

## Ontario Student Assistance Program





### What is OSAP?

#### **OSAP** is financial assistance

The Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) is funded by both the federal and provincial governments.

OSAP provides needs-based assistance through grants and loans to help qualified students with the cost of postsecondary studies.



**Grants** Non-repayable aid (students keep)





Loans Repayable aid (students pay back)





## **Am I eligible for OSAP?**

#### Lots of people are!

- 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 that's at least 12 weeks long







# 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 may still be eligible to receive partial OSAP funding.





### How is OSAP aid determined?

#### It depends on your unique circumstances





# How much money can I get from OSAP?

## Use our calculator to see how much money you could get

## Go to <u>ontario.ca/osap</u> to find out how much you can get in OSAP loans and grants.

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I have <u>o</u> children Parental income <u></u> \$ • *	I will live with parent/guardian   Calculate   Calculate





## Who can get free tuition?

#### Hundreds of thousands of students are getting free tuition starting fall 2017

The new OSAP provides more generous financial support to a greater number of students, including free tuition for hundreds of thousands of low- and middle-income students.

#### Free tuition = grants from OSAP that equal or exceed the cost of:

- Tuition for a regular college diploma program at a publicly assisted college in Ontario; or
- Tuition for an undergraduate arts and science program at an Ontario university; or
- Average college or undergraduate arts and science tuition for a student attending a high-cost college or undergraduate arts and science program (e.g. dental hygiene or engineering) at an Ontario public college or university.



#### **OSAP** is still available for higher income families

Students from middle and higher income families may receive more generous support.

		Family size	Maximum family income per year
		1 person	\$160,000
		2 people	\$165,000
For a family of 4, grants are available if the family's income is up to \$175,000 per year		3 people	\$170,000
	4 people	\$175,000	
	5 people	\$180,000	
		6 people	\$185,000
		7 or more people	\$190,000





## How do I apply for OSAP?

#### Applying for OSAP is easier than ever before!

If you're applying to college or university in Ontario, you can apply for OSAP at the same time that you do your university and college applications.





If you're already in college or university, or applying to a school outside of Ontario, you can apply for OSAP at **<u>ontario.ca/osap</u>**.



Once you've applied, log into your OSAP account from time to time to see how much OSAP you can expect to receive and whether any supporting documentation is required to finish your application.





## When do I get my OSAP?

#### You'll receive your OSAP around the start of classes

OSAP funding comes in two installments.

A simplified payment process will be in place – payments will be made directly to institutions by OSAP on your behalf.

Any remaining OSAP funding will be deposited in your bank account around the start of classes.







## When do I repay my OSAP loan?

#### You have a 6-month grace period before you need to start paying off your loan

OSAP loans are interest-free and payment-free while you are in full-time studies.

In the first six months after your last confirmed study period ends:

- You don't need to make any loan payments;
- No interest is charged on the provincial portion of your student loan; but
- Interest is charged on the federal portion of your student loan.

If you're having trouble making your required payments, you could be eligible for support through the Repayment Assistance Plan (RAP).





#### **Need more information?**

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





## **Questions?**

