

# La Salle Secondary Post-Secondary Planning

**Soon you will be graduating! What will you do next?**

**How will you get there?**

OMG!!!!!! High school has gone by way too quickly and soon you will be leaving us to join the work force, begin an apprenticeship program, or leaving for college or university. You will be missed, but before we can miss you, we're going to help you leave by making sure you know your options and the things you must have if you are applying to the workforce, an apprenticeship, or to college or university programs. Don't panic, your beloved guidance counsellors are here to help you every step of the way!

## **Helpful Reminders**

**YES NO**

- ☐ ☐ Am I on track to earn all 30 credits by the end of my graduation year (18 compulsory, 12 optional)?
- ☐ ☐ Have I completed and handed in my 40 hours community service sheet to guidance?
- ☐ ☐ Have I passed my literacy test or am I taking the Literacy course (OLC 4O) during my grade 12 year?
- ☐ ☐ Is my transcript up-to-date (summer school, night school, International languages)? And I have signed up for MyBlueprint (<http://www.myblueprint.ca/>) to track my progress and to review my plans.
- ☐ ☐ Will I be signing up for one of the post-secondary visits in the school? (Date: \_\_\_\_\_, Time: \_\_\_\_\_)
- ☐ ☐ Have I visited potential post-secondary destinations to see if the school is a good fit for me? (You could be there up to 4 years)

**Having trouble applying? Panicked, worried, concerned? See your guidance counselor to help calm your worries. But first, check out the following information - your questions and concerns might already be addressed!**



## **Workforce Information**

- ☐ Lots of job search websites
- ☐ Ensure you have a properly prepared cover letter and resume
- ☐ Speak with your guidance counsellor to help you with your job search
- ☐ Check the guidance office for job postings

## **Apprenticeship Information**

- ☐ Visit these websites: [www.edu.on.ca/eng/apprenticeship/](http://www.edu.on.ca/eng/apprenticeship/), [www.apprenticesearch.com](http://www.apprenticesearch.com)
- ☐ Have you taken co-op?
- ☐ Have you taken a DUAL credit program?
- ☐ Are you enrolled in OYAP?
- ☐ What area(s) are you interested in?
- ☐ What subject areas do you need to take courses in? (English? Math? Technology Studies?)
- ☐ Speak with your guidance counsellor for more information

## Scholarships

- ☐ Start researching ([www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com), [www.studentwards.com](http://www.studentwards.com)) and applying for scholarships now. Many scholarships deadlines are early in the school year.
- ☐ Check out the post-secondary institutions you hope to attend for possible scholarships and entrance awards.
- ☐ Talk to your parents and/or relatives – they may be members of a club or organization or their employer may offer awards to family members.
- ☐ Listen to the morning announcements.
- ☐ Complete the appropriate scholarship application form. Make a photocopy and hold onto it.
- ☐ Ask for letters of recommendations from teachers or employers (make duplicates).
- ☐ Ask for transcripts from the guidance office.
- ☐ If an essay is a requirement, write it! Go for quality over quantity.
- ☐ Make sure you have someone proofread your essay.
- ☐ Make sure you meet all the conditions to receive the money: full-time student, maintaining residency, attending a relevant post-secondary school, etc.
- ☐ Mail your application before the deadline (a late application may not be accepted).

## Financial Aid

- ☐ Apply for the 30% off Ontario tuition grant(<http://www.ontario.ca/education-and-training/30-off-ontario-tuition>)
- ☐ OSAP - to supplement, not to replace, the financial resources that you (and your family, if applicable) are expected to contribute. Assistance is based on financial need as established by the federal and/or provincial governments and as determined by the ministry through an assessment of your Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) application (<http://www.ontario.ca/education-and-training/how-get-osap>)
- ☐ **OSAP - Apply late April/early May of the calendar year you plan on starting your post-secondary studies.**

## College Information

- ☐ Visit [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) for general information, programs, to apply and to link to college sites.
- ☐ Have I researched programs of interest?
- ☐ Am I interested in a competitive/oversubscribed program?
- ☐ Do I have the required courses and marks to apply (**colleges will take your average from your Grade 11 and 12 courses**)?
- ☐ Are there additional requirements I need to apply (extracurricular, first aid, CPR, a portfolio, an audition, other)?

## Applying

- ☐ You apply online at [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca). You will click on the 'apply' icon, and then click on 'create new account'.
- ☐ You will create your own password (write it down, save it in your PED, store it in a safe place)
- ☐ You have to pay to apply - cost: \$95 for a maximum of 5 program choices (maximum of 3 per school)

## **You will need to have the following ready when you apply:**

- ☐ Your social insurance number (if you don't have one, you will need to get one ASAP)
- ☐ Your OEN (found on your status sheet)
- ☐ Your complete home mailing address (including your postal code)
- ☐ Payment format (credit card strongly recommended)
- ☐ Program choices (make sure you have recorded the schools and the campus, the program names and start date)

**Equal consideration application deadline: February 1<sup>st</sup>. Don't wait until the last minute. There will be surge in online traffic and you might miss the deadline.**

### **APPLYING TO COLLEGE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

- 1. Do I pick up a PIN if I am applying to colleges?**  
No. Go to [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) and you make your own PIN.
- 2. [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) states that I need to let my school/guidance counsellor know that I have applied, do I need to do this?**  
No.
- 3. Do I need to send my marks to the colleges I have applied to?**  
No. All transcripts are sent electronically to the colleges by the Peel District School Board.
- 4. When do colleges send out acceptances?**  
As early as February.
- 5. When must I confirm my acceptance to college?**  
By May 1st.

### **University Information**

- ☐ Visit [www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca) for general information, programs and links to university sites
- ☐ Have I researched programs of interest?
- ☐ Do I have the required courses and marks to apply?
- ☐ Are there additional requirements I need to apply (extracurricular, first aid, CPR, a portfolio, an audition, other)?
- ☐ In November you will receive your PIN from your guidance counselor. Don't lose it as you need this PIN to login when applying.

#### **Applying**

- ☐ You apply on-line at [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca). You will click on the 'Undergraduate Application (OUAC 101) Current Ontario Secondary School Students' icon, and then click on the '101 online application'. Then you will click on the 'Login' icon.
- ☐ You have to pay to apply - cost: \$140 for 3 program choices. Each additional choice of program is \$47.

#### **You will need to have the following ready when you apply:**

- ☐ Your PIN and student number
- ☐ Your school number (included with your PIN, can also be obtained from your guidance counsellor)
- ☐ Your complete home mailing address (including your postal code)
- ☐ Payment format (credit card strongly recommended)
- ☐ Program choices (make sure you have recorded the schools and the campus, and the program names)

**Application deadline: January 14th at 11:59pm. Don't wait until the last minute. There will be surge in online traffic and you might miss the deadline.**

### **APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

- 1. What is the PIN I picked up from guidance used for?**  
To create an account to apply to university programs once you have logged onto to [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca)
- 2. Am I allowed to make changes to my application?**  
You can change the school(s) or program(s) that you have applied to. OUAC accepts changes at any time.
- 3. What should I do if I lose my PIN, school, or OUAC reference numbers?**  
See your guidance counsellor.
- 4. Do I need to send my marks to the universities I have applied to?**  
No. All transcripts are sent electronically to the universities by the Peel District School Board.
- 5. I've heard that some students get early acceptance. Do all students get this?**  
Early acceptance is an exception. Only a small number of students will get this. Not all schools or programs offer early acceptances.(Unless you have already graduated)
- 6. When will I receive an offer of admission?**
- 7. Most offers of admission are sent in May.**