

Highland Post-secondary Application Guide 2010-11

Step 1: Do Your Research in September and October

- For College, use www.ontariocolleges.ca and/or the [Ontario College Guide](#)
- For University, use www.electronicinfo.ca
- Hard copies of these documents and Ontario College and University Calendars are available in guidance

Note: the websites are more accurate than the books because they are continually updated. Look at the individual school websites as well.

What do you need to know? The following information:

- **Admission requirements**
 1. What high school courses do you need?
 2. What was last year's cut-off average for your program choice?
 3. Are there supplementary forms that you need to send in? If so, when?
 4. Is there an interview, portfolio or anything else needed?
- **Costs**
- **Residence options**
 1. Where?
 2. Who can get in? How do you apply?
 3. Other living options?
- **Scholarships and Bursaries**
 1. What does each school offer?
 2. What other options do you have?
 3. How does OSAP work?

Note: there are scholarship websites available like www.scholarshipscanada.com, www.studentawards.com, www.resps.org/scholarships * Listen to announcements and keep checking First Class for updated information**

Talk to people – check out your options...

- Schedule a campus tour or visit a college or university open house (see the school websites and Highland posters for dates)
- Go to College and University Fairs or Information Programs to talk to many school representatives (take your parents – they have questions too)
- Sign up in guidance for the various college/university presentations at Highland as posted in the First Class Conference (note: you will have to ask your teachers' permission to miss class before signing up in guidance)

Ontario College Information Fair	Toronto	Tuesday, Oct. 19	www.aprod.com
College Information Program	Mohawk College	Tues, Oct. 26	www.ocas.ca
Ontario Universities' Fair	Toronto	Sept. 24-26	www.ouf.ca
University Information Program	Glendale S.S.	Oct. 15, 9:00 a.m.	Sign up in guidance
Atlantic University Fair	Westdale S.S. caf.	October 6, 1:30 p.m.	Sign up in guidance
Quebec Universities presentation	Westdale S.S. aud.	Oct. 28, 6:00 p.m.	Sign up in guidance
B.C. University Fair	Westdale S.S.	TBA	

Step 2: Ensure you are on Mrs. Lawson's Potential Grad list

Mrs. Lawson will meet with you in September to make sure you will have all of your required courses, check your community service hours, review graduation procedures and discuss post-secondary options. If you are eligible to graduate, you become a potential grad.

After this meeting, you will be expected to come to us when you have questions, listen to announcements for post-secondary visit information, and attend all graduation meetings announced over the PA.

You will not graduate without handing in a record of your 40 hours! Please hand the paperwork to Mrs. Ryce in guidance ASAP...she needs to record all the hours individually, so we need everyone to hand them in once they are finished 40 hours.

If you would like to be considered for awards at graduation or school-nominated scholarships, the grad committee asks that you fill out a **Graduation Awards Self-Nomination Form** (find it in the First Class conference) and hand it in to the guidance office by October 31 – please be neat and thorough.

Step 3: Apply

- All applications to college and university are completed online. You must pay attention to deadlines – to be considered before the programs fill up, you will apply to university *before* the new year and to college by the end of January.
- In late October/early November, Mrs. Lawson will receive your Personal Identification Numbers from **OUAC** (Ontario University Application Centre). **Listen to announcements** to know when to come to guidance to get your number and start your on-line application process. The **OCAS** (Ontario College Application Centre) application needs your 9-digit Ontario Education Number (found on your report card).
- We will have application tutorials in November - sign up for a **lunch hour** tutorial (there will be one in period 3 and a few in period 4) to learn how to apply on-line
- **We will go over details at the tutorials, but be sure to follow the online instructions and deadlines carefully. They can be found at www.electronicinfo.ca and www.ontariocolleges.ca**

*****Please check your First Class e-mail often – the grad committee will be using e-mail as a method of communication so we can reduce paper ☺**