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Grade 12

Post-Secondary Information

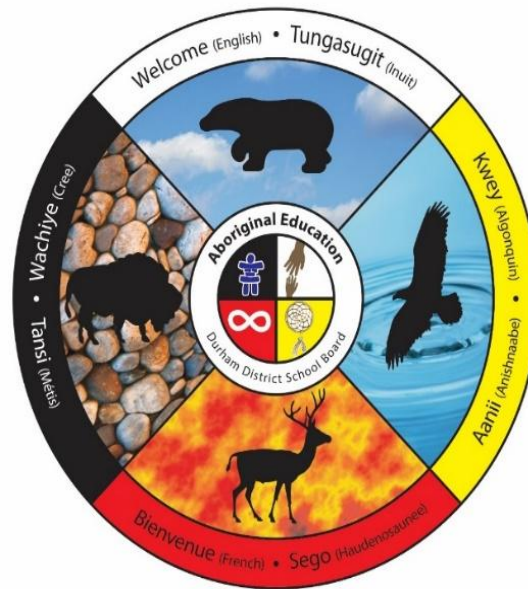
2026-2027



The Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located.

Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island (North America). We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississauga Peoples and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation.

It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we teach, learn and live.



Le conseil scolaire du district de Durham tient à souligner que de nombreuses nations autochtones ont des relations à long terme, qui sont historiques et modernes, avec les territoires sur lesquels se situent notre conseil scolaire et nos écoles.

Aujourd'hui, cette région abrite de nombreux peuples autochtones de l'île de la Tortue (Amérique du Nord). Nous tenons à souligner que la région de Durham se situe sur des territoires traditionnels qui comprennent ceux des Premières Nations des Mississaugas de Scugog Island, du peuple Mississauga et le territoire visé par les traités avec la Première Nation des Chippewas de l'île Georgina.

C'est sur ces terres ancestrales et visées par les traités que nous enseignons, apprenons et vivons.

INDIGENOUS INHERENT RIGHTS STATEMENT

The Durham District School Board recognizes Indigenous rights are distinct. In the exercise of those rights, Indigenous staff and students shall not be subjected to actions with the aim or effect of depriving these distinct rights.

DÉCLARATION SUR LES DROITS DES AUTOCHTONES

Le conseil scolaire du district de Durham reconnaît que les droits des Autochtones sont distincts. Dans l'exercice de ces droits, les membres du personnel et les élèves autochtones ne doivent pas être soumis à des actions ayant pour but ou pour effet de les priver de ces droits distincts.

HUMAN RIGHTS STATEMENT

The Durham District School Board is committed to learning and working environments that centre human rights and equity and are safe, welcoming, respectful, equitable, accessible, inclusive and free from discrimination, oppression and harm.

DÉCLARATION DES DROITS DE LA PERSONNE

Le conseil scolaire de Durham s'engage à offrir un milieu d'apprentissage et un milieu de travail centrés sur les droits de la personne et l'équité, qui sont sécuritaires, accueillants, respectueux, équitables, accessibles, inclusifs et sans discrimination, sans oppression et ni préjudice.

ACCESSING INFORMATION



Donald A. Wilson
Secondary School

OUR SCHOOL

DEPARTMENTS

FAMILIES

STUDENTS



Guidance

<https://donaldawilsonss.ddsb.ca/en/students/guidance.aspx>

Google Classroom

Grade 12 Guidance

2026-2027 Mrs. Stewart

2026-2027

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 18 Compulsory + 12 Optional = **30 Credits**
- The **Ontario Secondary School Literacy Requirement**
- **40 hours** of Community Service
- **2 Online Learning Credits**
Opt-Out forms are available in Guidance

POST SECONDARY OPTIONS

- Workplace
- Gap Year
- Apprenticeship
- College
 - ✓ Programs for Workplace Graduates
 - ✓ General Arts and Science Programs
 - ✓ Transfer Programs
- University

POST-SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES

OUF - Ontario Universities Fair

Toronto - September 26 & 27 from 9:30am - 5pm

Connect with university representatives about programs.

<https://www.ouevents.ca/ouf/>

Ontario Universities Regional Fairs

September & October

Connect with universities for open houses and tour dates.

