

# Donald A. Wilson SS

Grade 12

Post-Secondary Information

2023-2024



The Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located.

Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island (North America). We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississauga Peoples and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation.

It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we teach, learn and live.



Le conseil scolaire du district de Durham tient à souligner que de nombreuses nations autochtones ont des relations à long terme, qui sont historiques et modernes, avec les territoires sur lesquels se situent notre conseil scolaire et nos écoles.

Aujourd'hui, cette région abrite de nombreux peuples autochtones de l'île de la Tortue (Amérique du Nord). Nous tenons à souligner que la région de Durham se situe sur des territoires traditionnels qui comprennent ceux des Premières Nations des Mississaugas de Scugog Island, du peuple Mississauga et le territoire visé par les traités avec la Première Nation des Chippewas de l'île Georgina.

C'est sur ces terres ancestrales et visées par les traités que nous enseignons, apprenons et vivons.

## **INDIGENOUS INHERENT RIGHTS STATEMENT**

The Durham District School Board recognizes Indigenous rights are distinct. In the exercise of those rights, Indigenous staff and students shall not be subjected to actions with the aim or effect of depriving these distinct rights.

## **DÉCLARATION SUR LES DROITS DES AUTOCHTONES**

Le conseil scolaire du district de Durham reconnaît que les droits des Autochtones sont distincts. Dans l'exercice de ces droits, les membres du personnel et les élèves autochtones ne doivent pas être soumis à des actions ayant pour but ou pour effet de les priver de ces droits distincts.

## **HUMAN RIGHTS STATEMENT**

The Durham District School Board is committed to learning and working environments that centre human rights and equity and are safe, welcoming, respectful, equitable, accessible, inclusive and free from discrimination, oppression and harm.

## **DÉCLARATION DES DROITS DE LA PERSONNE**

Le conseil scolaire de Durham s'engage à offrir un milieu d'apprentissage et un milieu de travail centrés sur les droits de la personne et l'équité, qui sont sécuritaires, accueillants, respectueux, équitables, accessibles, inclusifs et sans discrimination, sans oppression et ni préjudice.

# Accessing Information



<https://donaldawilsonss.ddsbc.ca/en/students/guidance.aspx>

Google Classroom

Grade 12 GUIDANCE  
2023-2024 Ms. Matthews

# 2023-2024 Graduation Requirements

- **18 Compulsory + 12 Optional = 30 Credits**
- **The Ontario School Literacy Requirement**
- **40 hours** of Community Service
- **2 Online Learning Credits** - one has been granted to your grade; Opt-Out forms are available in Guidance

# Post Secondary Options

- Workplace
- Gap Year
- Apprenticeship
- College
  - ✓ Programs for Workplace Graduates
  - ✓ General Arts and Science Programs
  - ✓ Transfer Programs
- University

# Guidance Resources

- **Ontario College Fair - October 18, 19**

Enercare Centre, Toronto

<https://ontariocollegefair.ca/>

Connect with colleges for open houses and tour dates.

- **Ontario Universities Fair - October 21, 22**

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

<https://www.ontariouniversitiesevents.ca/ouf/>

Connect with universities for open houses and tour dates.



# **Guidance Resources**

## **DAWSS Post-Secondary Fair**

**TOMORROW NIGHT!**

**Thursday, October 5**

**6pm - 8pm**

Representatives from  
**Ontario colleges and universities** will be in attendance with their promotional materials.

# Things to do.....

- Research post-secondary requirements

- Apprenticeships



- Ontario Colleges

[ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca)

APPLY TODAY. CHANGE TOMORROW.

