

BROCK HIGH SCHOOL



COLLEGE

Application Information



2024/2025

RESEARCH YOUR OPTIONS

College Campus Visits

Please consider “visiting” several colleges as you will be spending 2-3 years of your life there. Most colleges have virtual open houses and tour days this year. Those dates are posted on the college websites.

Tip: November Break is November 1 – November 8 and March Break is March 7 - 14. Why not use those days to go on a virtual tour of the colleges you’re interested in? What a great time to check out some campuses!

OntarioColleges.ca

The site you'll use for your online application also has lots of information on the various colleges and their programs, as well as other information such as financing your college education. If you click on Find a Program, and then do a Search by Keyword, you will be able to search for programs that you're interested in. You can click on Save Your Favourites to be able to easily access the programs of interest to you. You'll also be able to compare programs between different colleges. Take some time to get to know your way around this incredibly useful site.

College Viewbooks

College Viewbooks are information books published by the Colleges containing:

- ✓ admission requirements
- ✓ awards and financial assistance
- ✓ fees and expenses
- ✓ list of programs offered
- ✓ course descriptions
- ✓ residence information
- ✓ student services such as library facilities, athletics and recreation facilities and programs, medical services, counselling services, etc.

You can find College Viewbooks at college presentations, in the Guidance Office, at the College Information Programs, and online on the college website.

Online

All colleges have their own websites. We recommend bookmarking the colleges that interest you. Also, make sure you use the websites listed in this package.

IMPORTANT DATES for 2024/2025

Date	Details
Anytime	Guidance counsellors are available for appointments for college-bound students. Your parents are welcome to attend as well. Please make an appointment by completing the form in your Google Classrooms.
September	Make sure you have the proper prerequisite courses for the college program that you are applying to!!!
Early October	Online application opens www.ontariocolleges.ca
Late September/ Early October	Classroom Visits – College Application Information
Oct. 15, 2024 (1:30-3)	Brock High School is hosting a College Fair. Come hear from representatives and ask questions about programs and campuses.
Nov. 1, 2024	The earliest date you may receive an offer of admission. Highly competitive programs will not make offers of admission prior to the application deadline of February 1.
January 2025	Have you done your online application? If not, you should get going on it NOW. Do not wait until the last minute – the number of applications increases as the deadline approaches, and the site has been known to slow down to a crawl. If you are having difficulty, see a Guidance Counsellor as soon as possible.
Feb. 1, 2025	Deadline for equal consideration of applications at OCAS – for those that have applied AND paid the \$150 fee. After this date, if there are spaces in a program, they'll be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. 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 1.
May 1, 2025	Applicants must confirm online their acceptance of an offer of admission to their chosen program. This is the most common deadline but not the only one. Check your offers of admission for more details.
June 1, 2025	Earliest date that colleges may require payment of tuition fees.

Note: Due to full disclosure, marks will be sent to OCAS for all courses you have taken and are currently taking, including those you are failing or withdrew from after 5 days following midterm.

Transmission of Data

Data transmissions are supplied to OCAS by the Durham District School Board.

Date	Details
November 14	1st data transmission. All available marks plus current enrolled second courses are sent in to OCAS by the school board. OCAS requires mark history for all courses (grade 9, 10, 11). About a week after, you should be able to check your marks online.
February 12	2nd data transmission. All available final and mid-term marks are submitted to OCAS by the school board. About a week after this you should be able to check your marks online.
April 23	3rd data transmission. All available final and mid-term marks are submitted to OCAS by the school board. About a week after this you should be able to check your marks online.
July 3	4th data transmission. Final marks and proof of graduation are sent to OCAS. About a week after this you should be able to check your marks online.
August 7	5th and final data transmission of summer school marks and proof of graduation.

CHECKLIST

Use an appropriate email address. Check the Spam folder regularly before deleting the contents.

Attend relevant college presentations, especially the Brock College Fair on October 15 (1:30-3pm) and/or the Ontario College Fair from 5-9pm on October 16 and from 9am-2pm on October 17 (Exhibition Place, Toronto – free, no registration required).

Do your research first so you don't waste your time or the presenter's time.

Ensure that you meet all prerequisites for the colleges and programs that interest you by checking the college's website.

Keep a record of your application number. You will need this number to contact OCAS and to write on any documents you submit to OCAS or to the colleges.

Keep a record of your username and password in a safe place.

Tip: make three copies of this information and put them in different locations.

Write your application number on all documents and forms you sent to OCAS.

