



Post Secondary – A possibility for everyone!

Funding PSE is a Partnership

Student

Parent(s)

Government

Institution



Where do I start?

- **Research your costs**
 - Tuition, Books, Supplies?
 - Living Arrangements?
 - residence
 - an apartment
 - living at home

Importance of Making a Budget

Costs

Tuition\Fees	\$8350
Books	\$950
Residence	\$6300
Meal Plan	\$3900
Spending	<u>\$1600</u>
Total	\$21,100

Resources

OSAP	\$8000
Savings	\$3000
Parents	\$4000
Scholarship	<u>\$1000</u>
Total	\$17,000

Shortage = \$4,100

The Goal

Minimize how much you borrow by:

- Taking advantage of grants, bursaries and scholarships
- Budgeting carefully for life as a student
- Working part time, summer jobs before and during post-secondary school
- Paying down your debt while you're in school





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Budgeting for student life

From [Financial Consumer Agency of Canada](#)

Paying for Post-Secondary Education

- Budgeting for student life
- Tips to save money while you're in school
- Shopping around for a line of credit
- Ways to build your savings
- Paying down student debt

***Worth the read**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-consumer-agency/services/budget-student-life.html>

What are your resources?



Student Contribution

You are expected to contribute \$3,600 per school year to your education costs

- From employment income in the summer
- Any existing savings
- Waived for some students
 - ODSP, Crown Wards or Single Parents

Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

APPLY! APPLY! APPLY!

- Institution Awards (College and University)
- Local School Board
- Some Popular Websites
 - www.yconic.com
 - www.scholarships.com
 - www.aucc.ca / www.univcan.ca
 - www.scholarshipscanada.com

Pay attention to early deadlines!!

Student Line of Credit

- Student line of credit vs. parent's line of credit
- Differences in amounts and interest rates when out of school
- Can still apply for most needs based awards if student line of credit
- Most banks offer Student Lines of Credit where interest only payments allowed until graduation
- **It's a good back up plan**

Parental Contribution

- Talk to your family, it's a partnership
- Ways they can contribute;
 - Monthly assistance (i.e. rent and/or food)
 - Tuition Benefit through employer
 - Aeroplane Miles – Higher ED
 - RESP...

RESP

- Speak to your advisor
 - What are the rules about withdrawing funds (amounts)?
 - Am I required to withdrawal in the first year or can I defer?
 - How do I best utilize this RESP?
- Things to consider
 - Proof of Enrollment from school will be required to access the RESP
 - Submit request early enough to meet tuition due dates
 - OSAP no longer asks about RESP income



Why Everyone Should Apply

- Grant and Loan Programs function through one OSAP application
- Interest-free loan while in school Full Time
- 6 month grace from payment period once finished
- FAMILY BACK UP PLAN

Recent OSAP Changes

- Starting in 2017-18, Ontario bundled many existing grants into one grant called the Ontario Student Grant (OSG)
- The Provincial Government recently made changes to parental income contributions and 4 year independent status – now 6 years
- The Federal Program within OSAP has not changed significantly in the last several years

How is OSAP Assessed?

- $\text{Costs} - \text{Expected Resources} = \text{Need}$
- Parent's income is considered for 4-6 years
- Students Current year income, scholarships and assets are considered
- Need is funded by Grants first, then loan
- Students can accept "Grants Only"

Video-How to apply to the new OSAP?



OSAP Application Launch

- Create a profile on the OSAP website
- Create a link to your OUAC or OCAS app.
- You will be notified when the 20-21 OSAP application is ready
- An application for every school you applied to attend will be started for you.
- Apply early...have your estimate early!!

Student Income

Exemption threshold for study period income (\$5,600 per term)

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This threshold applies if you are earning or receiving more than \$5,600 per term during your study period (including Teaching or Research Assistantships, child support and/or spousal support, foster parent payments, rental income, investment income including interest and dividends). Your OSAP assessment will take into account any amount of income you earn or receive over \$5,600 per term when calculating the amount of OSAP funding you are eligible to receive.

