

APPLYING TO COLLEGE

To apply to an Ontario college, you must submit an application through the Ontario Colleges Application Service (OCAS). You can access the on-line application by going to ontariocolleges.ca. Before you apply, know your student OEN (student Aspen portal) and have a **valid email account**. OCAS and the colleges use your email address to send you information about your application. Make sure you check your email regularly and keep it up to date.

Important Dates:

- **October** - online application opens
- **February 1** - complete and pay for application for equal consideration to all programs
- **May 1** - most common deadline for confirming offers but make sure to check for exact deadlines
- **June 1** - earliest date that Colleges may require payment of tuition fees

Checklist for applying to College:

1. EXPLORE:

- Visit ontariocolleges.ca
- Use the top tabs (applying, colleges, programs) to review college websites and publications
- Research program admission requirements
- Attend college presentations (in person/virtual)

2. APPLY:

- Visit ontariocolleges.ca and click on **APPLY NOW**
- Create account by selecting a username and password (record it somewhere)
- **usernames are permanent, use a valid email that you check, **do not create more than one account**
- Complete all the required sections
- For the education section you need to add the **CURRENT** high school that you are attending
- You will need to have your OEN and student number (local ID) to complete the application (found on your student Aspen portal)
- When adding programs make sure you have the correct delivery type, start date and campus
- Pay for your application fees online by credit card, by phone, or mail
- Check “other requirements” for programs such as **additional testing**

3. CONFIRM

- The colleges will let you know through the OCAS website of their admission decision.
- You will have to confirm your program

Application Fees:

There is an application processing fee (**approximately \$150**). Students can select up to five (5) programs with no more than three (3) choices at any one college.