<https://www.ouevents.ca>

CIP - College Information Program

Check out the 2026 CIP schedule to find an event!

Connect with colleges for open houses and tour dates.

<https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/events/cip-schedule>

DAWSS GUIDANCE RESOURCES

DAWSS Post-Secondary Fair

Tuesday October 6th, 2026

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Representatives from
Ontario colleges and universities will be in
attendance with their promotional materials.

THINGS TO DO.....

Research Post-Secondary Requirements

- Apprenticeships:



- Ontario Colleges:



- Ontario Universities:



- Transfer Programs:



View post-secondary school and program information online on their website

APPRENTICESHIPS

Earn while you learn

in more than 140 skilled trades in Ontario

- Students **find an employer to hire and train them**
- Training agreement with an Apprenticeship Branch consultant from Ministry
- **90% practical on-the-job + 10% theory in-class**
- Some trades have exam requirements after training
- **Red Seal Trades provide opportunities to work in other provinces/territories/countries**

APPRENTICESHIP IN ONTARIO



MOTIVE POWER

- ♦ Agricultural Equipment Technician
- ▲ Alignment and Brakes Technician
- ▲ Auto Body and Collision Damage Repairer
- ▲ Auto Body Repairer
- ▲ Automotive Electronic Accessory Technician
- ♦ Automotive Glass Technician
- ♦ Automotive Painter
- ▲ Automotive Service Technician
- ♦ Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
- ♦ Marine Engine Technician
- ♦ Motive Power Machinist
- ▲ Motorcycle Technician
- ♦ Powered Lift Truck Technician
- ♦ Recreation Vehicle Technician
- ♦ Small Engine Technician
- ▲ Transmission Technician
- ▲ Truck and Coach Technician
- ▲ Truck-Trailer Service Technician
- ♦ Turf Equipment Technician

SERVICE

- Aboriginal Child Development Practitioner
- ♦ Agricultural — Dairy Herdperson
- ♦ Agricultural — Fruit Grower
- ♦ Agricultural — Swine Herdperson
- ♦ Appliance Service Technician
- ♦ Arborist
- ♦ Assistant Cook
- ♦ Baker
- ♦ Baker-Pâtissier
- ♦ Chef
- ♦ Child and Youth Worker
- ♦ Child Development Practitioner
- ♦ Cook
- ♦ Developmental Services Worker
- ♦ Educational Assistant
- ♦ Electronic Service Technician
- ♦ Gemsetter/Goldsmith
- ▲ ♦ Hairstylist
- ♦ Horse Groom
- ♦ Horse Harness Maker
- ♦ Horticultural Technician
- ♦ Information Technology — Contact Centre Customer Service Agent
- ♦ Information Technology — Contact Centre Sales Agent
- ♦ Information Technology — Contact Centre Technical Support Agent
- ♦ Information Technology — Hardware Technician
- ♦ Information Technology — Network Technician
- ♦ Institutional Cook
- ♦ Micro Electronics Manufacturer
- ♦ Native Clothing and Crafts Artisan
- ♦ Network Cabling Specialist
- ♦ Parts Technician
- ♦ Retail Meat Cutter
- ♦ Saddlery
- ♦ Special Events Coordinator
- ♦ Utility Arborist

CONSTRUCTION

- ♦ Architectural Glass and Metal Technician
- ♦ Brick and Stone Mason
- ♦ Cement (Concrete) Finisher
- ♦ Concrete Pump Operator
- ♦ Construction Boilermaker
- ♦ Construction Craft Worker
- ♦ Construction Millwright
- ♦ Drywall Finisher and Plasterer
- ♦ Drywall, Acoustic and Lathing Applicator
- ▲ ♦ Electrician — Construction and Maintenance
- ▲ ♦ Electrician — Domestic and Rural
- ♦ Exterior Insulated Finish Systems Mechanic
- ♦ Floor Covering Installer
- ♦ General Carpenter
- ♦ Hazardous Materials Worker
- ♦ Heat and Frost Insulator
- ♦ Heavy Equipment Operator — Dozer
- ♦ Heavy Equipment Operator — Excavator
- ♦ Heavy Equipment Operator — Tractor Loader Backhoe
- ▲ ♦ Hoisting Engineer — Mobile Crane Operator 1
- ▲ ♦ Hoisting Engineer — Mobile Crane Operator 2
- ▲ ♦ Hoisting Engineer — Tower Crane Operator
- ♦ Ironworker — Generalist
- ♦ Ironworker — Structural and Ornamental
- ♦ Native Residential Construction Worker
- ♦ Painter and Decorator — Commercial and Residential
- ♦ Painter and Decorator — Industrial
- ▲ ♦ Plumber
- ♦ Powerline Technician
- ♦ Precast Concrete Erector
- ♦ Precast Concrete Finisher
- ♦ Refractory Mason
- ▲ ♦ Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic
- ♦ Reinforcing Rodworker
- ▲ ♦ Residential (Low Rise) Sheet Metal Installer
- ▲ ♦ Residential Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic
- ♦ Restoration Mason
- ♦ Roofer
- ▲ ♦ Sheet Metal Worker
- ▲ ♦ Sprinkler and Fire Protection Installer
- ▲ ♦ Steamfitter
- ♦ Terrazzo, Tile and Marble Setter

