What is OSAP?



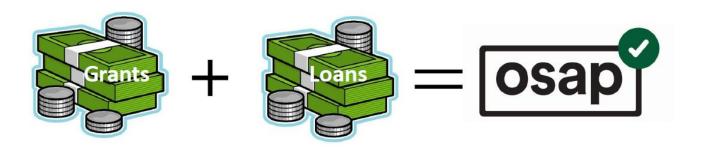


Ontario Student Assistance Program



What is OSAP?

- OSAP includes:
 - Grants, bursaries and scholarships = non-repayable aid (you keep)
 - Loans = repayable aid (you pay back)





Am I eligible for OSAP?

To be eligible for OSAP, you must be:

✓ A Canadian citizen, permanent resident or protected person

✓ An Ontario resident

 Currently attending or entering an OSAP-approved program and school

 Currently enrolled in or entering a certificate, degree or diploma program

You must meet all of these four criteria.



Can I get OSAP if I want to study outside of Ontario?



 Yes, you can still receive OSAP if you enroll in a public college or university program outside of Ontario.



 If you want to study outside of Canada, you can still be eligible to receive partial OSAP funding.



How is OSAP aid determined?

Allowable Educational Costs

minus

Expected Financial Contribution

equals

Calculated Financial Need

- ✓ Tuition & compulsory fees
- ✓ Books & supplies
- ✓ Equipment
- ✓ Computer costs
- Personal living expenses
- ✓ Child care
- ✓ Travel

- ✓ Student contribution
- ✓ Student, parental & spousal income
- ✓ Student & spousal assets



How much money can I get from OSAP?

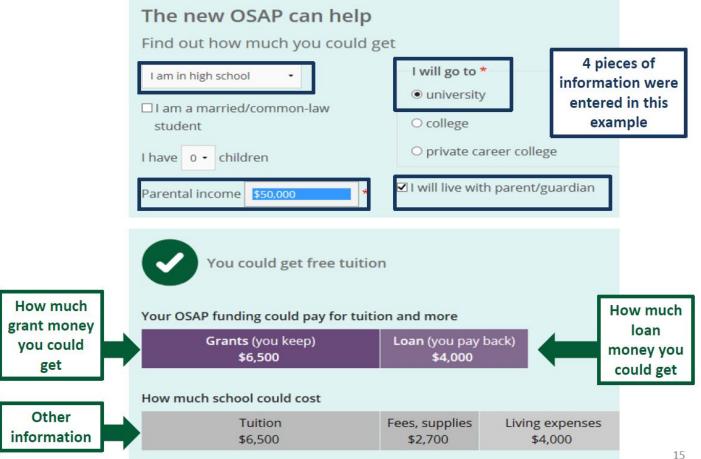
 The amount of OSAP aid you qualify for is based on your calculated financial need.

Up to date maximums are available at https://www.ontario.ca/page/maximum-amounts-aid

Go to ontario.ca/osap to find out how much you could qualify for in OSAP loans and grants.

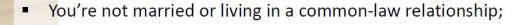
OSAP Aid Estimator for Full time students https://osap.gov.on.ca/AidEstimator2021Web/enterapp/enter.xhtml

Example



Am I a dependent student?

You are a dependent student if all of the following are true:



- You're not separated, divorced or widowed;
- You're not a sole-support parent;
- You've been out of high school for less than four years before you start postsecondary school; and

You haven't taken two or more breaks from being a full-time high school or postsecondary student that were both at least 12 consecutive months in length.

Speak to your guidance counsellor if any of these are **not** true.



When do I need to repay my OSAP loan?

- In the first six months after you graduate, or stop attending college or university:
 - You don't need to make any loan payments;
 - No interest is charged on the Ontario portion of your student loan; and
 - Interest begins to be charged on the federal portion of your student loan.
- You need to start paying off your student loan six months after you leave school.
- If you're having trouble making your required payments, you could be eligible to lower them.



How do I apply for OSAP?

Visit https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-apply-osap, and register/set up your profile.

Apply early! Students typically apply right after being accepted to college or university.

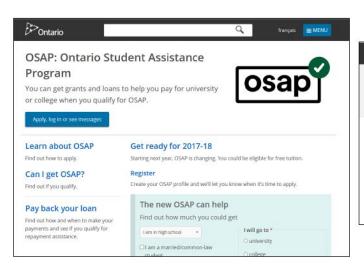
New in 2020 Full-time applicants will be required to complete an interactive module (approx 15 mins in length) with information about OSAP **before** applying. You must create an account at https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program to complete the module in order to begin your application

The session will help you understand:

- how OSAP works
- your roles and responsibilities if you become an OSAP recipient
- basic financial information to support you through your postsecondary education (for example, creating a budget, understanding credit and debt)

Questions?

- Talk to your school's guidance counsellor.
- Visit the OSAP website: ontario.ca/osap.
- Visit the Financial Aid Office of the school you plan to attend.







Questions?

Contact Service Ontario at:



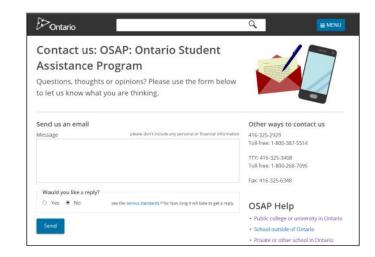
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