Other assets

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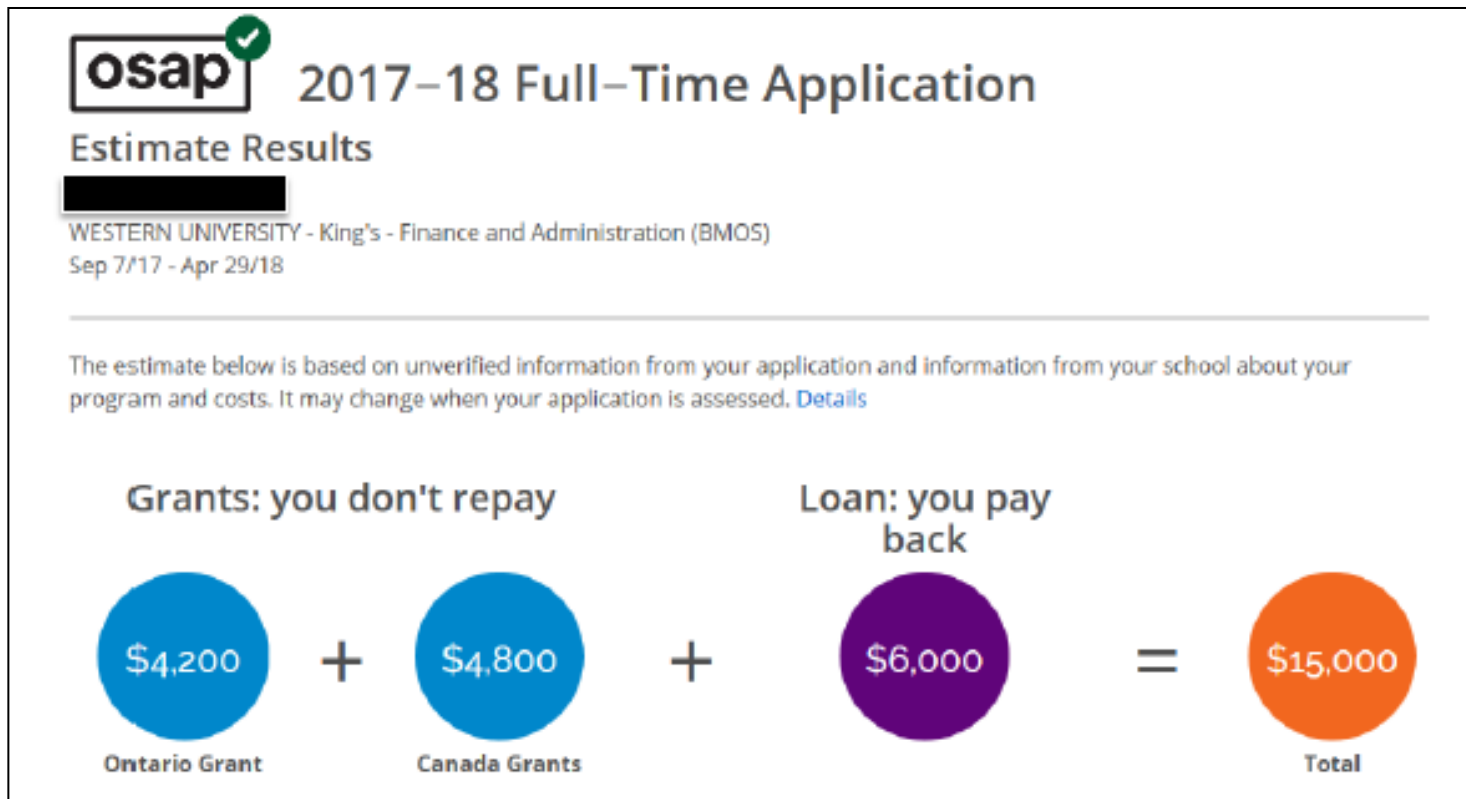
Report the total value of all other financial assets or savings from:

- the savings portion in all bank accounts, including chequing accounts, tax-free savings accounts (TFSAs) and foreign bank accounts
- Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs)
- Canada Savings Bonds (CSBs), provincial savings bonds or corporate bonds
- stocks
- term deposits
- treasury bills
- mutual funds
- trust funds (withdrawals/payments, interest or dividends)
- awards/settlements for economic loss (past or future loss of income) or income replacement benefits or for punitive damages

Do not report the following assets or savings:

- your vehicles
- Registered Education Savings Plans (RESPs)
- Registered Disability Savings Plans (RDSPs)
- Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs) and other retirement accounts
- the value of your principal residence and any other owned real estate
- clothing, furniture or personal belongings
- awards/settlements for non-economic loss and/or pain and suffering
- savings through the Ontario Child Benefit Equivalent program

Sample of an OSAP Estimate



OSAP Appeals

Examples of Exceptional Circumstances

- Care of a dependent relative
- Job loss, illness, death or retirement of a Parent
- Legal Costs, Funeral Costs, Care of a Child with Disabilities
- Local Travel Allowance/Commuting
- Difficult Family Situations

OSAP Deadlines

- Find out schools deadline to defer your tuition payment
- Ensure all documentation is submitted on time
- Keep “checking your status” online



Important things to remember

- Post-secondary is a possibility for everyone
- Everyone's journey will be different
- Student's should book a financial aid appointment if they feel they do not have the funds to attend post-secondary



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