INDUSTRIAL

- Bearings Mechanic
- ♦ Blacksmith
- ♦ Cabinetmaker
- ♦ Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Programmer
- ♦ Die Designer
- ♦ Draftsperson — Mechanical
- ♦ Draftsperson — Plastic Mould Design
- ♦ Draftsperson — Tool and Die Design
- ♦ Electric Motor System Technician
- ♦ Electrician (Signal Maintenance)
- ♦ Elevating Devices Mechanic
- ♦ Entertainment Industry Power Technician
- ♦ Facilities Mechanic
- ♦ Facilities Technician
- ♦ General Machinist
- ♦ Hydraulic/Pneumatic Mechanic
- ♦ Industrial Electrician
- ♦ Industrial Mechanic Millwright
- ♦ Instrumentation and Control Technician
- ♦ Light Rail Overhead Contact Systems Linesperson
- ♦ Locksmith
- ♦ Machine Tool Builder and Integrator
- ♦ Metal Fabricator (Fitter)
- ♦ Mould Designer
- ♦ Mould Maker
- ♦ Mould or Die Finisher
- ♦ Optics Technician (Lens and Prism Maker)
- ♦ Packaging Machine Mechanic
- ♦ Pattern Maker
- ♦ Pressure Systems Welder
- ♦ Process Operator — Food Manufacturing
- ♦ Process Operator — Power
- ♦ Process Operator — Refinery, Chemical and Liquid Processes
- ♦ Process Operator — Wood Products
- ♦ Railway Car Technician
- ♦ Relay and Instrumentation Technician
- ♦ Saw Filer/Fitter
- ♦ Surface Blaster
- ♦ Surface Mount Assembler
- ♦ Thin Film Technician
- ♦ Tool and Cutter Grinder
- ♦ Tool and Die Maker
- ♦ Tool and Gauge Inspector
- ♦ Tool/Tooling Maker
- ♦ Tractor-Trailer Commercial Driver
- ♦ Water Well Driller
- ♦ Welder

WHAT IS APPRENTICESHIP?

Apprenticeship is a combination of on-the-job training and classroom learning that leads to a skilled trade credential.

- 90% in the workplace with an experienced skilled worker
- 10% in school at an approved training centre, union hall or college
- Apprentices follow training standards to become skilled in the trade

- ♦ Indicates a Red Seal Program
 - ▲ Indicates a Designated Compulsory Trade*
- Trades that are not Compulsory are Voluntary Trades**

***Compulsory Trade:** a trade in which registration as an apprentice is legally mandatory.

****Voluntary Trade:** a trade in which certification is not legally required to practice the trade.

LIVE THE SKILLED LIFE!

www.oyap.com

APPRENTICESHIP IS POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION



This program is funded by the Government of Ontario

APPRENTICESHIPS

- Students who are interested in the trades can start preparing for an apprenticeship in high school by taking trades-related courses or enrolling in **job skills programs such as CO-OP, OYAP or SHSM.**
- Ensure you have the required **Math, Technology and Science Courses**

Visit: Ontario Skilled Trades websites:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/skilled-trades-ontario-schools> and