- Transfer Programs



- Ontario Universities



- View school and program information online

# Apprenticeships

*Earn while you learn*

in more than 150 skilled trades in Ontario

- Students **find an employer to hire and train** them
- Training agreement with an Apprenticeship Branch consultant from Ministry
- 90% practical on-the-job + 10% theoretical in-class
- Some trades have exam requirements after training
- Red Seal Trades provide opportunities to work in other provinces/territories/countries

# Apprenticeships

- Fine tune your resume/profile
- Work on your employability skills
- Math/Science/Tech courses
- Skilled Trades Ontario



<https://www.skilledtradesontario.ca/>

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/apprenticeship-ontario>

# Ontario Colleges



- **24** in total
- **6** in our area
- Offering diploma, certificate and degree programs
- Numerous campus sites
- Apply at [ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca)

# College Admission Requirements

- OSSD with English 4C/4U **plus** the required senior courses at the C, M, or U level
- Some programs have specific course requirements
- Additional criteria (grades, tests, interview, portfolio, audition, community service, essay, etc.) – **with deadlines**
- Apply early to highly competitive and oversubscribed programs

[ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca)

# College Application Details

- Online college application cycle opens early October.
- \$125 = 5 program choices (no more than 3 per college)
- **College Application Deadline – February 1, 2024**
- Grades are sent electronically in various stages  
AUTOMATICALLY by the DDSB

# College Admissions

- Admission decisions are made as early as **November 1, 2023** and sent throughout the year
- You can make changes or check the status of your application online anytime
- The most *common* deadline for confirming offers of admission is **May 1, 2024** but it may not be the only date
- **June 1, 2024** earliest date that colleges may require payment of tuition fees



# College Applications

NEWSLETTER

APPLY / LOG IN

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ontariocolleges.ca by OCAS

Applying ▾ Colleges ▾ Programs FAQ ▾ Q

**APPLY NOW**

Already have an account? [Log in.](#)

COMING SOON – Programs starting August 2024 - July 2025

WHY COLLEGE?

COLLEGE IS...

HOW DO I...

NEWS & EVENTS

# College Applications

## How to Apply to an Ontario College (Canadian Applicants)

[Home](#) | [Applying](#)

The first step in applying to college is to research the programs and colleges available to you. If you have not already decided what programs you are applying to, you can:

- See our [College Map](#) to find a campus near you
- Browse our [Find a Program](#) tool to see all college programs offered in Ontario
- Visit [college websites](#) for more details about their programs and [admission requirements](#)
- Attend a [college recruitment](#) event to meet college representatives

The next step is to create an account with ontariocolleges.ca and begin your college application.

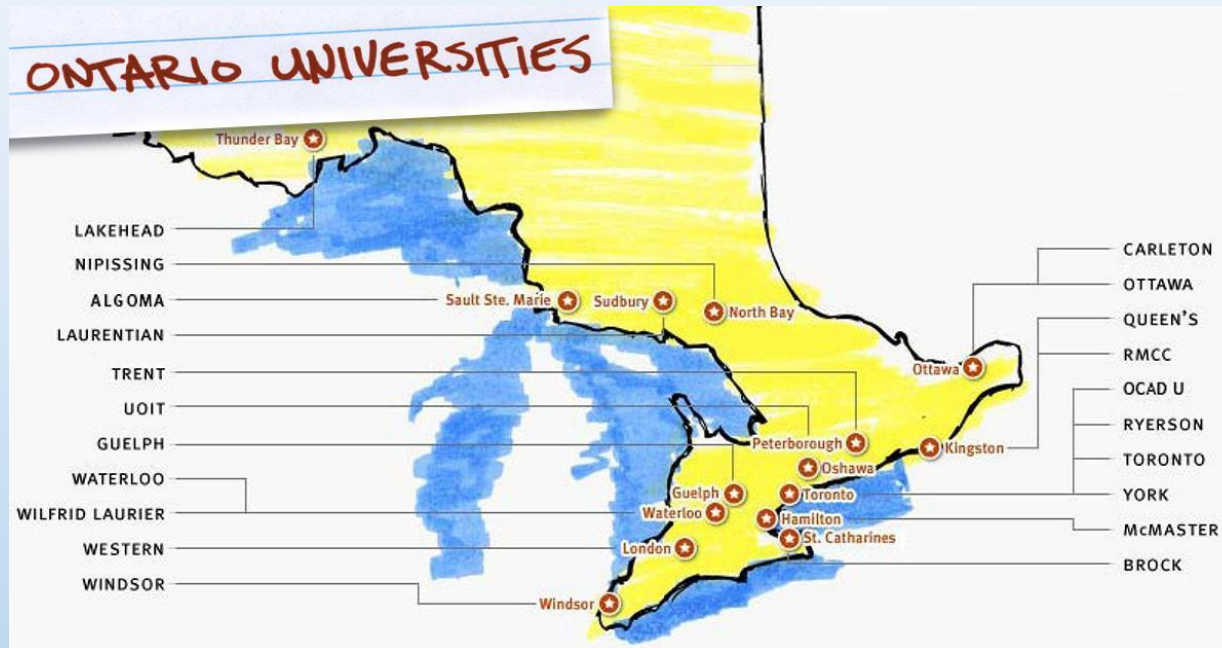
Ready to start your application?

