



Sir Allan MacNab University Application Seminar October 25, 2023



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Requirements for University Application

- OSSD
- 30 credits
- 40 Community of Community Service
- OSSLT (Literacy Test) or OSSLC (OLC401 Course)
- ENG4U

Requirements for University Application (Continued)

- ENG4U
- 5 other grade 12 U or M credits (some Universities limit the amount of “M” courses you can use to apply)
- Some specialty programs require specific Science or Math credits
- Specific schools will have other application requirements depending on the program (e.g. Queen’s Personal Statement of Experience)
- It is a student’s responsibility to ensure that they have completed all prerequisites for their chosen program

Volunteer Hours

- 40 hours of community involvement are required by May 1st, 2024 in order to be eligible to graduate and attend University or College.
- Find a community volunteer opportunity on MacNab's website (click on Student Services, click on Community Involvement, use the links)
- Talk to a guidance counsellor if you are struggling to secure your 40 volunteer hours

Volunteer Hours

For 2023/2024 - the number of community involvement hours required to graduate is **40 hours**. Some opportunities include:

City of Hamilton

Beautify Hamilton

YMCA

Environment Hamilton

Good Shepherd

Hamilton Public Library

Neighbour to Neighbour

Islamic Relief Canada

Blessings Church

HBSPCA – Hamilton Burlington SPCA

Food4Kids – F4K

Special Olympics

Habitat for Humanity

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Visa and International Students

- Visa and international students who have not been in Canada for four years will be required to take the TOEFL test or some other English requirement by most Universities.
- It is a student's responsibility to know the requirements for admission and identify which English language requirement is needed for their specific program
- Cost and arrangement for these tests is the responsibility of the individual student

Cost to Apply to University

- All fees are non-refundable. Your application will not be forwarded to your University choices until you submit full payment to the OUAC. Fees for withdrawn University choices are not refunded
- Base Application Fee is \$156 which includes the initial three University programs choices
- Payment methods: Payment by VISA, MasterCard, American Express (have your CV number ready) or online banking. Do not complete payment transactions at school



Cost to Apply to University (Continued)

- Additional choice fee is \$50 per additional choice for each University choice beyond the three that are included in the initial \$156 base fee. For example, you will be charged \$100 extra if you choose two additional programs. In this scenario, your application fee will be \$156 + \$100 for a total of \$256 for 5 choices
- Note: You may apply to as many Ontario Universities and programs as you wish, however, you are limited to a maximum of three program choices at any one University (including affiliates). Some Universities may further limit the number of programs to which you may apply



OUAC – Open for the Application Process

- [Undergraduate Application Guide | Ontario Universities' Application Centre \(ouac.on.ca\)](https://ouac.on.ca)
- To create an account students must use their OEN and Student Number (found on your status sheet, report card, or parent portal)
- Students must use their legal name and personal email
- International Service Fee of \$10 if you are not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant)
- Supplemental Program fees vary and cover the cost of the individual faculty admission process. The supplemental fee is non-refundable. An example is the \$50 SPF to apply to McMaster Engineering.



OUAC – Open for the Application Process

- Student must personally reach out to each individual University to change one's preferred name and or inform the University about a change in gender identification
- It is your responsibility to inform Student Services of any changes to your University application or of any courses taken outside of the regular school schedule (eLearning through CE, ILC courses, night school, etc.)

Information Required for University Applications

- Valid email (personal not HWDSB)
- All given legal names in full
- Legal surname (last name)
- Gender
- Date of birth
- Marital status
- Status in Canada
- Country of citizenship
- Arrival date in Canada (month, year)
- Another contact person
- Current phone number
- Address, including postal code
- Program code for each university (found on the einfo.ca site)
- Method of payment
- OEN (Ontario Ed Number)
- Student Number



Ontario University Application Centre

- OUAC is the organization that collects personal and grade information from University applicants and sends it on to the schools to which the applicant is applying
- The website for the University program search engine can be accessed by simply googling:

einfo (Select University)

or: www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca



Ontario University Application Centre

- Go to: www.ouac.on.ca to apply to Ontario Universities
- Important items that can be found on the website include:
 - FAQ'S
 - About Undergrad
 - Create an Account
 - How to Apply
 - How-to Videos
 - OUInfo Website (quicklink)
- During the application process, be sure to record the OUAC reference number you receive and keep it in a safe place. You require this number, along with your password for future access to your application and to respond to University offers of admission

Ontario Regional Universities' Fairs and Sessions

- Ontario Universities' Regional Fairs – Events run from September 25 to November 16 (various dates and locations across Ontario – registration required)
- Ontario Universities' Information Sessions – Events run from November 22 from 5-7pm (registration required)
- Looking for more information about Ontario universities? Visit the Ontario Universities' info (OUInfo) website for more in-depth information



Fall Preview Days/Spring Open Houses

- All Universities will host some type of campus experience – virtual and in-person in many cases
- Many Universities will want to host March Break Open Houses
- McMaster's open house is called May@Mac
- Participating in University tours is a great way to get a feel for what the University is like and whether or not it is a good fit!



