

# NEXT STEPS and CONVOCAATION



Grade 12  
February  
2026

# NEXT STEPS: COLLEGE

- Make sure you have PAID the \$150 fee
- Many programs still available if you haven't applied to all 5 already: Check OCAS website
- Marks sent to OCAS on Friday (Feb 13)
  - Make sure you signed the **Post-Secondary Institutions Disclosure of Information Consent Form** on School Cash Online to send marks
  - Next upload will be after midterms (April 24th)
- May 1: Most common deadline for confirming offers of admission (BUT not the only one so check your offer of admission)

Availability	Program	College	Campus	Start Date	Delivery		
Open	Civil Engineering Technician Program Code: 1629	Conestoga	Cambridge– Fountain Street	Sep 8, 2026	Full Time	Details	Apply
Open	Civil Engineering Technology (Optional Co-Op) Program Code: 0024	Conestoga	Cambridge– Fountain Street	Sep 8, 2026	Full Time	Details	Apply
Open	Computer Engineering Technology (Optional Co-Op) Program Code: 1060	Conestoga	Cambridge– Fountain Street	Sep 8, 2026	Full Time	Details	Apply

# NEXT STEPS: UNIVERSITY

- Marks will be uploaded to OUAC on Thurs. Feb 12th: GO AND CHECK!
  - Next upload will be after midterms (April 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Check your online portal often for deadlines and your “To Do List”  
(ie UWaterloo: Quest, Laurier: Loris)
- Many universities ask for additional information sheet (not really optional)  
For example:   AIF: UWaterloo – Engineering/Math/Accounting (Due Date: Jan 30/Feb 13)  
                  ABS: Laurier ( Due Date: April 25<sup>th</sup>)  
                  SPF: UofG (Due Date: April 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Early acceptance 😞 : Do not stress!! Many universities and programs won't offer

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- May 28: Last day you should expect a response (offer of admission or refusal)
- June 1: Accept or decline your offer (you do not need to make a decision before this date)
- Early June: Ontario universities posts lists of programs that still have spots available

# NEXT STEPS: COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY

- Can't decide/unsure where to go
  - Visit the campus and residences, speak to students and admissions
- Wait to accept an offer until all offers have come in
- Scholarships and Bursaries
  - Look under the RCSS website
  - Look at the scholarship/bursary website for the colleges and universities you applied to
- You can apply for residence after you have accepted an offer (check deadlines)
- Apply for OSAP (once you have accepted an offer)
  - Use the OSAP calculator



# NEXT STEPS: WORK

- Reach out to find your apprentice (trade unions)
- Brush up your resume and cover letter
- Apply in person not just online
- Go back to the places you have applied to and ask the manager if they received your application package
- Colleges have some programs available for students in the workplace pathway:  
See your Guidance Counsellor



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## Graduation Requirements

- 30 Credits (18 Compulsory & 12 Electives)
- 40 Volunteer/Community Service Hours  
(try to complete by May 1)
- Meet the OSSLT requirement (Literacy Test/OLC)
- Meet the online/elearning requirement

The opt out form can be found on the Guidance website where you can book appointments

<https://lf.wcdsb.ca/Forms/PS002F>

**What do you need to graduate?**

**18 compulsory credits**

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)\*
- 3 credits in mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
- 2 credits in science
- 1 credit in Canadian history
- 1 credit in Canadian geography
- 1 credit in the arts
- 1 credit in health and physical education
- 1 credit in French as a second language
- 0.5 credit in career studies
- 0.5 credit in civics

**Plus one credit from each of the following groups:**

- New** 1 *group 1*: additional credit in English, or French as a second language,\*\* or a Native language, or a classical or an international language, or social sciences and the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, or guidance and career education, or cooperative education\*\*\*
- New** 1 *group 2*: additional credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, or French as a second language,\*\* or cooperative education\*\*\*
- New** 1 *group 3*: additional credit in science (Grade 11 or 12), or technological education, or French as a second language,\*\* or computer studies, or cooperative education\*\*\*

