

**STRATFORD CENTRAL SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
Guidance Department  
**PATHWAYS - GRADE 12 STUDENTS**

**SPECIAL NOTE: Students who finish in semester 1 should NOT update status in OCAS or OUAC to 'not attending high school' now.**

If you do not have a Social Insurance Number (SIN), apply for one right away. Application forms are available at the Canada Employment Centre in Stratford.

Students should also consider if they plan to use their current email address when completing scholarship applications and communicating with employers / universities / colleges. Students should not use their google ed emails for post secondary applications.

### **APPRENTICESHIPS**

There are many routes for students who are seeking an apprenticeship:

- a) *Regular Coop O.Y.A.P.* - Start your apprenticeship while completing your high school education.
- b) *Find employment* - Students who are seeking an apprenticeship need to find employment with someone who is qualified and willing to sign them as an apprentice. After signing, the apprentice, the employer, and a representative from the Ministry of Training will determine when and where the apprentice will complete the in-school portion of the training.
- c) *Apply to a college program*- Completing a pre-apprenticeship program may make it easier for a student to find an employer who is willing to sign them as an apprentice.
- d) *Complete the new Co-op Diploma Apprenticeship Program*- This provides a direct path for young people interested in pursuing apprenticeship training and obtaining a college diploma.
  - A guide titled 'Pathways to Apprenticeship' is available online at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/teachers/studentsuccess/PathwayApprentice.pdf>

### **WORKPLACE**

Students are encouraged to make appointments with their counsellor to discuss their plans. Partners in Employment is another source of information for workplace opportunities. Please visit the following website for support creating your resume: <http://scsscoop.wixsite.com/scss-coop/resumes>

### **UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES**

Counsellors will deliver information and computer sessions in late October 2018 and will explain the application process in more detail. Scholarships and bursary information will also be provided at that time. Course calendars may be signed out of the Guidance Office or you will find the information on each college or university website.

Web Resource for Ontario Universities:      [www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca) (a video tutorial available on site)  
[www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca) (Browse university programs)

Web Resource for Ontario Colleges:      [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) (a video tutorial available on site)  
<http://www.ocas.ca/home.html>

Many of the colleges and universities have booked presentations at SCSS from early September until late November. A schedule for the liaison visits can be found in the Guidance Office, online or on the sandwich board outside of Guidance. Students are encouraged to sign up to attend these sessions or the sessions could be cancelled if no one is on the list. Information about private colleges in Ontario and some out-of-province colleges and universities can also be found in the Guidance Office. *If you are planning to apply out-of-province, you will need to apply online to the school directly. You will also be required to notify Bonnie Fawcett (Guidance Secretary) to ensure that transcripts will be sent and so that our school has a record of your application. The application due dates are often different from the schools in Ontario.*

## OSAP

Student loans may be available to you through the Ontario Student Assistance Program - OSAP. Applications are completed online. All students are encouraged to apply to OSAP, regardless of financial situation. There will be an OSAP presentation at SCSS in the spring of 2019 (usually in early May). Students who are part-time (fewer than 3 credits in a semester) for two consecutive semesters should realize that this status could impact their OSAP application. There is a great OSAP estimate calculator available that is based on your current financial status on the OSAP website

## COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

1. Every college has different admission requirements. Some colleges focus on required courses while others look at a student's overall average in the senior courses. Be sure to attend the college presentations to find out more about the programs and the admission requirements.
2. Application to Ontario Colleges is done on-line through the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS). The online application will open in early October but colleges will begin to receive applications on October 15, 2017. The application allows for 5 choices only. No more than 3 choices can be at the same college. The cost of applying is \$95.00 (non-refundable). **The 'equal consideration' deadline is February 1, 2018.** It is highly recommended that you apply before Christmas Holidays. There is no pin number provided for College Applications - students log into the OCAS website after the information session and create their own login and password.
3. College Information Program (CIP):

@	Fanshawe -	Wed October 17	9 am-12 pm
@	Conestoga -	Wed October 17	5:30 pm-7:00 pm
		Thurs October 18	10:30am-1 (sign up in Guidance);
@	College Fair in Toronto -	Oct 23 & 24	

## UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

1. Admission to Ontario Universities is based on your average in six 4U/4M classes (open level and co-op courses will not be considered) and ENG4U must be one of your six classes. The admission process may vary from school to school. Some universities require a certain number of **4U** classes. Most universities use required courses when calculating your admission average but some universities look at your top 6. Universities only see the first 5 letters/number of a course code. Therefore TGJ4M and TGJ4MT are the same course to universities.
2. Application to Ontario Universities is done online through the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC). The base cost to apply is \$150.00 for 3 choices; additional choices are available for \$50.00 each. **The 'equal consideration' deadline is January 16, 2019.** It is recommended that you apply before Christmas Holidays. A PIN number will be given to you by your guidance counsellor in November. February 5, 2018 is the recommended last date to submit all changes to programs (exact date TBD).
3. UIP (University Information Program) will be at Northwestern on Monday **October 1, 2018** from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Most of the universities in Ontario will be in attendance and students are able to attend three 30-minute sessions. There will also be time at the end of the night to visit other representatives.
4. Representatives from the United States and the Atlantic provinces often visit cities close to Stratford. Check the bulletin board outside Student Services or see your counsellor for more information.

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