

**SMITHVILLE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Student Services Fact Sheet: Post Secondary Planning**  
**2024-2025**

**Christian College\University Applications: [Council for Christian Colleges and Universities](#)**  
**Application Fee: varies**

Although there is no specific deadline or date by which the application must be sent, it is a good idea to apply early. Many Christian universities/colleges offer fee waivers for their application if the application is completed/mailed before the end of the calendar year. The earlier you apply, the better chance you have of being considered for scholarships, financial aid packages and obtaining the residence you desire. Although the sticker price for some of these institutions may be very high, financial aid packages often make these schools comparable in price to their public competition.

Applications can be obtained online and should be sent directly to the Christian College/University by the student applying. **Students must request, in writing, to have their transcript sent to these institutions.**

**Ontario University Applications: <https://www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101/>**  
**Basic Application fee: \$156**  
**Additional choices =\$50 each / International Service Fee=\$10 / Supplemental Program Fees (vary)**

**January 15, 2025.** **Deadline** for Ontario secondary students to submit completed applications to the OUAC. Applications received after this date will still be processed and distributed, but specific university deadlines will apply.

**May 29, 2025.** The latest date by which all secondary students can expect a response from an Ontario university.

**June 2, 2025.** This is the earliest date by which universities may require a response to an offer of admission from an Ontario secondary school student.

The <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/> is a **guide to Ontario universities** for secondary school students and guidance counsellors. Its mandate is to provide students and guidance counsellors with information about university programs, admission requirements and additional resources. *Ontario Universities Info* should be used as a starting point for researching university options.

**Ontario College Applications: [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)**  
**Application Fee: \$150**

**Early October** Colleges begin receiving applications. This is the earliest date that colleges may acknowledge applications.

**November 1** Earliest date the colleges may release offers to applicants. Offers will continue to be issued until programs are filled or wait lists are established. Earliest date that applicants may confirm an offer of admission.

**February 1** Deadline for applying to highly competitive programs.

**May 1** The most common deadline for confirming offers of admission – but not the only one.

Applicants should always review their offers of admission for exact deadline dates.

**June 1** Earliest date that colleges may require payment of tuition fees.

**APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING**

An apprenticeship is a form of post-secondary education like university or college but there's a big difference. An apprenticeship is a combination of on-the-job training and classroom learning that leads to a trade credential – or "ticket". Apprentices not only learn skills in a classroom but also receive paid on-the-job training with an employer. Find more information on apprenticeship programs and services delivered by provinces or territories: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/apprenticeship-ontario>

**GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITIES**

A gap year is a break after secondary school, before making a commitment to an apprenticeship, college, university or the workplace. It can be any length of time, before and during studies, time off from work or other career pursuits and include any number of activities. You can figure out who you are, what your opportunities are, who you want to become and what you need to get there: <https://www.cangap.ca/>

## IELTS & Duolingo

If you are an international student, you may be required to provide proof of English language proficiency. Two of the most recognized tests are:

The **IELTS** Academic test score is recognized by more than 6000 institutions in 135 countries as a trusted and valid indicator of the ability to communicate in English. For more information and to register online go to <https://ielts.britishcouncil.org>

**Duolingo** allows you to practice the test for free, take the test online, anytime, anywhere, finish in 1 hour and get your results in two days. It is accepted at over 3500 institutions worldwide. Learn more here:

<https://englishtest.duolingo.com/applicants>

## ACT Test (American College Test) and SAT (College Board)

Some colleges and universities in the USA require scores from the **ACT** or **SAT** tests as a part of the admissions process. For more information and to register go to <http://www.actstudent.org> for the ACT and for the SAT go to <http://sat.collegeboard.org/home>

## Special Events

Date	Event	Location & Registration
October 5 & 6	Ontario Universities' Fair	<a href="#">Metro Toronto Convention Centre</a>
September 25 & November 21	Ontario Universities' Information Sessions	<a href="#">Virtual</a>
October 7	Ontario Universities Regional Fairs	<a href="#">At Brock University</a>
October 28	College Information Program (CIP)	<a href="#">At Niagara College</a>
October 16 - 17	Ontario College Fair	<a href="#">Ener care Centre Toronto</a>
October 31	Christian College and University Fair	<a href="#">Smithville Christian High School - AM</a>
TBA	EDVANCE Skilled Trades Exploration Event	TBA

### University and College Representative Visits at Smithville Christian:

Guelph University: Thursday, September 19 at 12:00 pm

Redeemer University: Monday, September 23 at 11:30 am

Mohawk College: Monday, September 30 at 11:20 [docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWkZ...](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWkZ...)

Brock University: Tuesday, October 1 at 11:30 am: [docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDzh...](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDzh...)

Niagara College: Friday, October 4 at 11:30 am: [docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe9Hu...](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe9Hu...)

McMaster University: Friday, October 11 at 11:30 am: [docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebp4...](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebp4...)

**You are encouraged to also make visits to the post-secondary institutions you are considering** - it really does help. Have a list of questions and issues you would like addressed and answered. There are lists available in Student Services to help guide you. **If you need help planning, please ask.**

## Financial Resources:

1. [www.osap.gov.on.ca](http://www.osap.gov.on.ca) Are you a student in Ontario thinking about a postsecondary education? Are you looking for assistance to help pay for school? Learn more about OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program) and what grants, scholarships, bursaries, and loans are available to help pay for your education.
2. <https://yconic.com/> is a FREE scholarship search service devoted to helping high school seniors, university and college students find information on scholarships, bursaries, grants and other forms of financial assistance.
3. <http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/> Canada's scholarship website. **Sign up** to search through our extensive database to find scholarships, bursaries and grants. You'll also find information about student loans, applications and budget planning.