

SMITHVILLE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL
Student Services Fact Sheet: Post Secondary Planning
2012-13



Christian College\University Applications:
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. Applications can be obtained online and should be sent directly to the Christian College by the student applying. **Students must request his/her transcript to be sent to these institutions.** 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.

ACT Test (American College Test)

Using decades of empirical research, ACT provides data-driven solutions that encourage academic readiness and inspire career exploration while preparing students for college and career success. **The ACT is administered at Smithville Christian on Saturday December 8, 2012 - Students must register online at <http://www.actstudent.org>**

SAT (College Board)

While high school grades are a very useful indicator of how students will perform in college, **there is great variation in grading standards and course rigor within and across high schools.** More than **80 years ago** the College Board created the first **standardized college entrance test** to help colleges and universities identify students who could succeed at their institutions and to connect students with educational opportunities beyond high school. For more information and to register go to <http://sat.collegeboard.org/home>

IELTS

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) sets the standard for English language proficiency. It is the world's most popular language testing system with over 1.5 million candidates taking the test each year for education, career and immigration purposes. The IELTS 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 <http://www.ieltscanada.ca>

Ontario University Applications:

Basic Application fee: \$130 Additional choices are \$44 each

January 16, 2013	Deadline for Ontario secondary students to submit completed applications to the OUAC. However the earlier you apply, the better; applications can be modified after submission.
February 5, 2013	Recommended last date for students to submit all information to the OUAC, including university and program changes. This is not a deadline date. Changes will be accepted and processed by the OUAC at any time.
May 29, 2013	The latest date by which all secondary students can expect a response from an Ontario university.
June 3, 2013	The earliest date by which universities may require a response to an offer of admission from an Ontario secondary school student.
Early June-August	The Admission Information Service is available at the OUAC for applicants not admitted by June.

www.electronicinfo.ca

The eINFO website 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. eINFO should be used as a starting point for researching university options.

Ontario College Applications: www.ontariocolleges.ca.

Application Fee: \$95

November 26, 2012	First date that application data will be sent to colleges. Earliest date that colleges may acknowledge applications.
February 1, 2013	All applications must be received and paid for on or before this date to be given equal consideration by the colleges. Earliest release of offers by the colleges to all applicants. Offers will continue to be issued until programs are filled or wait lists established. Earliest date that applicants may confirm an offer of admission.
May 1, 2013	Applicants must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission to their chosen college through OCAS.
June 17, 2013	Earliest date that colleges may require payment of tuition fees.

University and College Fairs

Event:	Location:	Date & Time:
Christian Universities & Colleges		
Christian University Advantage Tour	Smithville Christian High School	September 28, 9:30 a.m.-11:40a .m.
Christian University Fair Tour	Hamilton District Christian High	October 22, 2012 7 – 9 p.m..
Universities		
Ontario University Fair	Toronto Metro Convention Centre	September 28 - 30 , 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Study & Go Abroad	Metro Toronto Convention Centre	September 28-29
University Information Program	Blessed Trinity CSS	Mon. Oct. 1, 9-11:00 a.m.
	Sir Winston Churchill SS	Mon. Oct. 1, 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Ontario Colleges		
College Info Fair	Direct Energy Centre – Exhibition Place, Toronto	Tuesday, Oct. 23 10 a.m. – 7 p.m..
College Information Program	Niagara College	Wed. Oct. 24, 9 – 11:30 a.m.

University and College Representative Visits at Smithville Christian:

The following schools have scheduled visits to our school so far. There will be more visits scheduled throughout the year. **I will keep you informed through announcements, the Student Services bulletin board and *The Forecast*.** The sessions will be held in the board room. It is recommended that you attend as many of these sessions as possible. Because you will be excused from class to attend, it is important that you sign up in the guidance office in advance, at least one day.

- September 18 at 11:30 a.m. – McMaster University
- September 25 at 11:30 a.m. – Algoma University
- September 26 at 12:00 p.m. – Lakehead University
- October 12 at 9:00 a.m.– University of Toronto
- October 23 at 11:30 a.m. – Calvin College
- October 30 at 11:30 a.m. – Tyndale University College
- November 6 at 11:30 a.m. – University of Western Ontario
- November 8 at 11:30 a.m. – University of Windsor
- November 9 at 11:30 p.m – Mohawk College
- November 15 at 11:30 a.m. – Guelph University
- November 16 at 11:30 a.m. – Wilfrid Laurier University

You are encouraged to also make visits to the post secondary institutions you are considering - it really does help. Before making a visit, be prepared by having a list of questions and issues you would like addressed and answered. Students are encouraged to make arrangements for these visits and to inform their teachers and the school office in advance. **Please follow the school attendance policy for scheduled absences.**

Financial Resources:

1. 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. www.studentawards.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 in** above or **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.



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