

# Applying to College?



# Our Process...

- All current grade 12 students can view a **College Information presentation** delivered by the MCVI **Guidance department**.
- **Guidance Counsellors** communicate with grade 11 classrooms to **stress the importance of grade 11 marks** and of researching post-secondary options early.
- Grade 12 students can attend our **Guidance Study Hall** sessions available via Google Meet on Thursdays throughout the school year.



# University or College?



- If considering both types of post secondary education, students need to make an **informed decision** about whether to **attend university or college**.
- Both provide **different types of education** with different benefits, costs, and time commitments.
- Whatever you decide - this is likely the **most important research project** of your life thus far!

# University

- **Subject specific**  
(ie. English, Biology)
- **Independent learner**  
(less time in lectures and labs, more homework)
- 4+ years

# College

- **Job specific**  
(ie. Paramedic)
- **Dependent learner**  
(hands-on learning with expert in field)
- 1, 2, or 3 years



# College Designations

- Certificate - (1 year)
- Diploma - (2-3 years)
- Applied Degree - (4 years)
- Collaborative Degree
- Apprenticeship



# Cost of College Programs

## Living away:

\$12,000 to \$25,000 +

(\$3K to \$14K tuition + books + ancillary fees + living expenses + entertainment)

## Living at home:

\$6,000 to \$16,000 +

(\$3K to \$14K tuition + books + transportation + ancillary fees)



# Decisions to be Made

- 1. School** Which school is the best fit ?
- 2. Program Category** Media & Design, Health Services, Engineering Technology, Business & IT, Emergency Services, etc.
- 3. Program** Nursing, Accounting, Dental Hygiene, etc.



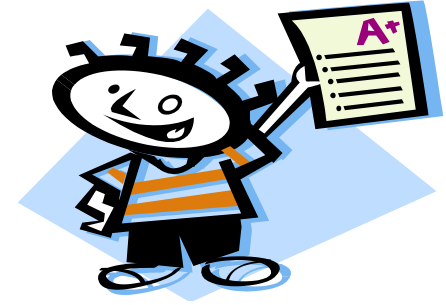
# Things to Consider: Program Differences

- Which schools offer the program?
- What is the course of study? **Not all programs will offer the opportunities or the same depth of focus.**





# Things to Consider: Entrance Requirements



## College prerequisite courses

- **ENG4C1** and a minimum of 3 more senior level credits coded as “C”, “M” or “U”.
- Many programs will have other required courses – usually Math or Science
- **Marks** - Oversubscribed program? Average thresholds will exist for highly-competitive programs – not others
- **Additional requirements sometimes needed;**
  - personal statement of experience
  - audition
  - portfolio

# Things to Consider:

## Workplace Pathways

- Several schools have college programs for workplace students that lead to highly rewarding and well-paid careers
- Many times successful completion of these Workplace programs can lead to entry into many more college programs
- Fleming, Conestoga, Centennial, and Mohawk are leaders in this area



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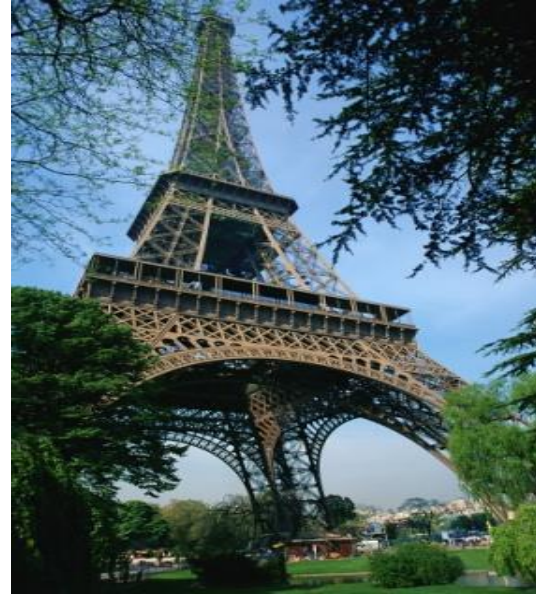
## Cooperative Education

- Paid work experience that helps students build their resume for future employment.
- Can take place in small blocks during alternate semesters or in larger 3-12 month blocks of time.
- Programs with co-op are often much more competitive.



# Things to Consider: Location

- Transportation to and from school.
- Cost of living (Oshawa vs. Toronto)  
Family Connections?
- Possibility of study abroad?



# Things to Consider: Off Campus Housing

- Most students will live in **residence for first year only**.
- Be aware of off-campus housing opportunities and costs.
  - Many leases are for 12 months even though you might only be at school for 8 months
  - You will enter into a formal landlord/tenant agreement and must uphold the terms of it.



# Things to Consider: Residence and Meal Plans

- Types of rooms (single, double, apartment)
- Washroom facilities (shared, co-ed)
- Meal plan costs and options



# College Research

- **Ontario College Information Fair (Virtual):** November 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-8:00 p.m. and November 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **Admission is free!**

**Registration and Schedule to be posted soon.**

<https://ontariocollegefair.ca/>

- **Attend College Open Houses:** **Durham College's** Fall Open House is a **Virtual** event and will be held on Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10am – 1pm



# Apprenticeships

- **In-School Training:** Colleges provide the in-school training portion of the apprenticeship program (about 10% of the total time commitment).
- **Certificate of Qualification Exams:**  
At the completion of your apprenticeship you will be able to write the C of Q exam.
- **Apprenticeship Grants:** Financial help is available through several ministry-funded programs.
- Visit [www.tradeability.ca](http://www.tradeability.ca) for more details.