<https://www.skilledtradesontario.ca/> to learn more



ONTARIO COLLEGES

- **Ontario's 24** colleges offer **thousands of programs** in over **200 areas of study**
- **6** in our area
- Offering **certificate, diploma, and degree programs**
- Numerous campus sites



Research and Apply at ontariocolleges.ca

COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- **OSSD** with **Grade 12 English plus** the required senior courses at the C, M, or U level
- Some programs have **specific course requirements**
- **Additional criteria with deadlines** (grades, tests, interview, portfolio, audition, community service, essay, etc.) –
- Apply early to **highly competitive** and **oversubscribed programs**

COLLEGE APPLICATION DETAILS

- Online college application cycle **will OPEN on September 26th, 2026**
- **\$150 = 5** program choices (no more than 3 program choices per college)

**College Application Deadline
February 1, 2027**

Grades are sent electronically in various stages
AUTOMATICALLY by the DDSB

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

- Admission decisions are made as early as **November 1, 2026** and sent throughout the year
- You can make changes or check the status of your application **online anytime**
- The most *common* deadline for confirming offers of admission is **May 1, 2027** but it may not be the only date
- **June 2027** is typically when colleges require payment of tuition fees

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

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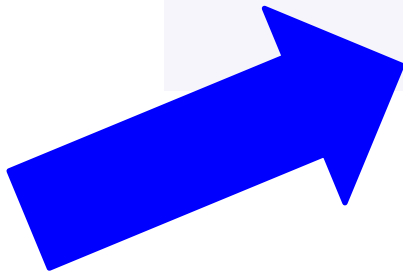
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International Applicants

You are NOT a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

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COLLEGE APPLICATIONS



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Sign in to the Ontario Colleges application

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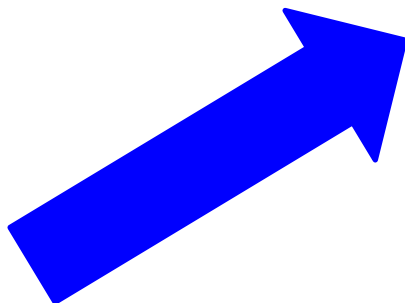
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Need Help?

Use the links below to access the OCAS Help Centre for assistance with creating and managing your account and for help with any questions about your application.

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OCAS and Ontario Colleges

Ontario Colleges is brought to you by OCAS, a not-for-profit organization that helps learners explore and apply with Ontario's colleges.

Using a public computer?

It's important to sign out of all accounts and close all browser windows when you're done to protect your privacy and security. If you signed in with Google, you'll need to sign out of your Google account in addition to your OCAS account.

You may also want to consider using a private (incognito) browser window when accessing your OCAS account on a public computer.

ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES

- Ontario has **23 universities** offering many programs
- **6** in our area
- Some universities have **numerous campus sites**
- Apply at ouac.on.ca



UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- **OSSD** with **English 4U** plus five other 4U/M courses = **Total of 6 4U/M courses**
- **Program specific course requirements**
- Grade range averages based on 2026 applicant pool
- Additional non-course requirements with **varying deadlines** will be communicated by the post-secondary institutions
 - Ex: personal statement of interest, applicant background summary, letters of reference, essay, audition, etc.
- **Research university programs**

<https://ouinfo.ca/>



UNIVERSITY APPLICATION DETAILS

- Online university application cycle is now open!
- Current high school students are Group A applicants
<https://www.ouac.on.ca/planning/how-to-create-your-account/>
- **\$159 = 3 program choices; \$51 for each additional choice;**
\$51 to change choice of university; extra fees for certain programs

University Application Deadline

January 15, 2027

UNIVERSITY APPLICATION DETAILS

- Latest date students can expect a response from an Ontario university is **May 28, 2027**
- Check to see if alternate offers of admission are made
- Earliest date students **may be required to confirm acceptance online and provide a financial commitment** is **June 1, 2027**



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Ready to Apply?

Once you've decided which programs you're interested in, it's time to start your application to Ontario's universities.

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UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS



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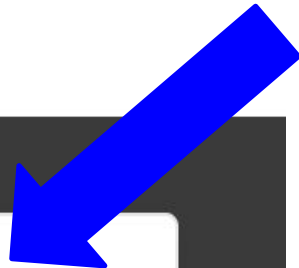
Log In

Create Account

Notes:

- You will use your username and password in all OUAC applications.
- Do not create more than 1 account.
- Do not use an account created by someone else.

