

GRADE 11 STUDENTS

ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES EVENTS

Ontario Universities' Information Sessions

May 22, 5-7 p.m. *A spring virtual event tailored to Grade 11 students. More sessions in the fall.*

SAVE THE DATE

Ontario Universities' Fair (OUF)

October 5-6, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building. *Note: There are no university presentations at OUF 2024. If students are looking for a similar experience, we encourage them to attend the virtual Information Sessions in the fall.*

Ontario Universities' Regional Fairs

- Northwestern Ontario: September 16-20
- Northeastern Ontario: September 16-20
- Ottawa and Eastern Regions: September 23-27
- Southwestern Ontario: October 7-11
- Central Eastern Ontario: October 15-18

Ontario College Fair (OCF)

- October 16, 5-9 p.m.
- October 17, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Enercare Centre Hall B
Exhibition Place, Toronto
No Registration Required.



Incoming Grade 12 students: Prepare for the Future

This summer, take some time to start thinking about scholarship preparation and your future goals. Here are some ideas to consider:

- **Volunteer:** Community service is a requirement on many scholarship applications. Helping others is worthwhile in and of itself! Do try to volunteer in a field that interests you and aligns with your future goals.
- **Develop your leadership skills:** Lead in a volunteer capacity, in your job, or in your activities. Create your own initiative, e.g., fundraiser, community project, etc. Or start your own business!
- **Find a part-time job:** Try to work in a field that aligns with your future studies. If you cannot find a job, ask if you can job shadow or request an internship. No matter what job you have, you can work on skills for the future. If you're interested in knowing some of the skills that working at a part-time job can provide, check out this article: [A Reflection on the Value of Having a Paid Job During High School - Q&A With Natalie Hidalgo](#)
- **Start saving:** Try budgeting this summer. It takes practice and diligence. Start now and prepare for your future.
- **Summer school:** Take a summer school course to lighten your load in your final year of high school. The final year of high school is very busy. One less course can give you extra time for more challenging subjects.
- **Create an activity list:** Starting with the summer before Grade 9, list your accomplishments & achievements (awards, recognitions, etc.), extracurricular activities in school, community engagement or volunteerism, and work experience. If applicable, include the length and nature of your involvement in each section and specify if you had any leadership or organizational responsibilities. This will come in handy when you are completing your scholarship, job, and/or university or college applications.
- **Clean up your social media:** Make your personal pages private. Be mindful of what you're posting if your profiles are public.
- **Future school:** Begin thinking about the universities or colleges you want to apply to. Although you may change your mind during the year, it's never too soon to start considering options.
- **Reference letter:** Make a list of people you can ask for recommendation letters. Choose those people who have seen you "in action" and can speak to your character strengths.
- **Scholarship search:** Finally, start searching for scholarships. Begin by looking at the scholarships listed in this issue. There are many scholarship opportunities available in the final year of high school. Don't miss out!
- **Summer reading:** [How to get accepted to a Canadian university: five ways to stand out](#): "Tips on distinguishing your university or college application from a sea of mediocrity."

STAY SAFE AND ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!