

# Postsecondary Education Notes

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## Not sure what University or programs to apply to?

\*[www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca)

to find your ideal program and the course prerequisites, information on each Ontario university, costs, and more

\*[www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) to compare Ontario colleges and programs

\*Ask your school guidance counsellor for advice

\*Browse university/college websites and in-person or virtual orientations

## Get Your Application Fee Paid For!

If you are, or have ever been, in extended society care (formerly a crown ward) your application fee (\$110 college fee/ \$150 University) can be reimbursed through an application at:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-postsecondary-application-fee-reimbursement-program>

Other conditions to the reimbursement are that you haven't completed a post-sec diploma already, and that you have applied to OSAP.



Though the Children's Aid Society of Nipissing & Parry Sound does not pay for student's postsecondary education, we can help you to connect to many financial supports.



## Applying and Accepting

### College

Apply to any publicly funded Ontario college program at the OCAS website:

[www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca).

Applications typically open in early October, but you have until the February 1<sup>st</sup> equal consideration deadline to apply.

You can still apply after February 1<sup>st</sup>, but some programs might be full.

Watch a video tutorial on how to apply for college here: [How to Apply to Public Colleges in Ontario - YouTube](#)

The cost for an application is \$110. This allows you to apply to up to 5 program choices (no more than 3 at any one college); the programs must start within the same academic year (August to July).

You will typically begin to hear back with offers via email in March-April and must formally confirm an offer by May 1<sup>st</sup> on the OCAS website.

Once you confirm acceptance, you will start getting emails directly from your college via email with a student number and instructions to set up a student account.

### Start Saving!

Most Colleges and Universities require a Tuition Deposit on June 1<sup>st</sup> to hold your seat. Typically, \$250 for college and \$500 for university.

### University

Apply to any publicly funded Ontario university program at the OUAC website:

[www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca)

Detailed instructions for applications, for both current and non-current high school students are available through the how-to-video tab.

(Note that to create a OUAC you will need a MIDENT number (received from your school at the end of November.)

Applications typically open in early December, and close on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Watch a video tutorial on how to apply for college here: [How-to Videos | Ontario Universities' Application Centre \(ouac.on.ca\)](#)

The cost for a typical Undergraduate University application is \$150. This allows you to apply to up to 3 program choices. Each additional choice beyond 3 is an additional \$50 per program (with no limit to a number of choices) (Note that some specific programs may require supplemental fees)

You will receive acceptance responses including offers and refusals from each University via email starting in March or April and by the end of May.

## PAC Tuition Waivers

Many Ontario colleges and universities offer a specified number of free tuitions for youth currently or formerly in care, VYSAs, CCSYs or RSGs.

Details and eligibility differ according to the institutions, and most require that you also apply for OSAP and provide a verification of CAS status.

You can find details of which post-secondary institutions offer the free-tuition, their criteria and how to apply at <https://www.childwelfare.pac.com/our-work-new>

### Ontario Universities offering Tuition -Free opportunities:

- [Algoma University](#)
- [Carleton University](#)
- [Lakehead University](#)
- [Laurentian University](#)
- [Laurier University](#)
- [McMaster University](#)
- [Western University](#)
- [Nipissing University](#)
- University of Guelph
- University of Ontario Institute of Technology
- [University of Toronto](#)
- [University of Waterloo](#)
- University of Windsor
- York University
- [University of Ottawa](#)
- Queen's University
- Saint Paul University
- [Toronto Metropolitan University \(Ryerson\)](#)
- [Trent University](#)

Any University without a link, please contact the university's Financial Aid Dept. for details

Check out [YICSOURCE.CA](http://YICSOURCE.CA) for info and resources on Education and more!!



## OSAP

# How am I going to PAY for school!

and rent, groceries, books, a bus pass, a computer, internet, phone, Netflix, Laundry, a trip to the movies, dog food, a haircut, parking, a trip home, a night out, ....

The Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) is a financial aid program that can help students pay for their post-secondary education. OSAP offers funding through **grants** (money you do not have to pay back) and **loans** (money that you must pay back once you are done school).

Applicants who are (or were formerly) in Extended Society Care, or who are in Voluntary Youth Service Agreements, Continued Care & Support for Youth agreements, or Ready Set Go agreements usually are eligible for specific grants and loans.

To learn how to apply, visit this website OSAP's How to Apply guide at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-apply-osap#section-0>

To register and/or apply to OSAP, visit the OSAP website at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program>

OSAP applications typically open in May but can be applied for even after your program begins. If you want to have OSAP money to pay your tuition installments, then it's best to apply early.

Don't forget to check the required documents section to complete and upload the various forms required to process your application!

### Did you know?

You can get a head start on OSAP by creating an account prior to the applications opening and making sure your income tax is completed for that year!

Applying to OSAP automatically considers you for a variety of bursaries!

Having a verified disability (physical, learning disability, Mental Health disability etc.) can qualify you for a Disability Bursary!

By verifying Indigenous status you may be eligible for additional variety of grants and bursaries!

# Scholarships and Bursaries

## The Children's Foundation of Canada

Has a range of bursaries, scholarships, and services available to current/former students in care, VYSA, CCSY and RSG. [LINK](#)

### Foundation Scholarships: (\$2,500-5,000)

Opens: January 23, 2023, for 2023-2024 academic year

### Ted Rogers Scholarship: (\$2,500/yr.)

Opens: January 2023

### Bursary Award (\$2000/yr.)

Opens: January 23<sup>rd</sup> for Fall 2023

## Clark Bursary

The Clark Bursary is open to former youth in care.

