026: Tuition Deposit Due at the Colleges

The colleges require payment of a tuition deposit in June to secure your spot in your program. Each college sets its own tuition deposit amount and payment deadline. This information will be communicated to you by the college.

Ontario Universities (OUAC) - Important Dates and Timelines

Last updated: April 28, 2025

August 2025
The OUAC launches Ontario Universities' Info and begins posting application material with updated information for fall 2026 admission.

November 6, 2025
Deadline for the OUAC to receive all electronic student data files from Ontario high schools.

November 20, 2025
Deadline for the OUAC to receive all midterm or final grades available for 4U/M courses from Ontario high schools. Schools may report in-progress grades for full-year courses as soon as they are available.

November 27, 2025
Target date for Ontario universities to receive all midterm or final grades available for 4U/M courses from the OUAC.

January 15, 2025
Deadline for Ontario high school students to submit their completed applications to the OUAC. The initial application includes all final grades from completed Grade 11 and 12 courses and a list of all current-year courses in progress.
Note: The OUAC will continue to process the applications we receive after this date and distribute them to the Ontario universities; however, specific university deadlines will apply.

January 22, 2026
Target date for Ontario universities to receive all application data and grades from the OUAC for applications submitted by January 15, 2026.

February 12, 2026
Deadline for the OUAC to receive all final grades available for 4U/M courses and current full-year grades for 4U/M courses from Ontario high schools.

February 19, 2026
Target date for Ontario universities to receive all final grades available for 4U/M courses and current full-year grades for 4U/M courses from the OUAC.

April 24, 2026
Deadline for Ontario high schools to report all midterm or final grades available for 4U/M courses and interim grades for full-year courses to the OUAC. The OUAC will send the grades we receive before the deadline to Ontario universities when they are received.

May 1, 2026
Target date for Ontario universities to receive all midterm or final grades available for 4U/M courses and interim grades for full-year courses from the OUAC. The OUAC will send the grades we receive before the deadline to Ontario universities when they are received.

May 28, 2026
The latest date all high school applicants who submitted their application by the January application deadline can expect a response from an Ontario university. This includes an offer of admission, a refusal or a deferral of admission, once additional information is received.

June 1, 2026
The earliest date an Ontario high school student may be required to respond to an Ontario university offer of admission and/or give a financial commitment (e.g., registration deposit, residence deposit).
All other admission-related elements, including scholarships, other forms of student assistance or financial incentives, and offers of residence, are considered part of the offer of admission. Therefore, a student may accept these other offers before June 1, 2026, but Ontario universities will not compel a student in any way to make a decision before this date.

July 7, 2026
Deadline for the OUAC to receive all final grades for 4U/M courses from Ontario high schools.

July 14, 2026
Target date for the OUAC to send all **remaining** final grades to the Ontario universities. The OUAC will attempt to contact all schools that have not provided their grades.

August 3 to 31, 2026
The OUAC collects summer school grades from Ontario high schools and school boards.

**Electronic Transmission Dates for College and University
2025/2026**

	Last Day for Changes	**Data will be uploaded on:**	**Deadline OCAS/OUAC**
Demographics College	October 1, 2025	**October 2**	October 3
Demographics University	October 1, 2025	**October 2**	November 6
Mid Semester 1 or Interim Marks College & University	Nov 13, 2025 (AM)	**Nov 13 (PM)**	OCAS: Nov 14 OUAC: Nov 20
Interim or Final Semester 1 Marks College & University	Feb 10 2026	**Feb 11**	OCAS: Feb 13 OUAC: Feb 12
Midterm Marks College & University	April 22, 2026	**April 23**	OCAS: April 24 OUAC: April 24
Final Marks College & University	June 30, 2026	**July 2**	OCAS: July 3 OUAC: July 7
Final Marks & Summer School College & University	August 5, 2026	**August 6**	OCAS: Aug 7 OUAC: Aug 3-31

Current High School Information and Grades

Ontario high school officials transmit data directly to OUAC and OCAS.

It is the student's responsibility to check the information carefully after each transmission and inform your guidance counsellor if you find any errors.

Courses Outside Your "Home" School

If you are taking courses at a school outside of your "home" school, you are responsible for ensuring that this school submits the course information and all updates to the OUAC or to your "home" school. You must include the school outside of your "home" school in the Academic Background section of your application.

