

Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School



College Information Booklet

September 14th, 2017

Your Ontario College Application

How do I apply to an Ontario College?

You will submit your Ontario College Application online to OCAS (Ontario College Application Service) at www.ontariocolleges.ca.

How much will it cost me?

The application fee is \$95. You can make 5 program choices, with no more than 3 choices at any one college.

How do I pay?

You can pay

- 1) online with a credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Visa Debit)
- 3) Direct payment (online banking or telephone banking)
- 4) Money order
- 5) Certified cheque (NO personal cheques)

What do I do before I am ready to complete my application?

- Explore your college options.
- Check out college websites, publications and tours.
- Research program admission requirements
- Take a look at the online Program Locator (at ontariocolleges.ca) or the Ontario College Guide.
- Have a valid email account.
- Think of a unique username and password
- Know your Ontario Education Number (OEN)
- Know your correct address, postal code and social insurance number.
- Have a credit card number, including expiry date (Visa, MasterCard or American Express), if you plan to pay online.

Important Dates:

October 2017. Applications may be submitted to OCAS as soon as they are available online.

December 22, 2017. Holy Trinity deadline for college applications to be submitted to OCAS.
January 15, 2017 is the latest date for a chance at prize money.

February 1, 2018. Equal consideration date (all applications received at OCAS by this date will be considered equally by the colleges).

May 1, 2018 Confirmation date for acceptance of an offer of admission.

June 15, 2018 Tuition deposit payment due.

COLLEGE VISITS

All visits will take place in the library unless otherwise noted.

St. Lawrence College	September 27	9:15 a.m.
Algonquin College	October 5	9:35 p.m.

Sign up (at least 2 days in advance) in the guidance office if you plan on attending any of the above information sessions. Students must be excused to attend these information meetings. If this opportunity is abused, the student's privilege to attend the sessions will be revoked.

Visit the guidance office to stay up to date on future college liaison visits.

Other Notable Dates

Open House for parents – post-secondary information meeting 5:15 p.m. **September 20**

-Early proof of completion of Community Service **October 20**

To get your name entered into a draw for a free grad gown rental, or a free grad photo sitting fee, and house points for all early entries

(1) Graduation Profile Sheet **November 10**

(2) \$30 Grad Gown Rental Fee **November 10**

Late payment for Grad Gown Rental Fee: \$40 after November 10th & \$50 after January 23

- Grad Photos (Sign up required in guidance office TBD) **Dec 18 & 19**
\$25 cash sitting fee paid to PhotoVisions at time photo is taken. **Retakes Feb 22**

-Deadline for proof of completion of Community Service **May 22**

HOW DO I PAY FOR COLLEGE?

Financial Aid: OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program)

√ Applications are available on the OSAP website <http://osap.gov.on.ca> in late May.

Bursaries & Scholarships

⚙ Check the guidance office & guidance office window often for scholarship and bursary information. Updates & information on local bursaries will be sent to all students on the Grad 2018 email list.

⚙ Complete a Graduate Profile. To qualify for graduation bursaries and other awards granted throughout the year, students **MUST** fill out a **GRADUATE PROFILE**.

A College Bound Student's Checklist

- Investigate colleges:
 - ☺ Research the academic calendars.
 - ☺ Compare institutions: ontariocolleges.ca;
 - ☺ Listen to talks by “liaison” officers.
 - ☺ Talk to recent graduates.
 - ☺ Talk to a Guidance Counsellor.
 - ☺ Talk to faculty members.
 - ☺ Talk to your parents.
 - ☺ Visit the college’s web site.
 - ☺ Visit the campus; attend a class; Open House

- Sign up in the guidance office for the appropriate college liaison officers’ visits.

- Make an appointment with your guidance counselor.

- Complete and hand in a Graduate Profile **Deadline: November 10, 2017.**

- Pay \$30 for your graduation gown rental **Deadline: November 10, 2017.**
Please note: late payment fee after November 4th will be \$40...after January 23rd \$50

- Apply online to Ontario Colleges **Deadline: December 22, 2017**
www.ontariocolleges.ca

- Show proof of completion of Community Service Hours **Deadline: Monday May 22, 2018**

- Visit college campuses (March break is a good time for many students)

- Late May: apply for OSAP

- Once you have accepted an offer of admission, inform your guidance counsellor of the decision.