**In addition, students must complete:**

- ✓ 12 optional credits†
- ✓ 40 hours of community involvement activities
- ✓ the provincial literacy requirement

\*A maximum of 3 credits in English as a second language (ESL) or English literacy development (ELD) may be counted towards the 4 compulsory credits in English, but the fourth must be a credit earned for a Grade 12 compulsory English course. \*\*In groups 1, 2, and 3, a maximum of 2 credits in French as a second language can count as compulsory credits, one from group 1 and one from either group 2 or group 3. \*\*\*A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits. †The 12 optional credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual credit courses.

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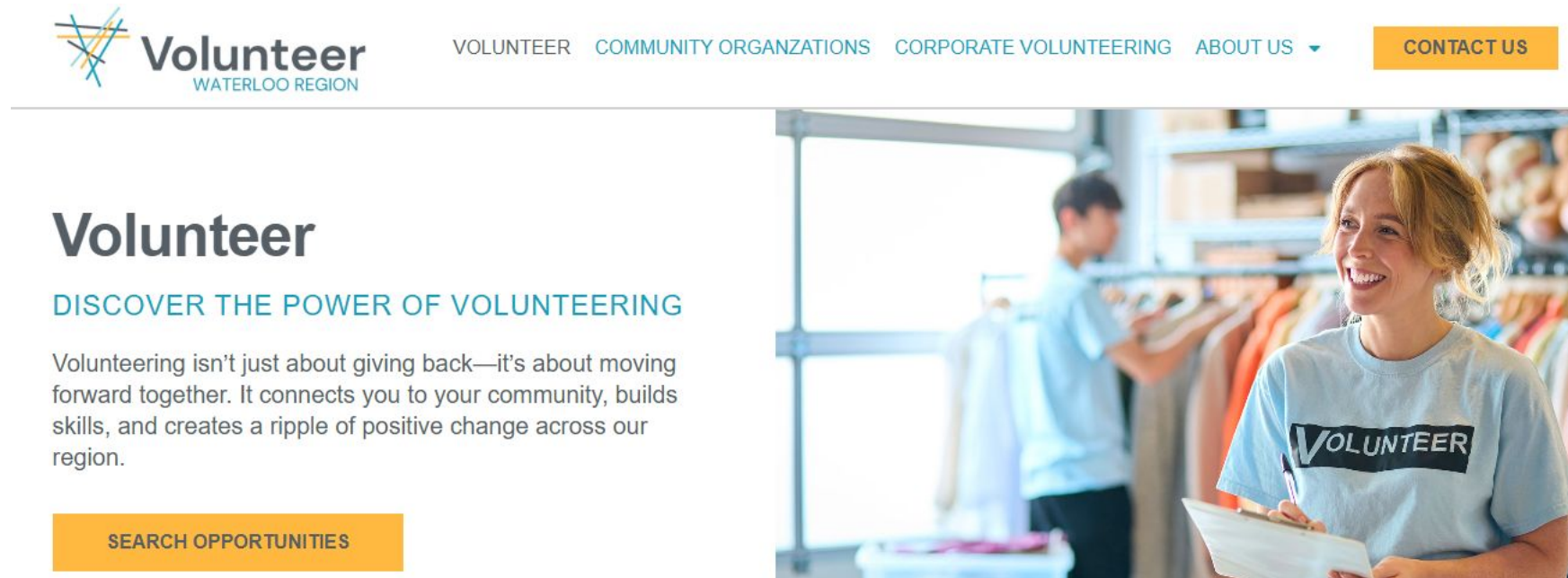
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# WHERE TO FIND COMMUNITY SERVICE/VOLUNTEER WORK

