

Post-Secondary Education: What does 2025-26 look like?

September/October

Exploration

- ☐ Research your options on the available websites and myBlueprint.ca. Check the Splash page for the link to Guidance: *Future Directions: Researching your Options*.
- ☐ Make sure you are taking all the required courses for the programs that interest you.
- ☐ Check to see if you need a supplementary application, portfolio, volunteer experience and/or other requirements in addition to the required courses.
- ☐ Have a Plan B. Do not be afraid to consider lots of options.
- ☐ Talk to people – parents, siblings, guidance counsellors, teachers, mentors, people in your community, grads.
- ☐ Keep a folder with information including passwords, PINs, application numbers, scholarship deadlines, apprenticeship descriptions, résumé, networking opportunities.
- ☐ Visit the **Ontario University Fair** website, <https://www.ontariouniversitiesevents.ca/>
In-person university fair, September 27 - 28, 2025, from 9:30 am to 5 pm (ET), Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building
Virtual information sessions are scheduled Sept 16 (6-8 pm) and Nov 10 (5-7pm)
- ☐ Plan an in person or virtual visit with a **Canadian Christian University**.
- ☐ This year there is no single Ontario college fair event. Visit <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca>, in the important information section look at the college events calendar to find dates for local pathway nights. These are offered from September to October.
- ☐ For interest in an apprenticeship, check out the programs at the community colleges. You can also visit <https://levelupontario.ca/what-are-the-skilled-trades>
- ☐ Check out scholarships and be aware of their deadlines. (<https://studentawards.com/> <https://yconic.com/>.) Information will also be posted in the **Grade 12 Guidance Group** in Edsby.
- ☐ Visit or take virtual tours of colleges and/or universities – Check for Open House dates available in the fall and spring. Some institutions allow for the booking of a personal appointment for a “tour”.
- ☐ If you are planning to study outside of Canada, you may need to write the ACT or the SAT.
<https://www.princetonreview.com>
<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/dates-deadlines>
- ☐ If you are an international student, check the English Language Requirements and if necessary, book a proficiency test.

October/November/December

Application

- ☐ Registration for Ontario Universities opens in October. <https://www.ouac.on.ca/>
- ☐ Ontario Community College applications open in October. <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/apply>
- ☐ TDChristian will send your academic records (your marks and current courses) to both OUAC and OCAS. Midterm and final marks are submitted each semester. **It is your responsibility to check that they are accurate and to notify your guidance counsellor if there are errors.**

- ☐ When applying to a Christian and/or private university/college or out of province, you will need to apply online. Please inform guidance so we can send your transcript by mail or email. *Check their individual deadlines.*
- ☐ Keep a folder with all your passwords and other application information. Make sure you are aware of deadlines.

January/February/March

Confirmation

- ☐ Submit your OUAC 101 application no later than January 15, 2026.
- ☐ Return to your account frequently to check that all your academic information is correct, including your marks and your current courses. Inform your guidance counsellor if there are errors or omissions.
- ☐ Make any necessary changes to your program choices.
- ☐ Submit your OCAS application no later than February 1, 2026.
- ☐ Make sure you sign-up for or submit any required tests, portfolios, on-line interviews, and supplementary application packages.
- ☐ Check to see if you have been accepted.
- ☐ Continue to research scholarships and make sure you have the necessary letters of recommendation. Do not wait until the last minute.
- ☐ Check deadlines for residence applications and scholarships.
- ☐ If pursuing an apprenticeship, begin the search for an employer.

April/May

Acceptance

- ☐ Depending on your program choices and your marks, you will hear from the colleges and universities. The latest date to receive a response is May 28.
- ☐ Continue to visit campuses and talk to people as you think about finalizing your choices.
- ☐ Check your emails frequently.
- ☐ Attend information sessions if available.
- ☐ Continue to work hard in your courses. Your interim marks determine acceptance (or not) and your final marks may make you eligible for scholarships. If your final marks are much lower than the midterms, you can lose your acceptance and your scholarships.
- ☐ If you need reference letters, make sure you give enough time to your referee.
- ☐ Make final decisions, make sure you check deadlines and accept in time.

Important deadlines:

University Applications: January 15, 2026

College Applications: February 1, 2026

Enjoy the journey!!