

When should I apply to College? You may apply to college as soon as the application is available in October. While there are no deadlines to apply to college in Ontario, applications received on or before the [Equal Consideration Date](#), of Feb 1 2014 for programs starting in September, will be given equal consideration. Although offers are not made to students prior to Feb 1, many colleges review applications as they are received and begin to fill their programs. We strongly advise you to submit your college application prior to the Christmas Holidays. After Christmas, exam reviews, then exams and high volume of users on the OCAS website can result in you missing the application deadline.

This is particularly important for those applying to college programs that are considered highly competitive; a program for which the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of seats for the fall term.

After the Equal Consideration Date, applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis. For programs beginning at other times of the year, please contact the individual colleges for more information about application processing dates.

How do I apply to College? You apply electronically at www.ontariocolleges.ca. You may select 5 college programs in Ontario for the fee of \$95.

For your application to be processed, the non-refundable application processing fee must be paid in Canadian funds. The fee for the application is \$95. The application fee covers the application processing costs, as well as any college or program changes made to the original application. Please note that there are no exemptions from the application fee. Depending upon the type of applicant you are, other fees may apply.

You can pay online using Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. You may also pay directly from your bank account with online banking. If you do not wish to pay online, your payment can be processed over the telephone.

Payment is also accepted through the mail, by money order or certified cheque only. Do not send cash in the mail. Cheques should be made out to ontariocolleges.ca and should clearly indicate your application number.

All fees are non-refundable. There will be an additional \$25 fee for returned items (e.g. cheques, money orders, etc.). This fee applies to all items returned to the processes centre for any reason including NSF, a closed account, stopped payment, post-dated etc.

What courses do I need to get into a college program? Some college programs look at your grade 11 and 12 English marks plus any other courses required for the program. Other colleges will consider only your grade 12 marks. You can explore the academic requirements for each college program at www.ontariocolleges.ca *Applicants are responsible to ensure they complete any special prerequisites required for admission (such as specific courses, medical forms, admission essays or testing). These requirements are listed as, requirements in the individual college calendars.

How do I find More Information about College Programs? You can attend the college presentations at Resurrection (dates posted in your homerooms), or you can arrange a tour at a college, or you can explore colleges electronically at ontariocolleges.ca or you can plan to attend the College Information Day at Conestoga College on October 17th 11am-1:30pm and 5-7pm. A representative from each college in Ontario will be present to discuss programs with you and your parents.

How do I accept an offer when I receive one? A college will notify you electronically on your ontariocollege.ca account to make an offer of admission. You can accept a college offer online at www.ontariocolleges.ca . Once you accept an offer other colleges will not consider your application. If you do not accept a college's offer before the deadline they have provided you, the college will offer the spot to another student instead.

How much does College cost? Tuition for a year of college may vary from \$4500-\$7000 depending on the program. Text books and living expenses (apartment, food, and transportation) are extra and vary based on the location of the college and the program you select. Specific costs are listed on each college's website.

How will I afford College? Very few students save up enough money to finance their whole college education before they begin. Some students choose to work for a semester to save money. Other students enter co-op programs in college to gain valuable work experience and to help pay for their expenses. Government loans (including 30% off tuition) are available to students through www.osap.gov.on.ca (spring is the time to apply for these). Many students choose a college program close to home to help reduce living expenses. Scholarships, bursaries and awards are available if you research them and apply! Check out the Resurrection Guidance website for posted scholarships. Each college also has specific scholarships, awards, and financial aid available if you enquire. If you wish to continue your education at college, financially it can be arranged!