# www.ontariocolleges.ca



Ontario's colleges are at the forefront of technology, innovation and workforce development, preparing students for success in the cutting-edge careers of tomorrow.



# College Application Fee

- Students may apply to **FIVE** programs for a fee of \$95.00. OCAS will send all information to the colleges. **Fee is non-refundable.**
- No more than **3** program choices from the same college.
- Fee can be paid through **on-line or telephone banking, credit card, or cheque.**

**\*\*Date funds are received is the date the application is processed\*\***



# Forwarding of Marks

The school sends marks to **OUAC** and **OCAS** at five different times this year:

- October            Student data file sent for **College/University** bound students
- November        **Quad 1** Final Marks
- February         **Quad 2** Final Marks
- April              **Quad 3** Final Marks
- July                **Quad 4** Final Marks and granting of **OSSD**
- Summer          Students must submit **summer school** marks themselves



# College Offers of Admission



**OFFERS** start February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

- Earliest release of offers by the colleges to all applicants. **Offers will continue** to be issued until programs are filled or wait-lists are established.

**ACCEPT** by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

- Applicants must **confirm their acceptance** of an offer of admission to their chosen program through [ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca) by this date.



# Conditional Offers of Admission

- **All offers of admission are conditional** unless a student has already completed enough required courses with the required entrance average.
- Offers are **firmed up in July** after final marks have been received.
- Other conditions may be **outlined with the offer of admission** (ie. completion of a required course).



# Financial Information

- Now is the time to discuss finances with the family. **Are there any funds available?**
- Begin **saving and budgeting.**
- **Costs will vary** from program to program, school to school and location to location.
- **Some programs at some schools have higher tuitions**, especially after first year (ex. Nursing, Dental Hygiene & Engineering).



# Types of Scholarships

Money can be received in different ways to help pay for an education:

## College Scholarships

- Because college students enter programs with a variety of different academic backgrounds college scholarship are often only available during the 2nd or 3rd year of a program.

## Scholarships requiring an application

- Includes faculty scholarships (i.e. Engineering), Special categories (i.e. ethnicity, language) and external scholarships (i.e. from parents workplace)

## Bursaries

- Grants awarded on the basis of financial need - often in conjunction with OSAP



# What You Can Do Now:

- Create a profile on [www.yconic.com](http://www.yconic.com) and other scholarship websites
- Complete and submit the **MCVI scholarship profile**
- Investigate whether **your employer or a parent's employer** has scholarship opportunities available
- Check out the **Financial Aid Office's website at each of the schools** to which you are applying





# Other Options:

## OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program)

- Student loans based on **financial need**.
- Parents will have to provide information from their **Income Tax return**.
- Ontario Student Access Guarantee.
- No repayment is required until six months after you have graduated and are no longer a student.
- [www.osap.gov.on.ca](http://www.osap.gov.on.ca) Look for the OSAP calculator!



## Student Line of Credit

- Many major banks have a “**student line of credit**.”
- Usually requires a **co-signer** (parent/guardian).
- Interest usually accumulates from the moment the loan begins, but there may be a grace period.



# 2019 Changes to OSAP Program

- **Elimination of the 6 month interest free** grace period – still no repayment required for 6 months after graduation.
- **No more free tuition.** Maximum **\$7100 in Grant money for public institutions** – the rest will be a loan that needs to be repaid. Maximum combined total in grants/loans is **\$14700**
- Increase in **per-semester loan money** available for low income families.
- Increase in expected student/parent annual contributions – **changing from \$3000 to \$3600.**
- Students can now **opt out of certain optional fees.** The new OSAP calculation will be based on compulsory fees only.



# Websites to Visit

## 1. [www.yconic.com](http://www.yconic.com)

- Create a profile and scholarship and bursary possibilities are sent to student

## 2. [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)

- One can search by 'school of study' or by 'field of study.'

## 3. [www.osap.gov.on.ca](http://www.osap.gov.on.ca) (Ontario Student Assistance Program)

- Obtain OSAP estimates, and visit the 'Grants and Bursaries' section. OSAP sponsors student scholarships

## 4. [www.scholartree.ca](http://www.scholartree.ca)

## 5. [www.ontario.ca/page/student-loans-grants-scholarships](http://www.ontario.ca/page/student-loans-grants-scholarships)



# Paying Fees

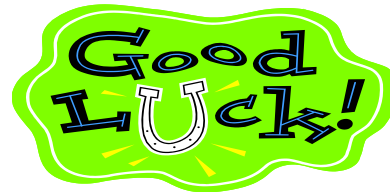
Colleges will not request payments before **mid-June** in 2021.

- Tuition and residence payments may be **requested in the summer**.
- **Payment deferrals** have to be set up through the school's Financial Aid Office.
- OSAP is usually not released **until September**.



# Our Advice to Students....

- It is **normal to feel overwhelmed at first** when considering all of your options. This year is definitely different but most of the processes remain the same
- You have **plenty of time** to research! (as of right now... the clock is ticking!)
- Concentrate on your classes and **try to achieve the best marks possible.**
- Guidance staff is available to help you.



# Guidance Contacts

- Mr. Couch
  - Colleges
  - American Schools, SATs
- Mrs. Flintoff
  - Universities
  - International Study
- Ms. Soln
  - Scholarships

