

College and University Information

ECHS Guidance 2011/2012

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, 2012. 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 2012. 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 Webiste: This website now replaces the old publication and becomes 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.

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 \$125 to apply to three universities. Additional choices are possible for \$42 each.

January 11, 2012: 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 7, 2012: 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 7.

Mid-March - Exceptional applicants **may** receive conditional offers of admission from Ontario universities as early as mid-March, 2012 based on a combination of final and mid-term grades for Grades 11 and 12 courses to date.

April 1 - 30, 2012 - 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 29, 2012 -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, 2012 - 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 \$85.00, 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).

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

Feb. 1, 2012 - Deadline for applications. 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, 2012 - Earliest date students can expect to receive an Offer of Admission.

May 1, 2012 - Offers of Admission must be accepted by this date!

June 15, 2012 - Earliest date that the colleges may expect payment of tuition fees.

***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.**

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). You are encouraged to make a visit to the places you are considering. 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:** (Stay overnight in a dorm from a Sunday night to a Monday or a Thursday night to a Friday, meeting students and profs, attending a lecture, going on a campus tour, finding out about financial support options).

Ontario Universities Fair: Metro Toronto Convention Centre – September 24 -26 – this is the largest of its type for Ontario.

Christian University/College Information Program:

Christian University & College Fairs – On Thursday, October 20, 2011 at Hamilton District High School and Friday, October 21, 2011 at Bayview Glen Church, 300 Steeles Ave. E. Thornhill. For more information www.cucf.ca.

Ontario College Information Fair: The Direct Energy Centre Exhibition Place, 100 Princes' Blvd, Toronto, ON, M6K 3C3 October 25, 2011– this the largest of its type for Ontario. See: <http://collegefair.ca>

College Fair at Conestoga College will be held Wednesday October 26th 5:30pm to 7:30pm and Thursday October 27th 9:00am-11:30am. All activities start at the recreation Centre at Doon Campus, 299 Doon Valley Drive Kitchener.

Ontario University Information Fair: Metro Toronto Convention Centre, will be held October 14 -16. Senior students, teachers, and parents are invited to attend this free event. Faculty, staff, and students from Ontario's universities will be available to answer your questions. See: <http://www.ouf.ca/>

Representative Visits

The following schools are scheduled to visit us:

Conestoga College:	September 28, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.
Laurier University:	November 01, 2011 – 9:20 a.m.
Lambton College:	November 03, 2011 – 9:20 a.m.
Guelph University:	T.B.A.

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.