



Class of 2021 Post-Secondary Information

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Merivale Class of 2021

Class code: brq27ac

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<https://admissions.carleton.ca/high-school-presentations/>



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<https://ustpaul.ca/future-students.php>

Book a telephone appointment with your guidance counsellor via Student Services link on MHS website

https://merivalehs.ocdsb.ca/student_services/book_an_appointment to discuss graduation status and options for next year. We look forward to talking with each of you.

Merivale Post-Secondary Information Session

Thursday October 15th 1:30-2:30 pm (on Google Meet)

Guidance will also host periodic virtual open hours for post-secondary Q&A

This document is also available under the Student Services Section of the MHS website so that you can access links. Please share it with your parents/guardians.

Researching Post-Secondary Options



- <https://www.ontario.ca/page/job-trends-and-outlook>– This Ontario government site provides labour market information including employment outlook, salaries and other details for different occupations. Search Job Profiles to read a report on each job you want to explore. Or take a Career Quiz.
- www.AlgonquinCollege.com - Follow links for Future Students Career Tools. Create an account to receive Information on jobs in the Ottawa area and training at Algonquin.
- www.ontariocolleges.ca Ontario Colleges is the information and log in portal for all Ontario colleges. Start exploring.
- ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca Find a program, choose a University. You can connect with any of the 21 universities, explore their programs, prerequisites, and find out about virtual visits/tours.

Applying to College

1. How do I apply to college?

You can apply online at ontariocolleges.ca starting in October. You will need your Ontario Education Number (OEN) which is on your timetable and report cards. **NOTE: Merivale High School may be listed under Nepean.**

2. How can I research programs?

The ontariocolleges.ca website outlines all programs at all colleges in Ontario and high school prerequisite courses. Check whether programs are labelled “Highly competitive”. Connect with your guidance counsellor if so.

3. What are the costs?

There is an application fee of \$95. You may select up to five programs (with a maximum of three at any one college.)

4. How do I apply to an out-of-province college?

Look up requirements on the college’s website and connect with your guidance counsellor.

5. How soon will I receive a response from a college?

Offers of admission will be released by the colleges anytime after February 1st. Offers will continue to be issued until programs are filled or wait-lists are established.

Applying to University

1. How do I apply to Ontario universities?

The Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) is a central agency that all Ontario students use to apply to any Ontario university. Each student will be given an OUAC PIN number in October that will be used to apply online to the universities. This year they will be mailed to your house. You will use this number to create an account and apply online. **Deadline to submit your completed application to OUAC is January 15, 2021.**

2. What is the cost?

The basic non-refundable application fee is \$150.00 for the first three university/program choices. For each additional program over three a \$50.00 fee is charged.

3. Can I make changes to my choices?

You may make changes to your application once you have applied. If you are changing institutions there will be a \$50 charge for every change.

4. Which marks will they see?

The universities you apply to will have access to your marks from grade 11 which they may use for early admission and some scholarship offers. Updated marks are then sent in November, February, April and the end of June. If you have taken a course online or through a private school, check to ensure that it has been included. Contact your guidance counsellor with any questions or concerns.

5. Which six U or M marks are being considered?

The university will average six grade 12 U/M marks. These six will include the prerequisite courses for your program, plus your highest other 4U/4M course marks. The website www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca outlines all program prerequisites in Ontario. This information can also be found on university websites and in calendars.

6. What if I want to take a year off?

Some schools will allow you to defer your acceptance for a year and others will have you apply again. Check with the individual universities for their policies. You may want to talk with your guidance counsellor about ideas for your gap year.

7. What else can I do to prepare for the application process?

Request a view book from the institutions that interest you. There may be copies outside of Student Services for you to take, so walk by and see. Each institution's website will also provide more details about the courses. Attend a virtual tour or webinar for the institutions and programs that interest you. Follow up online or through email with recruiters. **Book a phone appointment with your guidance counsellor.** The current situation requires you to be proactive to make informed decisions. We are here to help you so stay in touch through email and phone.

8. How do I apply to a university that is out of province or in the U.S.?

Check the website of the institution for application procedures. Book a time to talk with your guidance counsellor for assistance.

9. How soon will I receive a response from a university?

Offers of admission may occur any time after you apply. Some offers are sent out after each round of marks are sent to OUAC. June 13, 2021 is the latest date by which all secondary applicants should expect a response from an Ontario university.

Financing your education

Have you researched the costs of the university or college programs? Costs may range more than \$6,000 for a year at college (living at home) to over \$10,000+ per year at university (living at home). Going away and staying in residence may add another \$12,000 - \$15,000 or more to the cost per year. Some programs at various colleges and universities are more expensive than others. Do your research on each school's website as part of your planning.

- Look into applying for OSAP in the spring. OSAP is the Ontario government program that provides loans and bursaries based on your family's financial situation. Check out the **OSAP Aid Estimator** on their website to see what you may be able to access. Interest charges and loan repayment begins after you have finished your education.
- **Bursaries** are gifts of money based on financial need. **Scholarships** are gifts of money based on other criteria such as volunteerism, leadership and/or high marks. **Loans** will need to be repaid in the future.
- Check the financial services link on the website of the institutions you are looking into. Many offer bursaries based on financial need or scholarships you can apply for. Application deadlines may come early, so check before spring. If you have excellent marks and extensive volunteer involvement during high school, consider applying for a prestige scholarship such as a chancellor's scholarship.
- Admission scholarships are offered by some universities based on grade 12 marks. You will be considered automatically for these when you apply. These vary by institution.
- Apply for scholarships which you can research at yconic.com or scholartree.ca or scholarshipscanada.com. Consider creating a new email address just for the purpose of using these databases.
- As information on scholarships becomes available to us at Merivale, we will post the information on the Merivale Class of 2021 Google classroom.