[CREATE AN ACCOUNT](#)

[LOG IN](#)

to your account to complete your application, make changes or confirm offers of admission.

# Ontario Universities



- 23 in Ontario
- 6 in our area
- Numerous campus sites
- Apply at [ouac.on.ca](http://ouac.on.ca)

# University Admission Requirements

- OSSD with English 4U **plus** five 4U/M courses
- Program specific course requirements
- Grade range averages based on 2023 applicant pool
- Additional non-course requirements with **varying deadlines** will be communicated by the post-secondary institutions
- Ex: personal statement of interest, applicant background summary, letters of reference, essay, audition, etc.



# University Application Details

- Online university application cycle is open now.
- \$156 = 3 program choices; \$50 for each additional choice; \$50 to change choice of university; extra fees for certain programs
- **University Application Deadline – January 15, 2024**
- Grades are sent electronically in various stages  
AUTOMATICALLY by the DDSB

# University Application Details

- Latest date students can expect a response from an Ontario university is **May 29, 2024**
- Check to see if alternate offers of admission are made
- Earliest date students **may be required to confirm acceptance** online and provide a financial commitment is **June 3, 2024**

# University Applications

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 Ontario Universities'  
Application Centre

[Planning  
for University](#)

[Undergrad  
Applicants](#)

[Professional  
Applicants](#)

[Getting  
Help](#)



## Ready to Apply?

Once you've decided which programs you're interested in, it's time to start your application to Ontario's universities.

[Apply Now](#) 



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LAW



MEDICINE



REHAB



TEACHER ED

# University Applications



## Log In

Username  (required)

[Recover your username](#)

Password (required)

[Forgot your password?](#)

Log In

## Create Account

### Notes:

- You will use your username and password in all OUAC applications.
- Do not create more than 1 account.
- Do not use an account created by someone else.

Create My Account



# Post-Secondary Offers of Admission

- Keep a record of your OCAS and OUAC application numbers
- Offers are sent to the applicant by mail or electronically. Use your personal e-mail address when applying.
- Read all correspondence carefully, follow all instructions, and check often

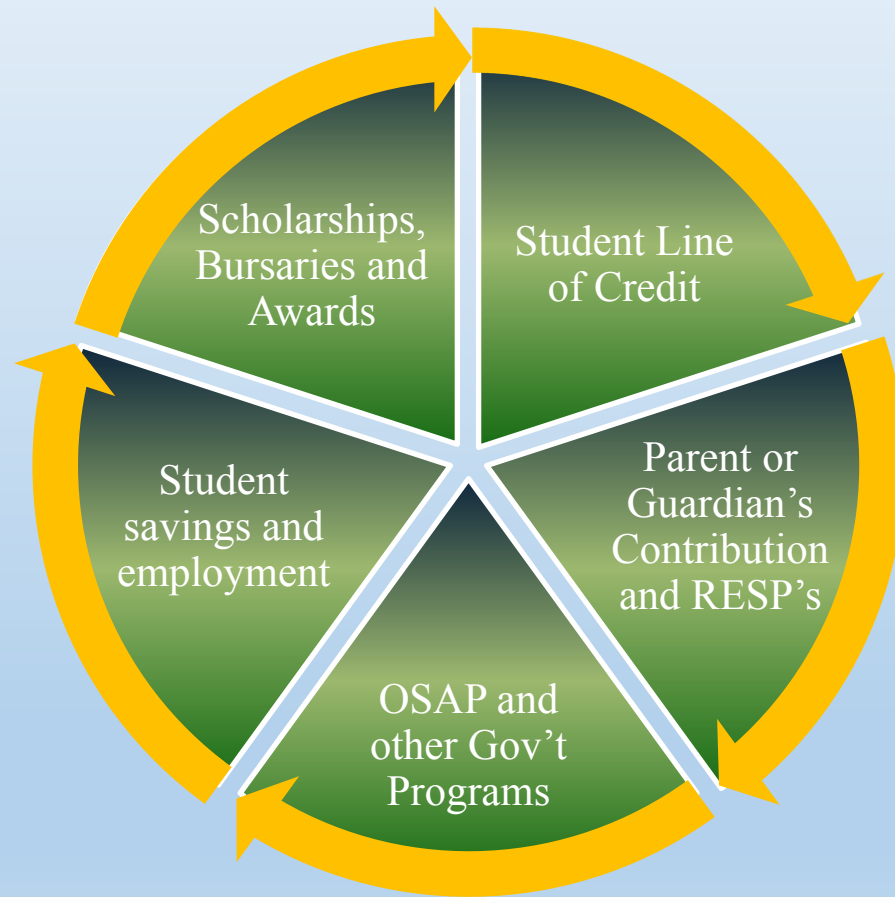
**All offers of admission are **CONDITIONAL****