If the course information is missing from your application, you must contact the relevant school and request that they submit the missing information to the OUAC or to your "home" school

Who Does What? - COLLEGE

	Guidance	**Student**	**Board Data Centre**	**OCAS**	**Parent/Guardian**
Sept. to Dec.	➡ *provide* research materials ➡ *explain* research materials ➡ *generate* potential applicants list ➡ *provide* student with OEN number to access application process	➡ *Do the Research: Grade 12 Google Classroom:* Information on Ontario College visits, application details, scholarship information and opportunities ➡*use*:www.ontariocolleges.ca ➡ *Speak with:* Liaison officers; current students; guidance counsellors; parents	➡ *send* autobiographical and academic information to OCAS	➡ *Maintain* website (ontariocolleges.ca) ➡ *Produce* Ontario College Handbook ➡ *keep* student information records	➡ *Help* in the research. eg. visit a campus with your student
Oct. to Feb. 1, 2026 deadline	➡ *prepare* on-line application workshop ➡ continue to *provide support* in the on-going research ➡*host* application information workshop for parents in the evening	➡learn how to apply on-line ➡ make *final choices* from on-going research ➡start a file for important information and documents ➡ *complete* application on-line no later than Feb. 1, 2026 www.ontariocolleges.ca Instruction guide for completing application is also available on this site.		➡ once payment is received, *send* information data to colleges	➡ *attend* parents' information session ➡ *help* student make final choices ➡ *help* student to complete application on-line ➡ *complete* application on-line no later than Feb. 1, 2026 – www.ontariocolleges.ca Instruction guide for completing application is also available on this site.

	Guidance	Student	Board Data Centre	OUAC	Parent/Guardian
Feb. to May	→ *answer* questions & concerns about on-going information → *give advice* on the acceptance of offers and alternative possibilities → *encourage* students to visit OSAP website for financial assistance information	→ *read & keep a file*, respond when necessary to <u>all</u> college communication → *keep track* of deadlines, required additional/supplemental information (often may do this on-line) → *follow* all directions re: residence, bursary applications, etc. → may *make changes*, on line, if program is still accepting applications → complete residence, bursary applications, etc. → review academic data sent to OCAS containing final grades → *accept* offer by deadline → *notify* Guidance of your choice → *apply* on-line for OSAP	→ *send* academic information to OCAS	→ *forward* updated academic information to colleges → *forward* admission responses to students on behalf of colleges	→ *encourage* students to keep track of all information → *encourage* students to read & heed <u>all</u> information → *assist* with final decision and follow-up requirements → *provide* necessary information for OSAP application

Who Does What? - UNIVERSITY

	Guidance	Student	Board Data Centre	OUAC	Parent/Guardian
Sept. to Dec.	➜ *provide* research materials ➜ *explain* research materials ➜ *generate* potential applicants list	➜ *Do the Research:* *Grade 12 Google Classroom:* Information on University calendars visits, application details, scholarship info and opportunities ➜ *use:* www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca ➜ *visit:* Sept 27-28 - Ontario Universities Fair Metro Toronto Convention Center www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca ➜ *speak with:* Liaison officers; current students; guidance counsellors, parents	➜ *send* autobiographical and academic information to OUAC	➜ *maintain* website (www.ouac.on.ca) ➜ *maintain* website Ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca (Continually updated website version of INFO) ➜ *keep* student information records	➜ *help* in the research. eg. visit a campus with your son/daughter
Oct. to Jan. 15, 2026 deadline	➜ *prepare* on-line application workshop for students ➜ *provide* student with OEN number to access application process ➜ *provide* application information for parents ➜ continue to *provide support* in the on-going research	➜ *learn* how to apply on-line ➜ *start* a file for important information and documents ➜ review academic data sent for semester 1 midterm grades ➜ make *final choices* from on-going research ➜ *complete* application on-line no later than Jan.15,2025 www.ouac.on.ca (Tutorials to assist with application also available on this site)		➜ once payment is received, *send* information data to universities	➜ *attend* parents' information workshop ➜ *help* student make final choices ➜ *help* student to complete application on-line no later than Jan.15, 2026 www.ouac.on.ca (Tutorials to assist with application also available on this site)

	Guidance	Student	Board Data Centre	OUAC	Parent/Guardian
Feb. to June	➜ *answer* questions & concerns about on-going information ➜ *give advice* on acceptance of offers and alternative possibilities ➜ *encourage* students to visit OSAP website for financial assistance information	➜ *read & keep a file*, respond when necessary to <u>all</u> university communication ➜ *make necessary changes* on-line (may cost $) ➜ *keep track* of deadlines, required additional/supplemental information (often done on-line) ➜ *review* academic data sent to OUAC containing final grades ➜ *complete* residence, bursary applications, etc. ➜ *accept* offer by required deadline ➜ *notify* Guidance of your choice ➜ *apply* on-line for OSAP	➜ *send* academic information to OUAC	➜ *forward* updated academic information to universities ➜ *forward* admission response to applicant	➜ *encourage* students to keep track of all information ➜ *encourage* students to read & heed <u>all</u> information ➜ assist with final decision and follow-up requirements ➜ *provide* necessary information for OSAP on-line application