

Highland Post-secondary Application Guide 2009-10

Step 1: Do Your Research in September and October

- For College, use www.ontariocolleges.ca and/or the [Ontario College Guide](#) (to get a copy, come to guidance)
- For University, use www.electronicinfo.ca
- 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 other scholarship websites available like www.scholarships.ca
*** Listen to announcements and keep checking the bulletin board outside guidance 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 the Ontario College Information Fair in Toronto (*Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009*), www.collegefair.ca or the College Information Program held at Mohawk College (*Wed., Oct. 28, 2009*)
- Go to the Ontario Universities' Fair in Toronto (*Sept. 25-27*), www.ouf.ca, or the University Information Program at Sir Thomas More S.S., Hamilton (*Oct. 15, 7pm*)
- Go to the BC Universities' Fair at Highland (*Wed., Nov. 4, 5:30-8:00pm*)
- Sign up in guidance for the various college/university presentations at Highland (note: you will have to ask your teachers' permission to miss class)

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. Woods 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, the grad committee asks that you fill out a grad bio and hand it in – please be neat and thorough.

Step 3: Apply

- In late October/early November, Mrs. Lawson will receive your Personal Identification Numbers from **OCAS** (Ontario College application Services) and **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
- 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 ☺**

*****Application tutorials, scholarship information and other important details about grad, prom and opportunities are all posted in the Graduating Students conference on your First Class desktop – show your parents!**