Fall Preview Days

- McMaster University will host two Fall Preview Days (you can visit the campus). This is a great opportunity to see if you want to apply to a particular university (all universities have Fall Preview Days – contact them directly for more details)

Saturday, October 28th

and Saturday, November 18th – McMaster University

Goals for November

- Students have logged into OUAC and created an account
- Verify that your information is correct including grades
- Tentatively choose and save at least one program

Early Offers of Admission

- Students have no control over these offers
- Only some Universities use this marketing strategy
- Your application must be paid in full to qualify
- Early Offers are typically extended to students with 90%+ average in 6 G12 U/M courses and or the grade 11 prerequisite courses
- If Universities see that last year's 3U/3M as well as 4U/4M grades were comfortably higher than the estimated admission average for September 2023, you may receive an early offer
- Early offers are not issued for programs that require an audition, portfolio, or extensive supplemental information

Early Offers (Continued)

- **Round 1 (December)**
Grade 11 marks as well as any Grade 12 4U/4M courses that you have completed early, and grades from this current semester in progress uploaded after midterm grades are stored
- **Round 2 (March)**
Final grades and some Grade 11 marks are considered. This is the round that is referred to as “early offer”
- **Final Offers (May)**
Final offers are based on final grades from Semester 1 or previous years (if applicable) and semester 2 mid-term grades (if applicable)

Key Dates

- January 15, 2024
Deadline for Ontario University Application Centre. Students who have not applied by this date may not be considered for their University choices
- February 2024
Semester 1 final marks are submitted to OUAC. Students must check the accuracy of these grades
- April, 2024
Most early offers of admission are given (some exceptions). Students not eligible will be reconsidered in May

Key Dates

- April, 2024
Semester 2 mid-term grades are submitted to OUAC
- May 29, 2024
The latest date by which all applicants shall expect:
 1. An offer of admission
 2. A refusal, or
 3. A deferral pending the receipt of more information

Offers of Admission

- All offers of admission are conditional until you meet all requirements of admission
- Each conditional offer of admission will state the requirements of the offer.
For example: Student must maintain a minimum average of 80%
- All conditional offers of admission will be confirmed or rescinded in July after final grades have been submitted to OUAC in early July, 2024

After May...?

- Students who do not receive an offer by the May deadline must consider other options
- Some Universities will post available programs in early June through “Admission Information Services”
- Students can amend their application at this time and be considered for programs with available space

Accept!

- The deadline an Ontario high school student must reply to an Ontario university offer of admission and give a financial commitment (e.g., registration deposit, residence deposit, etc.) is:

June 3, 2024

Cost of Attending University

- Tuition and Ancillary Fees - \$10 000+
- Room and Board - \$10 000+
- Off-Campus Living - \$6 000+
- Books and Supplies - \$1 500+
- Personal Expenses - \$2 000+
- Total Cost for One Year - \$10 000 - \$30 000+

OSAP

- OSAP is a combination of grants and loans given to students who are pursuing post-secondary education
- OSAP is based on a series of criteria (family income, course load, program of study, etc.) to determine a student's eligibility
- You cannot apply for OSAP until you have been accepted and have confirmed your program choice
- Visit the following link for information on OSAP and apply:

<https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal>

Scholarships and Bursaries

Scholarships

- Are awarded for scholastic achievement (academics, school involvement, volunteerism, etc.)
- You do not pay back scholarships

Bursaries

- Are granted based on financial need (family income, student status, etc.)
- You do not pay back bursaries

Websites for Scholarships and Bursaries

StudentAwards.com

[Service Canada Centres for Youth](#)

[Ontario School Counsellors Association \(OSCA\)](#)

[Scholarship Report and Workshops](#)

Access to specific Scholarship and Bursary opportunities will be posted on the Student Services website and Guidance Hub page and advertised on the school announcements once they become available.

Email Ms. G. (pgeorgak@hwdsb.on.ca) if you want access to the password to the Scholarship Report and Workshops

Questions?

- Book an appointment with your guidance counsellor if you have any University questions in the coming days