# Out-of-Province Applications

If you want to apply to a post-secondary institution **outside of Ontario:**

- Visit the **websites** of the schools you are interested in to obtain information about **their application process, deadlines, and application fees.**
- Connect with their **admissions department** for application questions.
- You may need to request your **transcript** to be sent by DAWSS several times throughout the year, as required by the institution.

# Potential Options to Pay for Post-Secondary



# Types of Scholarships

## **Entrance scholarships**

- Automatic, based on specific admission average for each institution, and may be renewable

## **Post-Secondary scholarships with application**

- Check post-secondary Financial Aid Office websites

## **Foundation scholarships (i.e. Loran, Schulich)**

- Looking for high marks, outstanding community service, or leadership qualities
- Some require nominations from the school

# Research for Scholarships

Websites:

- [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)
- [www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)
- [www.scholartree.ca](http://www.scholartree.ca)

Post-Secondary Financial Aid Websites

Other

- Scholarship Report posted bi-monthly in the Guidance Google Classroom
- Family, community, and employment associations
- DAWSS Scholarship Nomination form - Spring 2024

# Reference Letters

- If you require a **reference letter** for a scholarship application, ask an individual such as a current employer, community member, coach, or educator who knows you well.
- Ensure you provide the person with a copy of your resume and information about the scholarship.
- When you request a letter of reference, ask the individual **at least two weeks** in advance of when you require the letter of reference.

# OSAP: Ontario Student Assistant Program

- Every student can apply for OSAP (*in May*)
- Apply after you have accepted your offer of admission
- There may be grants tied to the OSAP application (*that do not have to be repaid*)

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program>

# IEPs and Post-Secondary Support

- Students must advocate for continued support from post-secondary institutions
- Recent copies of IEPs, report cards, psychological testing (usually within last two years) – keep a file after final IPRC
- Each school provides different levels of support and may require their own set of paperwork
- Once a student turns 18, schools will not communicate with parents/guardians



# DAWSS GRADUATION 2024

**Save the Date!**

This year's Graduation Ceremony will take place on  
**Friday June 28th, 2024 at Durham College.**



# DAWSS GRADUATION 2024

If you are a student that is set to graduate this June and are planning on participating in the graduation ceremony, please purchase your **cap and gown**.

**You will be required to order using School Cash Online and choose a size according to your height. The fee is \$32 to receive your cap, gown, stole and tassel.**

*If you have any questions or concerns,  
please see Guidance.*

# Questions?

We'll help you find the answers!

Check out the **How-To Videos** on **OUAC** and **OCAS**

<https://www.ouac.on.ca/videos/how-to-videos/>

<https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/apply>

Make a Guidance appointment using the booking system. See the Guidance Google Classroom for instructions.

**CLASS OF 2024**