Submit the application fee of \$150.

Note: your application will not be processed without fee payment.

Print a copy of your application for your records.

Attend the OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program) assembly in May/June.

Complete and submit your OSAP application.

YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION

Your OCAS Application Number

Your OCAS application number is important! When you complete your online application, an application number will be assigned to you electronically. It's a unique identifier that helps us track your application through the application process. You will need to keep your application number handy so that you can provide it if you need to call the Customer Contact Centre or the colleges.

Beginning Your Online Application

The online application can be accessed at **ontariocolleges.ca**.

To begin an application, click "Apply Now."

Note:

- ✓ Please visit the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) tab to assist you if you experience difficulty.
- ✓ There is an excellent *User Guide* (PDF) that takes you step to step through the application process. Click on Applying > e-materials and find the [Ontario College Application User Guide PDF file](#). *Students can Google the title and it is the first site.*

You may select up to five programs, with no more than three program choices at any one college. Colleges will give equal consideration to all program choices listed so long as you apply before February 1, 2025. Be sure to list your choices in order of preference. The colleges use this information for statistical purposes.

Once you set up an account, you may return to your application to make changes or check the status of your application. If your changes are received after February 1, this may affect the "equal consideration" of your application.

Required Fields

Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required. You will not be able to submit the page unless these fields are completed. Required fields include personal information such as your name, address, date of birth, citizenship, etc. Social Insurance Number (SIN) is not a required field.

Current Ontario High School Students

After your application processing fee has been received and processed, you will be able to view your grades online. You can check your grades online by early December, early March, early May, and mid-July. **Please see Guidance if you have any questions or if you think there are errors.**

How to Pay The Application Fees:

- Online: Pay by Visa, Mastercard, or American Express using the secure online payment form. Direct (phone) or online banking is also available.
- Telephone: Pay by telephone using your Visa, Mastercard, or American Express by calling the Customer Contact Centre toll-free at 1-888-892-2228.
- Mail: You may also mail a credit card payment, money order, or certified cheque by completing and returning the Payment Form which you can print from the ontariocolleges.ca website. Your payment should be made payable to "OntarioColleges.ca". Write your Application Number on the front of your payment. **Personal cheques are not accepted.**

Application Processing Fee (\$150)

The \$150 application processing fee covers all college and program choice changes made to the original application for the 2025-2026 academic year. There are no exemptions from this fee. Applications submitted without the application processing fee will not be forwarded to your college choices. **The date the payment is received will be considered to be the date your application is received.**

Do NOT send cash through the mail.

For more information, contact Ontario Colleges at: 1-888-892-2228
Ask-us@ontariocolleges.ca
HOURS OF OPERATION
8:30am - 5:00pm Mon.-Fri.

Please see Guidance if you have questions or difficulties with your application, or would like to use a school computer to complete the application.

College phone numbers and addresses can be found in college calendars and on the ontariocolleges.ca website.

College Information and Transfer Credits

ontransfer.ca

Information about transferring from college to university.

gotocollege.ca

A comprehensive website about colleges in Canada with lots of useful links including etours. Go to "For Students, Parents and Guidance Counsellors" and click "Enter Here."

OFFER OF ADMISSION

Admission Decisions

Colleges will begin to inform applicants of their admission decisions for Fall 2025 programs as early as November 1, 2024. Highly competitive programs will not send out offers of admission until after the February 1, 2025 Equal Consideration Deadline. Admission decisions for programs that start at other times of the year will be sent out throughout the year.

Confirmation of Acceptance

You could receive more than one Offer of Admission depending on the number of colleges and programs to which you have applied.

Confirm the offer to the college of your choice on or before the expiry date indicated by the college. You may accept only one offer at a time. Use the ontariocolleges.ca site to confirm the offer.

Changes to Your Confirmation of Acceptance

If after accepting an Offer of Admission, you change your mind or receive another offer that you prefer, you may accept the new offer after one business day has passed, so long as you confirm the offer through ontariocolleges.ca by the expiry date stated by the college. [Ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca) will inform the college that you have accepted its offer and your current acceptance will automatically cancel your previous acceptance.

Applicants Who Have Not Been Offered Admission

If you were not accepted into your chosen program, use the "*Find a Program*" feature on the website to search for up-to-date information about other programs offered and their availability (open, wait-list, or closed). Students may be offered alternate programs that are similar to the ones applied for if their chosen program is full or if they did not qualify.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Here are some of the sources of financial assistance available in Ontario.

www.canlearn.ca Financial aid help

O.S.A.P. (Ontario Student Assistance Program) - osap.gov.on.ca

Assists qualifying full-time and part-time students from Ontario. Students may use the online calculator to determine if they qualify for OSAP.