Google: Volunteer Waterloo Region

<https://volunteerwr.ca/volunteer/>


- Can search for volunteer opportunities by interest



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Volunteer Waterloo Region website. At the top left is the logo, which consists of a stylized 'V' made of intersecting lines in blue and orange, followed by the text 'Volunteer WATERLOO REGION'. To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with the following items: 'VOLUNTEER', 'COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS', 'CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING', and 'ABOUT US' with a dropdown arrow. A yellow button labeled 'CONTACT US' is positioned to the right of the navigation menu. Below the navigation is a large section with the heading 'Volunteer' in a large, bold, dark font. Underneath the heading is the sub-heading 'DISCOVER THE POWER OF VOLUNTEERING' in a smaller, blue font. Below this is a paragraph of text: 'Volunteering isn't just about giving back—it's about moving forward together. It connects you to your community, builds skills, and creates a ripple of positive change across our region.' At the bottom of this section is a yellow button labeled 'SEARCH OPPORTUNITIES'. To the right of the text is a photograph of a smiling woman with blonde hair, wearing a light blue t-shirt with the word 'VOLUNTEER' printed on it. She is holding a clipboard and a pen. In the background, another person is visible, and there are racks of clothing, suggesting a volunteer activity in a clothing store or donation center.

# WHERE TO SUBMIT VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

<https://lf.wcdsb.ca/Forms/APO015-01F>



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**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITY RECORD**

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Prior to starting your volunteer hours, please read the Community Involvement Manual and, in consultation with your parent(s)/guardian, select an activity from the Waterloo Catholic District School Board (WCDSB) list of approved activities.

**Note:** Pre-approval from your Principal is required in writing for any activity that is noted as ineligible.  
<https://el.wcdsb.ca/volunteer>

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

# RETURNING FOR A 5TH YEAR

-If you applied to college or university you no longer have access to Myblueprint

Email/see your Guidance counsellor once you decide not to accept an offer if you plan to come back

-Students who did not apply to College or University still have access

If you do not plan to come back please go into MBP and click “NOT RETURNING NEXT YEAR”. Any Grade 12 student who has not picked courses or done this by Feb 28 will automatically be deactivated from MBP

**High School** [Course Selection Resources](#)

Plan Courses

**Official High School Plan** Currently planning for Resurrection Catholic Secondary School [View Plans](#)

✖ Your courses are **Not Submitted**

[Not returning next year?](#)

**1** Step 1 Add Courses **2** Step 2 Review Courses **3** Step 3 Submit Courses [Review Course Selections](#)

**Graduation Indicator**

16/30  
REQUIRED CREDITS

# RETURNING FOR A 5TH YEAR CONTD.

- You must have a plan and will need to take a minimum of 3 courses a semester
- Course selections due Feb 28 in MyBlueprint
- St. Louis has many courses (online/in person) that you can complete in 7 weeks

**NOTE:** 5th year students may need to get approval from their administrator to return (dependent on attendance, success and behaviour)

# Convocation 2025/2026

Center in the Square  
Wednesday June 10, 2026  
7pm



# Important Dates

## Convocation Form and Fee:

**Overdue:** Form (Everyone fills in) **and** Fee (if attending)

## Convocation Photos:

**March 2th to March 11th** - In the Dance Studio - Appointments will be sent to school email this week if you have paid and filled in the form.

## Self nominations for grad awards

**Mid March** - all students will be required to fill in a Google Form

## Valedictorian Nominations

**April 10th** - Forms Due More information to Follow

## Convocation Honour Day:

**May 15th** - In the Gym

## Convocation:

**Date:** June 10th 7pm at Center in the Square- Students will arrive earlier - More information to follow

# COMMUNICATION

Keep checking the Convocation Website for more information.

<https://resurrection.wcdsb.ca/grad>

**CHECK YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL  
*EVERYDAY* FOR UPDATES AND  
IMPORTANT REMINDERS!!!**

# QUESTIONS

Speak to your Guidance Counsellor!



**A-Ch: Mr. Kritz**

**Ci-Gi & International: Ms. Iley**

**Gl-Ma: Ms. McQuinn**

**Mc-R & ELD program: Mr. Meyer**

**S-Z: Ms. Jayasundera**