

College and University Information for CIA Students and Parents

Your Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) from Caribbean International Academy prepares you for an application to colleges and universities around the world. The program requirements and application procedures are unique to each school or region. It is important to plan carefully. Decide on your preferred locations and choose the programs of interest. Carefully research the application requirements and procedures. **Bring your questions to [guidance](#) for support.**

Post-Secondary Decision Timelines

- Grade 11 is the time to begin to finalize your choice for post-secondary destinations and begin your application.
- Academically, the required courses need to be underway.
- There are also other requirements to consider such as possible visa applications and external tests.
- The timelines come up quickly. Most applications should be finalized before the Christmas break of grade12.
- This document provides some information and links to find out more.

Note that while the guidance office can provide helpful information and support, the choice of post-secondary program and application for the program and the study visa are the sole responsibility of the student and family.

There are details below with post-secondary information for each of the following topics and countries:

- English Language Proficiency -TOEFL
- Program Selection
- Financing Your Studies and Budgeting
- SAT
- Canada (Ontario, Quebec, rest of Canada)
- USA
- UK
- Holland
- European countries offering low-cost or free tuition education

English Language Proficiency

Many universities and colleges require students to show their level of English language proficiency when applying from abroad, even with an Ontario diploma. You need to determine if you will need to write a test, and determine which test will be acceptable for the school you are interested in. The information is available in the admission requirements section of the webpage of the school which you are applying to.

One such test is the [Test of English as a Foreign Language](#) (TOEFL). The TOEFL test must be taken at the [Sint Maarten Division of Examinations](#) in person. You must register to take this test on one of the limited number of available dates. The schools that you are applying to will need this information early.

What to consider when choosing a school?

Program

- Level of study Diploma (2 year) or Degree (4 year)
- What schools offer your favorite program?
- How does the school rank?

Location:

- Distance (commuting to and from home on holidays and breaks)
- Are supports like relatives or friends nearby?
- Large urban area or smaller community
- Local living costs
- Access to accommodations and transportation
- Tuition cost and access to preferential fees are based on your passport.

Size: Do you want to go to a small or a large school?

Extra-Curricular: Do they have activities you would like to participate in?

Cost: Is the cost of tuition within your budget?

Courses and Marks: Do you have the necessary courses, marks and SAT score required to get into your chosen program?

Does the program offer a work experience component?

Career Interest and Planning

[MyBlueprint](#) is a full service site that students are introduced to starting in grade 7. It has information on careers and education planning. The information is North America based.

[BridgeU](#) focuses on the university and college information. The site has a global reach. The details are comprehensive.

This [Canadian Federal Government](#) site contains several career interest quizzes.

Self-assessment tools like the [Jackson Vocational Interest Survey](#) (JVIS) can help you focus career decisions. There is a fee (\$22) and a detailed report is provided.

Post-Secondary Destinations

Canada

There are many great post-secondary institutions located all across Canada. Application procedures vary by province. Some institutions accept direct applications to their school and others go through a clearinghouse that manages all of the applicant's information and forwards it the universities selected by you.

Unsure where and what to study in Canada?

[Canadian Universities](#) is a website that lists all of universities in Canada. This can link you directly to university websites to explore programs and plan for your next step.

[Bursaries & Scholarships for non-Canadians](#)

Many entrance scholarships offered through colleges and universities are available to non-Canadians.

Ontario

[Ontario Universities' Info](#)

Ontario Universities Info is a guide to Ontario universities for Ontario high school students; a research tool for Ontario university applicants. Search for programs, marks needed for acceptance, prerequisites and direct links to programs of interest at all Ontario universities.

Ontario Universities:

The Ontario Universities' Application Centre (**OUAC**) processes undergraduate and professional applications for admissions to the province's universities. The OUAC will forward applications to all requested universities and/or programs regardless of the qualifications of the applicant. The OUAC does not make any admission decisions.

Ontario Undergraduate Applications (101 Applications on OUAC)

Undergraduate study is the first level of academic work available at a university and leads to a bachelor's degree. Admission to undergraduate study following high school requires completion of secondary school qualifications with six grade 12 credits at the "U" (University) or "M" (Mixed) level. English 4U is always a requirement. Consult each individual program for other specific requirements.

OUAC The Ontario Universities' Application Center (students will open an undergraduate account under **OUAC 101**). Please confirm your application details with guidance before paying.

September 2024 Entrance

By early November 2023 you will receive your Application Access Code Letter from your guidance counsellor with your school number, student number and temporary PIN. Keep this letter for your records. You will need this information to apply.

Early January is the deadline to submit your completed application to the OUAC.

