



Oakridge Secondary School
Grad Guide Presentation
2022 - 2023

Guidance and Support Services Website

Information in this presentation can be found on the Oakridge homepage. Look under the “**Guidance and Support Services**” link on the red horizontal toolbar on the Oakridge homepage, then “**Grad Guide Presentation 2022 - 2023**”.

You are strongly encouraged to sign up for Oak Grads on School Messenger. Group access code: **TM5L8F**

Student Services Department

Guidance Counsellors

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Mr. Kunder

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Mr. Michailidis

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Ms. Favento

Learning Support Teachers (IEP)

Ms. Hubert

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Student Success Teacher (SST) – (non-IEP)

Mr. Harris

Multilingual Learner Lead (MLL)

Mr. Barby

Student Graduation Summary vs. Transcript

- The **Student Graduation Summary** lists the credits and marks you have earned. It also shows how many credits you still need to graduate, how many community service hours you have completed and submitted and if you have successfully completed the Ontario Literacy Test.
- The **Ontario Student Transcript** is an official document which shows all credits successfully earned in grades 9 and 10, plus all grade 11 and 12 courses continued past the full-disclosure date. See slide titled “2022 - 2023 Midterm Marks and Full Disclosure Dates” for 2022 - 2023 full disclosure dates in each semester.



What is Full Disclosure?

- The Ministry of Education has a policy of full disclosure. This policy states that all grade 11 and 12 **courses** attempted by students must be recorded on their Ontario Student Transcript.
- After the full disclosure deadline, any grade 11 or 12 **course** completed, withdrawn from or failed will appear on a student transcript along with the marks earned in the **course**.
- Full disclosure does not apply to grade 9 or 10 courses.

2022 - 2023 Midterm Marks and Full Disclosure Dates (applies to grade 11 and 12 courses only)

Semester 1:

- Midterm Reports go Home: To Be Announced
- Full Disclosure Deadline: To Be Announced
- **Full Disclosure Begins: 5 school days after midterm report cards are distributed by the school**

Semester 2:

- Midterm Reports go Home: To Be Announced
- Full Disclosure Deadline: To Be Announced
- **Full Disclosure Begins: 5 school days after midterm report cards are distributed by the school**

2022 - 2023 Midterm Marks and Full Disclosure Dates (applies to grade 11 and 12 courses only)

Note: to officially drop a senior level course before the **Full disclosure deadline**, the student **MUST** have completed the “Request for Timetable Change” form and have it signed by the classroom teacher and parent/guardian and returned to Guidance by 3pm on the deadline date as advertised on the online Oakridge Announcements page and on the Oak Grads School Messenger. **The full disclosure date will be 5 school days after the midterm report cards are distributed by the school.**

2022 - 2023 Midterm Marks and Full Disclosure Dates (applies to grade 11 and 12 courses only)

For students who are taking a senior level (grade 11 or 12) **eLearning course**, please check with your **eLearning teacher** to determine the full disclosure date for your course.

Do not assume that the full disclosure dates for eLearning courses are the same as your day school Oakridge courses.

Student Graduation Summary

- The **Student Graduation Summary** lists the credits and marks you have earned. It also shows how many credits you still need to graduate, how many community service hours you have completed and submitted to Ms. Cox (Guidance Secretary) and if you have successfully met the Literacy Requirement for graduation. This information can be found in your student portal.
- **Students are responsible to check their student portal regularly to make sure all graduation requirements are on track.** Students who are not completely confident that they will meet the graduation requirements by the end of June should make an appointment to see their Guidance Counsellor ASAP.
- Please note that your Student Graduation Summary is **NOT** an official transcript and will not be accepted at institutions requesting an official Ontario Student Transcript.

Student Graduation Summary (SGS)

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) Requirements:

1. Credit Accumulation - 30 Credits
 - 18 Compulsory
 - 12 Elective (referred to as “Optional” on the SGS)
2. Community Involvement
 - Minimum of 40 hours
3. Completion of the Literacy Requirement
 - Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) **OR** Ontario Literacy Course (OLC)

Transcript Information

Ontario Colleges and Ontario Universities:

Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) and Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) receive transcript information directly from Oakridge that is then forwarded to the Colleges and/or Universities you are applying to for September 2023.

Applying to Out of Province Universities

The OUAC assists the following out of province Universities with collecting academic data for Ontario high school students who have applied through OUAC:

- Acadia University
- Bishop's University
- The University of British Columbia
- University of Calgary
- Concordia University
- Dalhousie University
- McGill University
- Saint Mary's University
- Simon Fraser University
- The University of Victoria

You must have created an OUAC account, completed your OUAC application, and submitted your online payment (credit card only) to receive your OUAC Reference Number which will be required by the above out of province universities to access your Oakridge grades.

