

College and University Information

ECHS Guidance 2020/2021

Christian Colleges and University Applications:

Although there is no specific deadline or date by which the application must be sent, it is a good idea to apply before Jan. 31, 2021. Many Christian Colleges waive the application fee if applications are received before mid to late December. Most Christian Colleges will accept applications as late as the summer of 2021. However, the earlier you apply the better the likelihood of being offered admission, of obtaining the residence you desire, and of receiving the best financial package.

Remember that most Christian Colleges, Bible Colleges and Universities require supplemental materials like references, pastoral recommendations, and personal essays.

Ontario University Applications:

From September-November: do RESEARCH and more RESEARCH! Visit the eINFO website (<http://www.electronicinfo.ca>); consult with your Guidance Counselor; visit a local University Information Program Fair. *Go to Campus Visits at any University you are interested in.*

eINFO Website: This website is a "must visit" site for all students applying to an Ontario University. It lists cut-off averages, application procedures, admission requirement changes, and much more. This site has been much improved over the last few years, so use it!

Applications are all done through a central body, the Ontario Universities Applications Centre (OUAC). See www.ouac.on.ca for information. Note that all applicants must have an email address that they check regularly as this is the way universities will communicate with you.

Late November/December: I will schedule computer time to walk you through the actual process of applying to University. Passwords will be distributed to you at this time, and you will be able to apply. The fee is \$150 to apply to three universities. Additional choices are possible for \$50 each. (Surprisingly there has been no increase from four years ago for both of these fees.)

January 15, 2021: DEADLINE to submit completed applications to the OUAC (Though applications will be accepted after this date, students may be too late for certain programs.)

February 4, 2021: Date to make final changes. Recommended last date for students to submit all information to the OUAC, including university and program changes as well as additional active choices, to be eligible for consideration for early admission.

Note: This is not a deadline date. Changes will be accepted and processed by the OUAC at any time.

Pay attention to individual university deadlines - some may be earlier than February 6.

Mid-March - Exceptional applicants **may** receive conditional offers of admission from Ontario universities as early as mid-March, 2021 based on a combination of final and mid-term grades for Grades 11 and 12 courses to date.

April 1 - 30, 2021 - Common deadline for portfolios and profiles; check eINFO for specific universities.

April - most University Offers of Admission begin arriving. If students do not meet the admission criteria for a program, they may still be eligible during a later round of offers (usually sent during May)

May 27, 2021 -The latest date by which all secondary school applicants shall expect a response from an Ontario university. (This can be a firm offer, a conditional offer, a deferral pending the receipt of specific additional information or a refusal.)

June 1, 2021 - The earliest date a school may require a response to an offer of admission. The earliest date universities may require a financial commitment of any kind. Respond to offers of admission online at www.ouac.on.ca.

Ontario Community College Applications:

September-November: RESEARCH! RESEARCH! RESEARCH! Visit the Ontario College website (ontariocolleges.ca), consult with your Guidance Counselor; visit a local College Information Program Fair, sign up for presentations at school, and visit any college you are interested in.

The Ontario College website is a "must visit" for all students applying to an Ontario college. Similar programs offered by colleges, admission requirements for highly competitive programs, program codes, application procedures, and much more are included at this informative Ontario college site.

Applications are done through a central organization, the Ontario College Application Centre. We will send them your personal information and grades. Your job is to research options and apply. The cost is \$95.00, which allows application to up to five different programs. The choices may be at different colleges or they may be different programs at the same college (though no more than three may be at the same college).

Early October 2020: Colleges begin receiving applications.

December/January: I will schedule computer time to walk you through the actual process of applying to College.

Feb. 1, 2021 - Deadline for applications for equal consideration. Any application received before this date will receive equal consideration. Applications received after this date will still be considered, but you may be too late for popular programs.

Feb. 1, 2021 - Earliest date students can expect to receive an Offer of Admission.

May 1, 2021 - Offers of Admission must be accepted by this date!

Mid-June, 2021 - Earliest date that the colleges may expect payment of tuition fees. This date is not common for all colleges any more.

***It is important to narrow down your choices before the Application deadlines. A final decision need not be made until April, after offers have been received.**

****You may apply to both OCAS and OUAC if you wish to keep more options open. (It is important to understand that more and more colleges are offering university degrees.)**

Apprenticeships:

- Earn while you learn! Apprenticeships require a set number of hours of experience which varies for each trade. You will also have to go to school either at nights/weekends, or one to two days a week, or in blocks. There are also government grants after you finish blocks of schooling.
- If you go to school for blocks you will be entitled to Employment Insurance benefits.
- Need to find a qualified employer to sign you up with the College of Trades. Co-op education opportunities can be very useful to find and impress employers or to build your resume to help you get that first opportunity.
- There are also many college programs that can help you build your resume to get the apprenticeship opportunity. Some will even allow you to skip some portions of your in-school training.
- Many of these jobs are in high demand and can pay very well.

College/University Information Programs & Visits for Fall:

A. Visiting Schools

Most colleges and universities have a regular visiting schedule and open houses, and are willing to provide individual tours. The eINFO website has the specifics on all Ontario universities.

Visit the college web page for the specifics for visiting each of the colleges. All visits can be arranged through your Guidance office. (Come to Mr. Mans a few days ahead of the visit with a signed note from your parent). It really does help. Before making a visit,

be prepared by having a list of questions and issues you would like answered and addressed.

B. University Information Program

These information sessions feature representatives from all the Ontario universities. These sessions are a good way to find out information regarding the various universities. University Information Program can be found at the eINFO website.

*******Redeemer University Campus visits:** <https://www.redeemer.ca/visit/> There are virtual visit but also other opportunities. Visit their website for more information.

Ontario Universities Fair and information events: Cancelled

Christian University/College Information Program:

Christian University & College Fairs – Cancelled at this time. For more information <http://www.naccap.org/>

Ontario College Information Fair: Virtual this year. October 21, 2020 (5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.) & October 22, 2020 (9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.). This is the largest of its type for Ontario. See: <http://collegefair.ca>

Representative Visits

The following schools are scheduled to visit us:

Conestoga College:	September 27, 2018 - 9:00 a.m.
University of Waterloo:	October 09, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.
Redeemer College/University	October 24, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.
Covenant CRTC	Group to visit CRTC
University of Guelph:	October 29, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.
Georgian College:	November 13, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.
University of Ont. Ins. or Technology:	November 20, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.

Parents are more than welcomed to join us for these visits.

If there is an overwhelming interest in another particular college or university I will invite them to present at the school as well.