Apply after you have accepted an offer of admission. You should submit your OSAP online application at least 10 weeks before classes begin.

There is no charge for applications filed through the OSAP website.

Canada Millennium Scholarship Awards - millenniumscholarships.ca

Bursaries may range from \$1000 to \$4500 (\$3000 on average, up to a lifetime limit of over \$23 000) and are granted to full-time undergraduate students with significant financial need.

Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship for Colleges - Garfieldwestonawards.ca

Up to 25 awards ranging from \$2500 and up, based on demonstrated leadership potential and community involvement.

Students entering two or three-year college diploma programs are eligible. Some bachelor's degree programs are also eligible.

Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Tuition Scholarship - osap.gov.on.ca

Provides awards of up to \$3500 per year, renewable for up to four years.

Aid for students who earn top marks, but require financial assistance

Check "yes" on the OASP application if you intend to apply for this scholarship.

College Scholarships and Bursaries – Entrance Scholarships

The colleges offer their own scholarships and bursaries. Be sure you look into this because a bit of time spent on the application can result in money for you.

Brock's Scholarships and Bursaries

Brock distributes thousands of dollars at Commencement each year. Be sure to check the Grade 12 Google Classroom often see new information about scholarships, bursaries, and updates. The Scholarship Report is posted in the classroom and is a valuable resource.

TIP FOR ALL GRADUATES

Start a Portfolio – a safe, organized binder/folder to keep your education documents.

Documents might include report cards (especially from Grade 12), IEPs, diplomas, etc.

High schools do not keep these records in your OSR for all eternity. Also, diplomas are not re-issued – you get only one copy. **Keep it safe! Please keep a copy of all your**

community hours. The school only keeps a record of the first 40 hours that you complete.

SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

www.yconic.com

This site provides information on over \$82 million in opportunities that will fit into the profile it creates for you. It is devoted to helping high school, college, and university students to find information on scholarships, bursaries, grants, and other forms of financial assistance.

www.scholarshipscanada.com

Students will have access to an extensive database of scholarships, student awards, bursaries, and grants. Also included is information about student loans, applications, and budget planning.

www.studentscholarships.org

This site allows students to create a profile and receive regular updates matching their criteria. The general site allows students to view hundreds of scholarships with a variety of criteria. Students may also link and obtain information on numerous colleges and universities by province.

www.scholarshipguidance.com

Here's a site that links you to scholarship opportunities throughout North America. Be sure to carefully check the criteria: many scholarships are specific to American students, but the site also includes links to scholarships for Canadians, including some at Canadian Universities and Colleges.

<http://scholarships.rbc.com>

There are several scholarships in several categories worth over \$300,000 per year:

1. RBC Students Leading Change Scholarships for undergraduates
2. RBC Royal Bank Scholarship for Aboriginal Students
3. RBC Scholarships for children of RBC Employees.

www.schoolfinder.com

Here is an extensive database assisting students in finding scholarships, student awards, bursaries, and grants. There is also valuable information about student loans, application processes, and budget planning. Featured scholarships are regularly updated.

www.finaid.org/scholarships/

FinAid lists financial aid resources for Canadian students and maintains databases and publications to help students locate scholarships and fellowships.

SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

www.gov.mb.ca/educate/sfa/pages/sfaFrontDoor.en.html

Apply for student aid or student grants.

www.sportmanitoba.ca/page.php?id=43

This site is for students who have participated in sports at the provincial level and who are continuing their education at the post-secondary level.

www.scholarshipscanadian.com

This site provides links for students planning to enter post-secondary studies. The site also includes a link for international students.

www.aucc.ca/programs-services/scholarships

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada administers more than 130 scholarships, fellowships, and internship programs on behalf of governments, foundations and private sector companies. Students should check with their parents to see if the AUCC administers scholarships for their parent's place of employment. The site also has a link for international students.

www.studycanada.ca

Canadian Scholarship for International Students provides links to institutions with scholarship for international students.

www.schoolsincanada.com

Canada Scholarships for International Students allows students to link directly with institutions in order to obtain specific information relative to their person profile and circumstances.

www.educationalau-incanada.ca

International students can search for scholarship information to institutions within Canada