Applying to Out of Province Universities

Note: Students who apply to out-of-province universities listed on the previous slide can authorize the universities to request their academic information from OUAC. To authorize them, the applicant must include their 11-digit OUAC Reference Number on the university's application form. In all cases, the **11th digit** should always be the **number "0"**

Transcript Information

Out of Province Colleges and Universities:

- Transcript information needs to be sent to Colleges/University by **YOU**
- Please see Ms. Cox, between 8am – 3pm, in the Guidance office to order an official transcript

The Application Process

College Admission

- Grade 11 and 12 marks are considered
- Certain programs will have specific prerequisites
- **Research** and **apply** to colleges/programs on “ontariocolleges.ca”
- No PIN required for application on the Ontario Colleges Application Service (OCAS) website

The Application Process

University Admission:

- Average based on 6 grade 12 U or M courses, including prerequisites, one of which **MUST** be grade 12 University English (ENG4U)
- May require a supplementary application (essay, portfolio, interview, etc.)
- **Research** universities/programs on “ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca”
- **Apply** to universities/programs on the OUAC website. OUAC PIN required for application.

OUAC PINs will be distributed in your homeroom on **Thursday October 27, 2022**. For students who have a period 1 spare, see Ms. Cox in Guidance for your OUAC PIN.

Quick Facts: College vs. University, in Ontario

Research:

- College - ontariocolleges.ca
- University - ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca
- College and University – transitionresourceguide.ca
- College? University? Or Both? – ontransfer.ca

Apply:

- College – ontariocolleges.ca
- University – ouac.on.ca

Ontario Universities' Indigenous Student Resources (OUI SR)

OUI SR provides information about supports and services for Indigenous students interested in, or already attending, an Ontario university.

- Students can find information about:
- academics,
- admissions,
- financial aid,
- housing,
- Indigenous student services,
- student life and
- well-being.

OUI SR also features videos of Indigenous role models who have achieved success in postsecondary education in Ontario. Students can learn about how to connect with Indigenous university representatives in a city near them.

Visit: www.ontariouniversitiesindigenous.ca.

Quick Facts: College vs. University, in Ontario

Application Fee:

- **College** - \$110 for 5 program selections, max 3 programs in any one college, NO additional program selections allowed
- **University** - \$150 for 3 program selections, NO more than 3 selections in any one university (including affiliates, i.e. Huron or Kings or Brescia at Western), \$50 for each additional program choice

OUAC Codes

Every University in Ontario, and each program at that University, has a unique program code

For example: The OUAC Code for Social Science at Western University (main campus) is **EO**. No other program in Ontario has the **EO** code.

OUAC Codes

Many programs in Ontario will offer multiple “Majors”

- For example the **Social Science** program at **Western University** (main campus) offers 31 “**Subjects of Major Interest**”, including Psychology, Anthropology, Sociology, or Criminology among 27 others
- Remember that you are applying to a **Program**, and **NOT** a specific Subject of Major interest. Therefore, if you are interested in Psychology and Anthropology, you are still only applying **ONCE** to the Social Science program (EO)
- **NEVER USE THE SAME OUAC CODE TWICE**

Supplemental Program Fees (Ontario Universities)

Supplemental program fees cover the cost of individual faculty admission processes. The supplemental program fee is non-refundable and you pay it along with your OUAC application fee.

- McMaster University (Engineering) \$50
- OCAD University (All programs) \$25
- University of Toronto (Architecture) \$45
- University of Toronto (Commerce) \$50
- University of Toronto, Faculty of Arts & Science (Computer Science) \$50
- University of Toronto (Engineering) \$40
- University of Waterloo (Accounting) \$53.25
- University of Waterloo (Engineering) \$53.25
- York University (some programs in the school of Arts, Media, Performance & Design) \$20

Key Dates - College vs. University, in Ontario

College

- Online applications open **October 1, 2022**
- Equal consideration application deadline **February 1, 2023**
- Conditional offers may be received as early as **November 1, 2022**
- Conditional offer must be accepted in OCAS account no later than **May 1, 2023**

University

- Online applications begin when you receive your OUAC PIN (**October 27, 2022**)
- Equal consideration application deadline **January 12, 2023**
- Conditional offers may be received anytime after your OUAC account has been submitted and payment has been received...**majority of conditional offers come out in May, after semester 2 midterm marks are uploaded to OUAC**
- Conditional offer must be accepted in your OUAC account no later than **June 1, 2023**

Can I Apply for “Early Acceptance”?

There is **NO such thing** as “Early Acceptance”

ALL offers of admission to college and university are **CONDITIONAL**, regardless of the month the conditional offer is received.

