

## Getting Started..... Get the facts....

1. The application fee is \$95.00. This covers the cost of processing your application by the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS). You can submit this payment using a credit card, online banking, certified cheque or money order.
2. You can apply to a maximum of FIVE college/programs.
3. You cannot apply to more than THREE programs at any one college.
4. You will apply on-line to [ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca). The on-line application system gives you easy access to information about the college programs. You can find out what programs are offered at each college. You can even get a list of colleges that offer the particular program you are interested in taking.
5. Applying on-line means that OCAS will receive your application IMMEDIATELY. You will be able to check your application any time to make sure that all of the information (including your marks) is accurate. You will be able to make changes to your program choices on-line.
6. After your application has been processed, you can check the status of your application. If you want to make a change, you can even find out which programs are full and which still have openings.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### 2020

**November 4-5** College Information Fair - Virtual  
**Mid Oct.....**online application available  
**Nov/Dec ....** start your application at [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) .  
\*need OEN # & D.O.B.

### 2021

**Jan 1 .....** our recommended date for submission of application  
**Feb 1 .....** last date for applying in order to be given equal consideration by colleges  
**Feb 1 .....** earliest date to receive an offer of admission  
**Early Feb ..** semester 1 final marks sent to OCAS by school  
**Late Feb....** students to check on-line application to verify marks  
**April .....** semester 2 midterm marks sent to OCAS by school  
**May 1 .....** applicants must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by this deadline.  
**Mid June.....**Tuition Deposit due date.  
**Late June..** semester 2 final marks sent to OCAS by school  
**Early July .** students to check on-line application to verify marks  
**Early Aug..** students completing summer school courses must submit marks directly to colleges

## Applying to....

# COLLEGE?

There are many Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology offering a wide range of programs. The basic admission requirement for secondary school students is an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Many programs at each college require that applicants meet additional admission requirements such as:

- Specific academic prerequisites
- Completion of an essay, admission test or questionnaire
- Interview
- Portfolio
- Attendance at an information meeting

It is the responsibility of each applicant to research the programs at the colleges to determine which program best suits his/her interests and needs. This brochure will help to get you started.

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**Secondary School**

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## Let's get started...

1. RESEARCH, RESEARCH, and more RESEARCH. Information about each college can be found in the Guidance office as well as ON-LINE at the sites listed in this brochure.

Some of the questions you should ask yourself when deciding on a college program...

- What are my long-term career plans? What college program will help me to reach them?
- Which colleges offer the program I want? Where are these colleges located?
- Do I have the necessary academic preparation to apply to and be successful in this program?
- Are the courses I will be taking in this program of interest to me...will they help me reach my career goal?
- Are co-op or work experience opportunities available?
- What is the total cost of attending this program at this college?
- Where will I live while attending college...can I stay at home or will I have to find accommodation near the college?

2. Go to [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) to begin your search and create an account. Consult the tutorial in e-Materials at the bottom of 'How to Apply'.

3. You will need your OEN (Ontario education number) to access your application on-line. Verify that your name, address and related information is correct. Make corrections as needed.

4. Verify the academic data (marks). You cannot change this information. If corrections are needed, see your Guidance Counsellor ASAP!

5. Make your choices. Remember – a maximum of FIVE choices with no more than THREE at any one college.

6. Choose a method of payment. Your application will NOT be processed until OCAS has received valid payment.

7. You can complete your application in stages...follow the on-line instructions to SAVE and SUBMIT your application.

## WEBSITES TO VISIT

OCAS - Ontario College Application Service  
[www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)

College Program Locator...this will help you find the colleges that offer the program you want.  
[www.ontariocolleges.ca/FindProgram](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/FindProgram)

Links to all Ontario colleges  
[www.ontariocolleges.ca/colleges](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/colleges)

Ontario College Fair  
[www.ontariocollegefair.ca](http://www.ontariocollegefair.ca)

My Blueprint - plan your courses, career info, college program info, financial planning, etc.  
[www.MyBlueprint.ca/dpcdsb](http://www.MyBlueprint.ca/dpcdsb)

Jobs People Do – offers over 600 job videos, job profiles, resume builder, career quizzes, campus life advice, contests, etc.  
[www.jobspeopledo.com](http://www.jobspeopledo.com)