- Base Application Fee: \$160
 - Required of all applicants.
 - Provides for your initial 3 program choices.
- Additional Choice Fee: \$50/choice
 - For each additional program choice beyond your first 3 (e.g., if you add 2 additional university choices, you must pay \$100 in addition to the base application fee).
- Notes:
 - There is no fee for replacing a program choice with another program choice at the same university.
 - You may apply to as many Ontario universities as you wish; however, you are limited to a maximum of 3 program choices at any 1 university (including its affiliates). Some universities may further limit the number of programs you can apply to.
- International Service Fee: \$10, If you are not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- Possible Supplemental Program Fee

Ontario Colleges

Ontario's colleges are leaders in technology and workforce development, preparing students for success in cutting-edge careers. Colleges provide diplomas and degrees with a specific career training focus. There are programs of 1 through 4 year duration.

If you would like to attend a public college in Ontario, Canada, you can search for programs by name, location, etc. Ontario currently has 26 public colleges and over 4500 programs.

As an [International Student](#) you must apply to each college separately through their International Applicant page. Students with a Canadian passport should apply through [OCAS](#). Apply Early (December)

Multiple opportunities for transfer between 2 year college programs and university degree programs exist.

Québec, Canada

For the province of Québec, applications are made to each university or college individually. Follow admission procedures carefully as each postsecondary institution has specific instructions. Some colleges use an online application system.

Québec Universities:

[Bishop's University](#)

[Concordia University](#)

[McGill University](#)

Québec Colleges:

Champlain College

- [Saint Lambert Campus](#)
- [Lennoxville Campus](#)

[Dawson College](#)

[Heritage College](#)

[John Abbott College](#)

[Marianopolis College](#)

[Vanier College](#)

How to get a Canadian Study Visa

Go to the Government of Canada website under the department of Immigration and Citizenship to learn how to get a study visa:

[Study in Canada](#)

Foreign nationals must have biometric data registered with the Government of Canada prior to arrival in Canada for study. This may be done anytime within 10 years prior to study. The centers are located outside of Canada. There are no sites for biometric data collection in St. Martin. Students usually choose United States, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, etc.

Find other [Biometric Data Collection](#) sites near you. To schedule an appointment in the U.S.: [USCIS](#)

Quebec has additional requirements.

[Quebec's Application for Study](#)

USA

US College & Universities

[Common Application](#) provides application access for many US universities and colleges.

[My Coalition](#) provides an application service.

Reduced fee institutions based on memoranda of understanding with government of Sint Maarten.

1. [Nova Southeastern University](#)
2. [Pittsburgh Technical College](#)
3. [University of the Virgin Islands](#)
4. [Johnson and Wales University](#)
5. [Monroe College](#)
6. [Keiser University](#)
7. [Flagler College](#)
8. [Florida State University](#) (+ Panama campus)
9. [Tallahassee Community College](#)
10. [Florida A and M University](#)

Please note 1 through 7 the MOU offers institutional scholarships, while numbers 8 to 10 the students pay in-state tuition. This list changes yearly. Please contact the school to confirm fees.

SAT

While many schools are test optional, you may have to write the SAT. It is recommended to write the SAT more than once in order to achieve the best score. Begin preparing and write the SAT in grade 10 and 11.

Not all colleges or universities require the SAT for admission.

SAT Information

[Register for the SAT](#)

SAT Practice and Preparation

[Kahn Academy](#) College Board recommended materials for preparation, free.

List of [Universities that don't require SAT](#) for admission.

US Study Visa Information can found at the US Department of State website [Travel.State.Gov](#)

UK

UK programs and universities: [Study UK](#)

Online application [UCAS](#)

[UK Study Visa Application](#)

[Study in UK](#), a site to explore for post-secondary information and news from the UK.

Netherlands

Online search for programs [Study in the Netherlands](#)

Online applications for the Netherlands are completed through [Studielink](#)

European countries offering FREE tuition

Germany, Finland, Austria, Sweden and Norway are countries where there are no or little fees for EU and non-EU citizens. [Scholars for Development](#)

Sint Maarten

[University of St Martin](#) has several interesting programs.

The [National Institute for Professional Advancement](#) (NIPA) offers advanced vocational education for the St. Maarten community.

Bursaries and Scholarships

Bursaries and scholarships are awards to students based primarily on financial need or academic merit. These may help finance a post-secondary education. It is recommended that you apply for all scholarships available to you. Research the Financial Aid Department at your chosen institution.

Some scholarships are automatic and based on entrance averages.

Financing your studies

The Government of St-Maarten – [Study Financing Program](#)

[Ontario Student Assistance Program](#) (OSAP)

Scholarship Search

The deadline to apply to many scholarships may be as early as October.

[International Scholarships](#)

[Scholarships.com](#) is a clearinghouse for scholarships.

Budget Worksheet

Fixed Expenses	Monthly Expenses
	Number of months:
Tuition:	Rent:
Books:	Groceries:
Residence:	Utilities:
Meal Plan:	Phone:
Health Plan:	Internet:
Other:	Transportation:
	Entertainment:
	Clothing:
	Other expenses:
Total Fixed Expenses:	Total Monthly Expenses x no. of months:

Total of all Expenses: _____