What are the “Conditions” of Your Early Conditional Offer?

1. You must meet all OSSD graduation requirements
 - 30 Credits
 - 40 Volunteer Hours
 - OSSLT or OLC
2. You must maintain a minimum overall top 6 average, including prerequisites, as stated by the college or university in your conditional offer.
3. In some cases, a minimum final mark in a specific course(s) will be set by the university in your offer, e.g. a 70% final mark in each of ENG4U1, MHF4U1, MCV4U1, SCH4U1, SPH4U1 for University of Waterloo Architectural Engineering.

Scholarships/Awards/Bursaries

- Admission Scholarships – based on admission average, no application required
- University/College Scholarships
 - School Specific
 - Faculty Specific
- General Scholarships – eg. TD Scholarship
- Parents' Employment – eg. 3M
- Community Organizations – eg. YMCA

Scholarships

- Admission Scholarships

- E.g. #1 Western University

- 90% - 91.9% \$1500
 - 92% and up \$2500
 - Top high school admission average \$6000
(250 Scholarships available)

- #2 Kings at Western

- 82% - 84.9% \$1500
 - 85% - 89.9% \$2500
 - 90% - 94.9% \$3000
 - 95% and up \$3500

Online Sources of Scholarship Information

- scholarshipscanada.com
- studentawards.com
- yconic.com
- scholartree.ca
- ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca
- osca.ca



Other Sources of Scholarship Information

- “Scholarships” bulletin board outside Guidance office
- Announcements on School Messenger at “Oak Grads”, group access code: **TM5L8F**
- Schedule an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor for more information about applying for scholarships

How to Apply for a Scholarship Requiring a School Nomination

- Join the “Scholarship Nominations 2022 - 2023” Google classroom
 - Class code: **va322ch**
- A separate “Assignment” will be posted for each of the next three scholarships requiring school nomination

Scholarships Requiring a School Nomination

Queen's Chancellor's Scholarship

- Deadline: **December 8, 2022**
- Value: \$36,000
- 1 nomination

An “assignment” will be posted in the “Scholarship Nominations 2022-2023” Google Classroom in early **November.**

Scholarships Requiring a School Nomination

Western National Scholarship

- Deadline: **February 14, 2023**
- Value: \$30,000 - \$72,000
- 4 Nominations + 1 International Student Nomination

An “assignment” will be posted in the “Scholarship Nominations 2022-2023” Google Classroom in early **December.**

Scholarships Requiring a School Nomination

Schulich Leader Scholarship

- Deadline: **February 21, 2023**
- Value: \$100,000 (Science/Technology/Mathematics)
\$120,000 (Engineering)
- 1 Nomination

An “assignment” will be posted in the “Scholarship Nominations 2022-2023” Google Classroom in early **January**.

References

- A letter of reference is required if you are nominated for a major scholarship
- Ask a staff member or community contact who knows you well
 - Please allow your reference a reasonable amount of time to prepare a letter. We recommend a minimum of 2 weeks.

Bursaries

What is a Bursary?

- Non-repayable grants for students who demonstrate financial need.

How do I Qualify?

- Generally to qualify for a bursary, you must also have applied for OSAP.

Types of Bursaries:

- Admissions Bursaries – for students entering first year
- Work Study Bursaries – on campus paid positions available to students who demonstrate financial need.

Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)

- Its money to help you go to college or university. And not just loans! Grants too. That's money you don't need to pay back.
- It's based on financial need. Even students from families with incomes up to \$170,000 can qualify for assistance.
- Once you have accepted a conditional offer, to a college or university, you may apply for OSAP:

ontario.ca/osap

Thames Valley Education Awards, Bursaries and Scholarships

Available Thames Valley Education Foundation (TVEF) Awards can be found at the following link: [Thames Valley Education Awards](#)

1. Click on “Student Award and Scholarship Website Directory”
2. Select “Oakridge S.S.” to search TVEF awards specific to our school
3. The majority of the awards are for graduating students but some awards apply to grade 10 and 11 students.
4. Search individual awards for specific details (eg. eligibility criteria, deadlines, etc.)

Further details on the application process for TVEF Awards will be outlined at a Commencement Assembly in March 2023

2023 Oakridge Commencement

- Oakridge has the tradition of hosting a **Social Graduation** on the first Friday of June. Commencement this year will be held on **Friday June 2, 2023**.
- Social Graduation means that students do not have to officially graduate in order to attend.
- Commencement this year is for ALL students who entered into high school in the **2019 – 2020 school year**, even if they will not have met all 3 graduation requirements (30 Credits, Literacy Test, Volunteer Hours) by the end of June 2023 AND/OR even if they plan on returning for an extra year or semester in the 2023 – 2024 school year.

Questions?

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