



Post-Secondary Overview

2026 - 2027

	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, 2027 (Equal Consideration Deadline)	January 15, 2027
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, 2027
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 26-27, 2026: Ontario Universities Fair Metro Toronto Convention Center www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca



SAMPLE COSTS / FEES

Examples based on 2026/2027 school year:

College	University
Durham College (Typical 2-semester program) Tuition ~\$2,800–\$8,000 Ancillary Fees & Levies ~\$900–\$1,100 Books, Supplies & Equip.ave ~\$800–\$1,500 Estimated total (commuting): \$4,500–\$10,600 Residence, if required: additional	Ontario Tech University (Undergraduate Programs) Tuition ~\$6,100–\$10,000+ Ancillary Fees ~\$2,500–\$3,500 Tech-enriched Learning ~\$130–\$860 U-Pass ~\$270 Student Organization Fee ~\$170 Books, supplies ~\$1,000–\$2,000 Estimated total (commuting): \$9,600–\$15,500+ Residence/housing: additional
Loyalist College (Standard Program) Tuition ~\$2,777/year Ancillary Fee ~\$700–\$1,200 Residence (Apt. Style) ~\$500–\$1,500 Books, supplies ~\$800–\$1,500 Estimated total (before residence): \$4,800–\$7,000 Residence: ~\$4,886–\$8,320+ depending on room type	Queen's University (Arts/Science Program) Tuition ~\$7,600+ Student Fees ~\$1,000 Books and Supplies ~\$1,100 Residence ~\$12,700–\$19,500 (Room/M meal Plan) Personal Expenses ~\$2,000+ Estimated total with residence: ~\$23,400–\$30,200+

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

September 26, 2026

The online application is available at ontariocolleges.ca.

February 1, 2027

The deadline for applying to highly competitive programs. Applications received and paid for on or before this date will be given equal consideration by the colleges.

NOTE: Applicants for all programs are encouraged to apply before this date, as website and call volumes are highest at this time.

Offer

November 1, 2026

The earliest date the colleges may release offers to applicants. Offers will continue to be issued until programs are filled or wait lists are established.

NOTE: Applicants who have not met admission requirements for a program may be notified at any time during the application process.

Accept

November 1, 2026

The earliest date that applicants may confirm an offer of admission.

May 1, 2027

The most common deadline for confirming offers of admission - but not the only one. Applicants should check their offers of admission for exact deadline dates.

June 1, 2027

The earliest date that colleges may require payment of tuition fees.

Data Transmission Schedule

Data files from school boards and/or high schools are due on the following dates:

October 9, 2026

The target date for demographics, marks history, and current and projected registrations for the entire school year. OCAS requires marks history for all courses taken in grades 9, 10, and 11.

November 19, 2026

The deadline for demographics, marks history, and current and projected registrations for the entire school year. OCAS requires marks history for all courses taken in grades 9, 10, and 11.

The deadline for first semester midterm marks. Schools may transmit interim marks for full-year courses as soon as they are available.

February 12, 2027

The deadline for first semester final marks and currently enrolled second semester courses. For non-semestered schools: Interim marks are due.

April 23, 2027

The deadline for second semester midterm marks. For non-semestered schools: Interim marks are due.

July 2, 2027

The deadline for all final marks and proof of graduation, regardless of the scheduling model.

August 6, 2027

The deadline for all final marks and/or summer school final marks and proof of graduation.

Need help with your transmission files? Email: service@ocas.ca

Ontario Universities (OUAC) - Important Dates and Timelines

August 2026

The OUAC launches Ontario Universities' Info and begins posting application material with updated information for fall 2027 admission.

November 5, 2026

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

November 19, 2026

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 26, 2026

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

January 15, 2027

Deadline for Ontario high school students to submit their completed applications to the OUAC.

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.

The initial application includes all final grades from completed Grade 11 and 12 courses and a list of all current-year courses in progress.

January 21, 2027

Target date for Ontario universities to receive all application data and grades from the OUAC for applications submitted by January 15, 2027.

February 11, 2027

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 18, 2027

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 22, 2027

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 3, 2027

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, 2027

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, 2027

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, 2027, but Ontario universities will not compel a student in any way to make a decision before this date.

July 8, 2027

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

July 15, 2027

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 2 to 31, 2027

The OUAC collects summer school grades from Ontario high schools and school boards.

**Electronic Transmission Dates for College and University
2026/2027**

	Last Day for Changes	Data will be uploaded on:	Deadline OCAS/OUAC
Demographics College	October 7, 2026	October 8	October 9
Demographics University	October 7, 2026	October 8	November 5
Mid Semester 1 or Interim Marks College & University	Nov 18, 2026	November 19	OCAS: Nov 19 OUAC: Nov 19
Interim or Final Semester 1 Marks College & University	Feb 10, 2027 (AM)	Feb 10 (PM)	OCAS: Feb 12 OUAC: Feb 11
Midterm Marks College & University	April 21, 2027 (AM)	April 21 (PM)	OCAS: April 23 OUAC: April 22
Final Marks College & University	July 2, 2027	July 2 (PM)	OCAS: July 2 OUAC: July 8
Final Marks & Summer School College & University	August 4, 2027	August 5	OCAS: Aug 6 OUAC: Aug 2-31

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

	<u>Guidance</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Board Data Centre</u>	<u>OCAS</u>	<u>Parent/Guardian</u>
Sept. to Dec.	→ <i>provide</i> research materials → <i>explain</i> research materials → <i>generate</i> potential applicants list → <i>provide</i> student with OEN number to access application process	→ <i>Do the Research:</i> <u>Grade 12 Google Classroom:</u> Information on Ontario College visits, application details, scholarship information and opportunities → <i>use:</i> www.ontariocolleges.ca → <i>Speak with:</i> Liaison officers; current students; guidance counsellors; parents	→ <i>send</i> autobiographical and academic information to OCAS	→ <i>Maintain</i> website (ontariocolleges.ca) → <i>Produce</i> Ontario College Handbook → <i>keep</i> student information records	→ <i>Help</i> in the research. eg. visit a campus with your student
Oct. to Feb. 1, 2027 deadline	→ <i>prepare</i> on-line application workshop → continue to <i>provide support</i> in the on-going research → <i>host</i> application information workshop for parents in the evening	→ learn how to apply on-line → make <i>final choices</i> from on-going research → start a file for important information and documents → <i>complete</i> 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, <i>send</i> information data to colleges	→ <i>attend</i> parents' information session → <i>help</i> student make final choices → <i>help</i> student to complete application on-line → <i>complete</i> application on-line no later than Feb. 1, 2026 – www.ontariocolleges.ca Instruction guide for completing application is also available on this site.

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

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