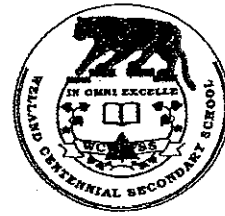




Post Secondary Students (University Bound)



Scholarships

YOU are responsible for researching all scholarship opportunities. We will help you and pass information along, but do not rely on us to be your only source of information. As information becomes available we will announce them and put them into a binder. Don't rely on everything being announced. Deadlines vary depending on the scholarship so be sure to pay close attention to due dates.

Do not approach a teacher for a reference letter and then say you need it tomorrow. Give them at least one week to put something together. When asking anyone for a reference letter, it is always helpful if you provide them with a 'brag' sheet listing your various accomplishments and volunteer experience etc., that you would like them to highlight. Provide as much information as you can. What you may view as insignificant may actually be a big deal.

Use the following site as a starting point for your scholarship research: dsbn.org/Awards/. From this site you will find other useful sites. You must watch how much time you spend on applying to scholarships. They can consume a lot of your time. (Remember, your first goal is getting the marks to get into university)

Bursaries

Bursaries are similar to scholarships but are not based on marks. They are usually based on financial need. Bursaries tend to be lesser known than scholarships, and therefore you may receive money you wouldn't expect in some cases, as fewer students apply.

OSAP Ontario Student Assistance Program: <http://osap.gov.on.ca>

You can not apply to OSAP until you have decided and accepted an offer of admissions to a post secondary school.

Be sure to apply to OSAP, whether you think you will qualify or not. It will open a lot of financial options for you down the road. Applying on line is **FREE**.

We will have a guest speaker dealing with OSAP at the school later in the spring. By this point many of you will have determined which university you plan to attend. Your OSAP questions are best asked to the guest speaker.

R E S E A R C H !

Make sure you research the programs and schools that you are interested in. **DO NOT** wait until the month before the deadline to start researching what you want to do. **WE WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS**, but can not make decisions for you. It is your future and as such, you need to do what makes **YOU** happy.

Admission Requirements:

You will graduate from Centennial with an OSSD (Ontario Secondary School Diploma). This is the 1st requirement for university admission. The other main requirement is a minimum of **6 grade 12 U / M** courses. Each university program will have other specific requirements. Do not assume that each program has the same requirements. For most schools, prerequisite courses will be included in your top 6, for the calculation of your average. Be sure to investigate the requirement for each school/program.

The Application Process:

Part A: RESEARCH! eINFO www.electronicinfo.ca

Select the **ACCOUNT** tab. Create an account if this is your first time. This will allow you to record and track your research.

Research Your Programs by **PROGRAM** or **University**.

Take a look at the **Important Information** tab. Read the schools policies on **multiple offers**, **alternate offers**, **prerequisites** etc., if available. Program comparisons can also be made here.

Part B: APPLYING This is usually done in mid November.

Ontario University Application Centre: (OUAC) <http://www.ouac.on.ca>

You will use this site to apply to university.

You will apply using the **OUAC 101** application.

In order to apply you will need your **PIN #** which will be available in mid November. These will be distributed in the Guidance office. Stop by to pick them up once you hear the announcements. (Write down your PIN# and password, do not lose it!). Record it somewhere safe at home.

You can begin the application process as soon as you receive your PIN #, but this is the last step in the process. You should be researching through the **eINFO** site, and by going to the website at each university for the program you are interested in. Physically visit the university if at all possible.

Use the following site to access specific information about each school/program (alternate offers, multiple offers, residence info. etc.)

<http://www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101/>

Important Dates:

December 21, 2012	Date that we recommend you complete your application by. Changes can still be made up to the 7 th of February, 2012.
January 16, 2013	Final date to submit your application to OUAC. The system can and has crashed. You will be out of luck. Do not wait until this day. Apply early, you can change your mind up to the 5 th of February.
February 5, 2013	Final date to make any changes to your application for processing.
May 29, 2013	The latest date that university will issue a response.
June 3, 2013	The earliest date an acceptance is required. (You can and are encouraged to accept earlier)

You must accept on line at www.ouac.on.ca/101/ under "Review and Change Your Completed Application". Make sure you receive confirmation of acceptance.

Fee: \$130.00	This entitles you to 3 university programs
\$44.00	Fee charged for each additional university program selected after the initial 3 selections. (ie. 5 choices: \$130.00 + \$88.00 = \$218.00)

Payment Methods: Online: (Visa, MasterCard, American Express) Best Method

Parents and students are encouraged to speak **directly** with representatives from each university. There are (2) opportunities for this to occur:

The University Fair: **Metro Toronto Convention Centre (South Building)**
September 28th to 30th 2012 – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

University Information Program: **Sir Winston Churchill High School, St. Catharines**
Monday, Oct. 1st - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
St. Michael's High School, Niagara Falls
Tuesday, Oct. 2nd - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.