

This is an exciting and important year for all potential graduates. I look forward to working with you to help you through the process of moving from high school to your post-secondary destination successfully. I am here to help you make these important decisions but remember.....**it is ultimately your responsibility** to meet deadlines, search out available scholarships and to complete all applications on time. Let's work together to make this a successful year!

APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY?

Students planning to attend a university in Ontario will complete an on-line application in late October. I will provide you with instructions on how to register. The non-refundable fee of **\$150.00 to OUAC** allows you **three** university/program choices. If you wish to have more than three choices, you must pay an additional **\$50.00** for **each** additional selection. Any changes will incur a charge unless your new choice is at the same university as your previous choice. Deadline for submission of on-line applications to OUAC is **January 15, 2020** for equal consideration by the universities. You may still apply after this deadline but spots may be filled and you may not get your program choices.

Final marks for semester 1 courses will be submitted in February and mid-term marks for semester 2 will be submitted in April. Many entrance scholarships are based upon your best six grade 12 U/M marks. After these two transmissions you may hear about receiving a scholarship, while others will wait until final marks have been received in July.

Early acceptance may be received as early as February and the latest date by which applicants can expect a response from an Ontario university is **May 27th**. The earliest date you may be required to respond to an admission offer is **June 1st**. In general, early decisions will be based on results achieved in grade 12 U/M courses, including the required courses where applicable. All offers of admission will carry explicit conditions to be met with respect to final marks. In other words, if your semester 2 marks end up being significantly lower, you may find that your offer(s) will be rescinded.

APPLYING TO COLLEGE?

Students planning to attend a college in Ontario will complete an on-line application in late October. I will provide you with instructions on how to register. The fee of **\$95.00 to OCAS** will give you **five** choices of schools or programs, with no more than three choices at any one school. **February 1, 2020** is the date for equal consideration by the colleges but is not the deadline for submitting applications to OCAS. **Note that applications to "Highly Competitive Programs" must be received by this date in order to be considered. As these programs receive a high volume of applicants, all seats may be filled by February 1st.** You may still apply after this deadline but spots may be filled and you may not get your program choices. February 1st is also the earliest admission offer date and the earliest date that applicants may confirm an offer of admission. You must make your final choice by **May 1st**. First transmission of marks in November will include semester 1 midterm marks and grade 11 final marks.

DATES TO REMEMBER

<p>College Information Fair (All Ontario Colleges attending)</p> <p>Friday, October 18th @ St. Clair College 9:30 – 11:30am (Drivers needed)</p>	<p>Ontario Universities Fair September 27-29 @ Metro Toronto Convention Centre</p> <p>University Information Program (All Ontario Universities attending)</p> <p>Tuesday, November 5th @ Kingsville DHS 12:00-1:30pm (Drivers needed)</p>
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RESEACHING POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

Valuable tools:

- University bound students – *eINFO* – www.electronicinfo.ca
 - You will find information on programs, admission requirements, academic cut-offs, residence living and expenses
- College bound students – *Find a Program* – www.ontariocolleges.ca
 - You will find information on programs, admission requirements, academic cut-offs, residence living and expenses
- View books and calendars for most Ontario universities and colleges and schools in other provinces can be found in the Library
- The internet is a very valuable resource for research! Try individual college and university websites as well as the following for additional information:

Programs

www.ontransfer.ca
www.gotocollege.ca
www.schoolfinder.com
www.campusaccess.com

Financing/Scholarships

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

Jobs/Careers

www.apprenticesearch.com
www.jobbank.gc.ca
www.youth.gc.ca

LOOKING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

There are currently over 60,000 Canadian scholarships, awards and bursaries available. Search the following sites (as well as those above) to find money that suits you and your needs:

www.ontarioscholarships.ca
<https://www.ontario.ca>
www.universitystudy.ca
www.findmyscholarships.com

As well, I will be getting information from a variety of local business who offer scholarships. These begin arriving in semester 2.

Remember, not all scholarships/awards are based solely on academic record. Many consider community activities, leadership and athletics, while some will require an essay. Others are offered to specific groups based on parental employment, heritage, or financial need. There are also automatic entrance scholarships that are offered by universities and colleges.

PLEASE NOTE:

Community service hours are a requirement for your diploma. You should have completed your 40 hours by the end of April and handed in to the office by **May 1st**.

UMEI's Week at a Glance will indicate when a university or college rep is coming to visit. All grade 12s are expected to take part in the presentations.

All universities and colleges have **Open Houses** in the fall and over March break. Be sure to check out their individual websites to get the dates. It is highly recommended that you visit school campuses that you are interested in.