Create My Account



TRANSMISSION CYCLE

- A student's demographic information will be sent to OCAS and/or OUAC on **October 8th, 2026**.
- Typically this will include a student's previous courses with final grades and the courses scheduled for their Grade 12 year.
- Grades are sent electronically in various stages **AUTOMATICALLY** by the DDSB.

Semester 1 Midterm marks and Final marks

Semester 2 Midterm marks and Final marks

OUT-OF-PROVINCE APPLICATIONS

If you want to apply to a post-secondary institution **outside of Ontario:**

- Visit the **websites** of the schools you are interested in to obtain information about **their application process, deadlines, and application fees.**
- Connect with their **admissions department** for application questions.
- You may need to **request your transcript** to be sent by DAWSS several times throughout the year, as required by the institution.

TAKING A NON-DDSB COURSE?

SHARE:

- If you are taking a course outside of the DDSB, it is your responsibility to share your OUAC and/or OCAS number with that institution so they can upload your marks to your account.
- If you are taking **Grade 12 English** outside of the DDSB, please notify Guidance.

MONITOR:

- It is your responsibility to check your OUAC and/or OCAS account during each electronic transmission period (Semester 1 & 2 Mid-Terms, Finals, and July Summer School 2027) to confirm all courses and marks are correct.

SUBMIT:

- You must submit your final report card to DAWSS Guidance by the deadline of **June 8, 2027**, to ensure the course is added to your official record for graduation.

POST-SECONDARY OFFERS OF ADMISSION

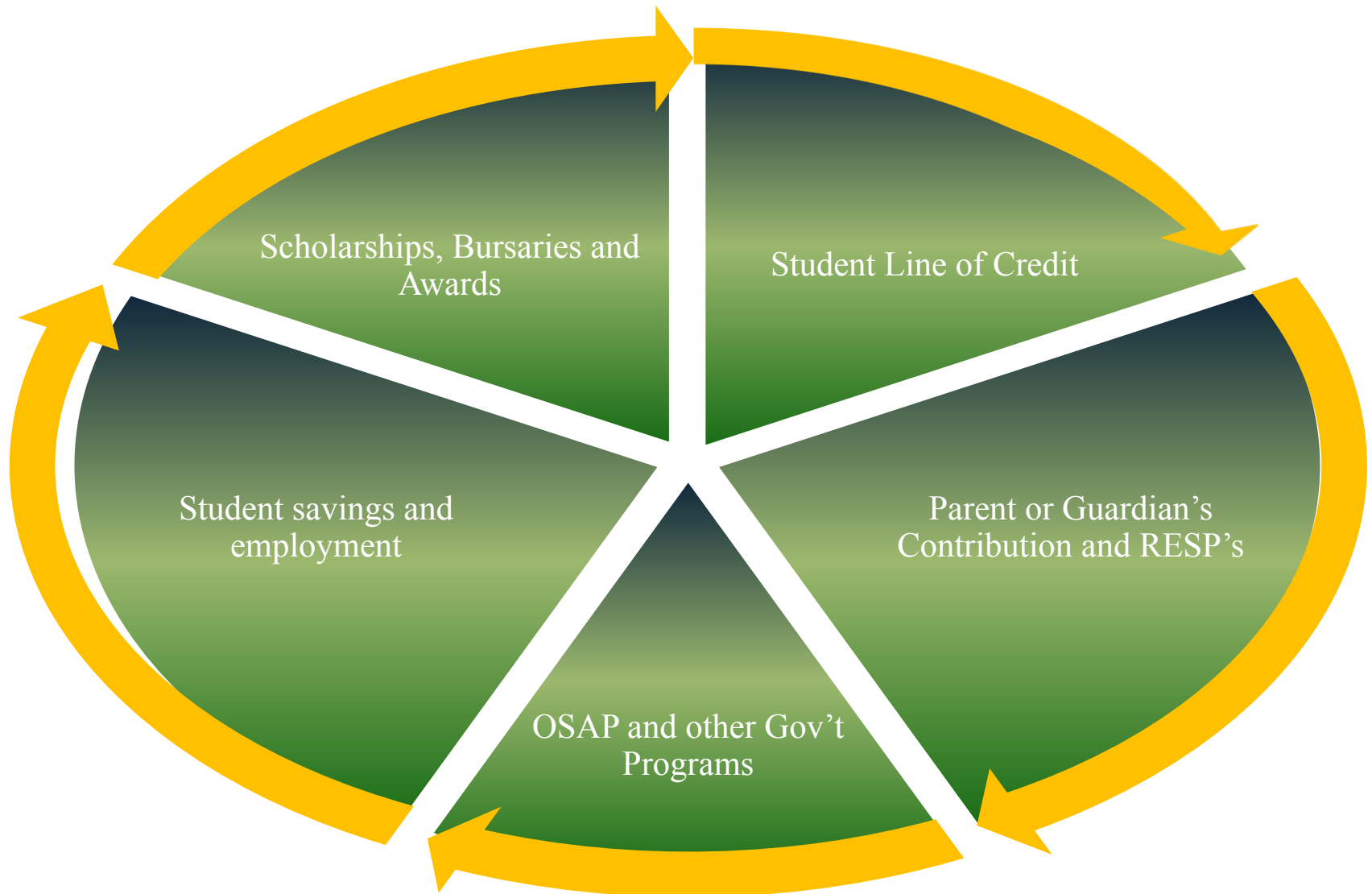
- Keep a record of your **OCAS and OUAC application numbers**
- Offers are sent to the applicant by **mail or electronically.**