Opens: Sept-Dec of school year [LINK](#)

## Ronald Lees Bursary

A bursary for youth who are in the process of being adopted or have been adopted through Nipissing Parry Sound CAS.

Opens: May-June

For a youth who has demonstrated a significant improvement in academic standing or other areas of development and will be continuing to further his/her education. [LINK](#)

## Post Secondary Financial Aid Department

Check out your College's/ University's financial aid webpage for many funding, scholarships and bursaries.

## Storwell Bursary

Storwell is a private company that offers an annual bursary of \$2,000 in support of foster children to help them attend post-secondary schools and to offer a hand up as they make their way forward in life.

[LINK](#)

Contact our Education Liaison if you require a letter of proof for being in Extended Society Care

[Nathan.moore@parnipcas.org](mailto:Nathan.moore@parnipcas.org)

## Private online Scholarship/Bursary websites

Sometimes you can find and apply for bursaries and scholarships through internet award websites. Do your research and be careful of what you share. Also, read the fine print, as some may want to post your photo and name in their media releases!

[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)

[ScholarshipsCanada - Find Scholarships, Student Awards, Bursaries & Financial Aid](#)

## Support while attending Postsecondary

Don't struggle alone! Colleges and universities have support services for all kinds of mental health, academics, and special needs, not to mention various clubs and social activities for all interests.

### Explore the many supports available through colleges and universities:

- Counselling, advising, well-being support
- Tutoring, Peer mentoring,
- Accessibility/ Special Needs: Academic, Environmental and Assessment Accommodations
- LGBTQ+, Indigenous, International, Black and racialized Communities
- Food Bank, Housing support, Emergency financial aid



## Ontario Colleges offering Tuition-Free opportunities:

Collège Boréal  
Cambrian College  
[Canadore College](#)  
[Centennial College](#)  
Conestoga College  
[Confederation College](#)  
Fleming College  
Humber College  
[IBT College](#)  
La Cité Collégiale  
Lambton College  
Northern College  
Sault College  
Sheridan College  
[St. Lawrence College](#)  
[Brescia College](#)  
[King's College](#)  
Huron College

Any College without a link  
Contact the College's Financial Aid for Details

## RESP's

If you were/are in Extended Society Care, with the Children's Aid Society of Nipissing Parry Sound and are under the age of 25. You may have a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) that can be used toward your Post-Secondary Education.

Contact your worker or the Education Liaison to inquire.

## Questions?

Contact your Children's Service worker or the Education Liaison at [nathan.moore@parnipcas.org](mailto:nathan.moore@parnipcas.org)



## Registering for Specialized Student Support Services

If you had an IEP in your high school or have a formal diagnosis of a disability you may qualify for learning accommodations at college or university.

Connect to your college/university's Student Services/ Accessibility Office to find out how to register for services such as:

- \* Scribed notes
- \* A quiet space for testing
- \* Extra-time for assignments & assessments
- \* Textbooks on audio
- \* Ergonomic or adaptive furniture
- \* more

### Student Budget Calculators

[TD BANK](#)

[BMO](#)

[ROYAL BANK](#)

[BANK of NOVA SCOTIA](#)

Many post sec institutions have their own budget calculators that allow you to pull exact costs of tuition, residence, ancillary fees etc.

[NIPISSING UNIVERSITY](#)  
[CANADORE COLLEGE](#)

## Take advantage of other free tuition opportunities!

[Details Here](#)

Many colleges and universities are offering free tuition and other incentives for students to take various programs health science.

**Practical Nursing Diploma-** Algonquin, Cambrian, Canadore, College Boreal, Confederation, Fanshawe, Georgian, La Cite, Lambton Loyalist, Northern, Sault< St. Clair, St. Lawrence

**Paramedic-** College Boreal, Canadian CTS Canadian Career College, Cambrian, Confederation, Northern, Seven Generations Education Institution

**Medical Laboratory Technology-** Cambrian, St. Clair College

Bachelor of Science in Nursing- Algonquin, Cambrian, Canadore, Confederation, Fanshawe, Georgian, La Cite, Lambton, Laurentian U, Loyalist, Nipissing University Northern, Queens U, Sault College, St. Clair, St. Lawrence, Ottawa U, Windsor U, Wester U.

**Mining-** (Environmental Filed Monitor, Mineral Processing Operator, Surface Diamond Driller Assistant, Underground Hard Rock Miner) Northern College

## I've Applied, Accepted, Now what?

Each college/university may differ but typically you'll need to start to:

- Create a budget using a budgeting app or tool (see panel left)
- Organize where you are going to stay.
  - Apply for residence (deadlines and processes vary). Is residence guaranteed for first-years, is it Coo-ed or gendered, on campus/off campus, single or shared? ...
  - Or start looking for off campus housing. Check the usually housing websites, and to see if your college/university has a off campus page on their website.
  - Most will require first and last month's rent or a deposit upon signing
- Pay your tuition deposit (\$250 college/ \$500 university) – June 1
- Register for your classes/choose a timetable (sign up early to get your optimum schedule. This is also the time that you can defer your tuition payment until your OSAP arrives – varies, you'll typically receive an email with instructions between June 30 to August)
- Contact Nipissing Parry Sound CAS to see about a RESP (June-Aug)
- Register with Accessibility/Student Services if you had an IEP in high school. (Reach out in June-July to make sure things are set up for September)
- Start applying to scholarships and bursaries (May-ongoing)
- Check your email frequently for messages (both your private email and on any student account that you now have- ongoing)
- Book a campus tour, take an online tour
- Frequently check your college's or university's social media page for events, info and resources
- Create a shopping/packing list" Personal items, Academic supplies, Kitchen and cleaning items, electronics, bedding and towels etc.