

SMITHVILLE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL
Student Services Fact Sheet: Post Secondary Planning
2015-2016

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. <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 <https://ielts.britishcouncil.org>

Ontario University Applications: http://www.ouac.on.ca/addenda_101/

Basic Application fee: \$150

Additional choices = \$50 each / International Service Fee = \$10

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| January 13, 2016 | Deadline for Ontario secondary students to submit completed applications to the OUAC. Applications received after this date will still be processed and distributed, but specific university deadlines will apply. |
| February 5, 2016 | 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 27, 2016 | The latest date by which all secondary students can expect a response from an Ontario university. |
| June 1, 2016 | The earliest date by which universities may require a response to an offer of admission from an Ontario secondary school student. |

The eINFO website <http://www.electronicinfo.ca> 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

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| November 23, 2015 | First date that application data will be sent to colleges. Earliest date that colleges may acknowledge applications. |
| February 1, 2016 | Equal Consideration Date: 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, 2016 | Applicants must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission to their chosen college through OCAS. Each college will determine the due date to confirm offers made after May 1, 2016. |
| June 15, 2016 | Earliest date that colleges may require payment of tuition fees. |

University and College Fairs

Event:	Location:	Date & Time:	
Christian Universities & Colleges			
Canadian Christian University Fair	Smithville Christian High School *	October 14	9:00 – 11:40 am
Christian University and College Fair	Peoples Church Hamilton	October 14	6:30 – 8:30 pm
Universities			
Ontario University Fair (OUF)	Toronto Metro Convention Centre	September 25 – 27	10 am – 5 pm
University Information Program	Blessed Trinity CSS *	October 19	12:30 – 2:30 pm
Study & Go Abroad	Metro Toronto Convention Centre	October 5	1 – 5 pm
Ontario Colleges			
College Info Fair	Enercare Centre, Hall B- Exhibition Place, Toronto	October 19	5 – 9 pm
		October 20	10.am – 3 pm
College Information Program	Niagara College*	October 22	9 am– 12 pm
	Mohawk College	October 23	9 am – 12 pm

Events with an * we will be hosting or taking students by bus, but only those who sign up.

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. **Additional session may be scheduled and announced.** The sessions will be held in the Student Services Office unless otherwise noted. 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 23 at 11:30 am Niagara College
- September 25 at 11:30 am Brock University
- October 6 at 11:30 am Mohawk College
- October 7 at 11:30 am University of Ottawa
- October 14 from 9 – 11:40 am Christian College and University Fair
- October 19 from 12:30 – 2:30 pm Ontario University Information Program at Blessed Trinity
- October 22 from 9 am – 12 pm Ontario College Information Program at Niagara College
- November 5 at 11:30 am University of Windsor
- November 10 at 11:30 am McMaster University
- November 18 at 11:30 am Kings at Western University
- November 19 at 11:30 am Lakehead University
- December 3 at 11:30 am University of Guelph

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.