**Use your personal (yet professional)
email address when applying**

- Read all correspondence carefully, follow all instructions, and check often

All offers of admission are CONDITIONAL

POTENTIAL OPTIONS TO PAY FOR POST-SECONDARY



TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Entrance scholarships

- Automatic, based on specific admission average for each institution, and may be renewable

Post-Secondary scholarships with application

- Check post-secondary Financial Aid Office websites

Foundation scholarships (i.e. Loran, Schulich)

- Looking for high marks, outstanding community service, or leadership qualities
- Some require nominations from the school

RESEARCH FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Websites:

- www.scholarshipscanada.com
- www.studentawards.com
- www.scholartree.ca

Post-Secondary Financial Aid Websites

Other:

- Scholarship Report posted **bi-monthly** in the Guidance Google Classroom
- Family, community, and employment associations
- DAWSS Scholarship Nomination form - Spring 2027

OSAP:

ONTARIO STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Every student can apply for OSAP *(in May)*
- Apply after you have accepted your offer of admission
- There may be grants tied to the OSAP application *(that do not have to be repaid)*

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program>

ONTARIO LEARN AND STAY GRANT

- Provides funding to study in **priority post-secondary programs in underserved** and growing communities in Ontario
- Requires you to **work in the region** where you studied
- Covers tuition, compulsory fees, books

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-learn-and-stay-grant>

REFERENCE LETTERS

- If you require a **reference letter** for a scholarship application, ask an individual such as a current employer, community member, coach, or educator who knows you well.
- Ensure you provide the person with a copy of your resume and information about the scholarship.
- When you request a letter of reference, **ask the individual at least two weeks in advance** of when you require the letter of reference.

IEP'S AND POST-SECONDARY SUPPORT

- Students with an *Identified Education Plan* must advocate for **continued support** from post-secondary institutions
- Recent copies of IEP's, report cards, psychological testing **(usually within last 2 years)** – keep a file after final IPRC
- Each school provides different levels of support and may require their own set of paperwork
- Once a student turns 18, schools **will not** communicate with parents/guardians

DAWSS GRADUATION 2027

Information about this year's Graduation Ceremony will be coming soon!

All students attending Grad will be required to buy a Cap & Gown at a later date on **School Cash Online.**



REMINDERS

January 15, 2027: University Application Deadline

February 1, 2027: College Application Deadline

Spring 2027: We will share information about financing your education at a later date.

*Ensure you have your **notifications turned on** for the Grade 12 Guidance Google Classroom to stay up to date on all information for this school year.*

QUESTIONS?

We'll help you find the answers!

**Check out the How-To Videos
on OUAC and OCAS**

<https://www.ouac.on.ca/videos/how-to-videos/>

<https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/apply>

Make a Guidance appointment using the booking system.

See the Guidance Google Classroom for instructions.