



Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 12 students,

Last fall you were notified that Waterloo Collegiate Institute is participating in LifeAfterHighSchool, a pilot program to help all Grade 12 students find out how to apply for college or university and student financial aid, to keep these options open. The first workshops took place this past fall, so your son or daughter will already have had the opportunity to select and apply for college or university programs of interest. If your son/daughter applied as part of the LifeAfterHighSchool workshops last fall, the program paid the \$95 college or \$150 university application fee on his/her behalf.

The final workshop, being offered at WCI Monday, May 8, Tuesday, May 9 and Friday, May 12, at various times during the school day in the Library Seminar Room, is designed to help students apply to Ontario's Student Assistance Program (otherwise known as OSAP) to learn about the grant and loan money available if they choose to go to college or university. Students can sign up for this final workshop at: <https://wci.wrdsb.ca/guidance-2/life-after-high-school-lahs/>. This year, more Ontario students than ever before, including many students from middle-income families will receive grants that exceed the value of their tuition. In other words, most students will pay tuition costs much lower than the published tuition rate. If they don't apply to OSAP, they won't be eligible for this assistance. *Applying does not mean a student has to accept* a financial aid package. But the information is helpful for them to make an informed decision for next year and to build knowledge of the process should they decide to apply in the future.

**Your child will need your help to complete the parent part of the OSAP application.**

Once he or she has created an application on the secure OSAP website, you can then enter your information. Enclosed with this letter is a checklist of key student and parent information that OSAP requires in order to determine eligibility for grants and loans. Students will be guided step-by-step through the application process at the workshop, and will be asked to send an email reminder to parents to complete their part online. The email will include links to a video to guide you: [www.lifeafterhighschool.ca/parents](http://www.lifeafterhighschool.ca/parents). Both the OSAP website and the LifeAfterHighSchool website are available effective April 21, 2017.

If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact the LifeAfterHighSchool team at [info@lifeafterhighschool.ca](mailto:info@lifeafterhighschool.ca) or 1-855-707-0363 (toll free). The program is being implemented by the Social Research and Demonstration Corporation - a Canadian non-profit research organization, and is funded by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Your child needs a Social Insurance Number (SIN) to apply for OSAP.**

Please remind your son or daughter to bring this number to the workshop. It can take a few weeks to get this number, so if s/he does not have a SIN yet, s/he must apply for one as soon as possible in order to have it in time for the workshop. Just type "SIN" into Google. Also, please ask your child to check their LifeAfterHighSchool logon to make sure they can get into their account at the workshop.

## LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL SPRING WORKSHOP CHECKLIST

Here's a list of the information your son or daughter will need to apply for OSAP, to find out what funds are available.

INCOME STUDENT RECEIVED IN 2016:	
<b>Total gross income from line 150 of his/her 2016 Canadian Income Tax Return</b> <i>If he/she didn't file a tax return, estimate his/her personal income. Typically this would include any amount earned from employment (before tax) and any government assistance he/she received directly (not via parents). If none, enter zero.</i>	\$
<b>Total 2016 non-taxable income</b> <i>If the amount above is zero, enter zero here also. Otherwise, enter the amount above less expenses that are exempt from tax like union or professional fees, tax-exempt pension contributions (other than CPP) and childcare he/she paid for while working.</i>	\$
INCOME STUDENT EXPECTS TO RECEIVE WHILE STUDYING IN 2017-18	
<b>Income earned from work</b> (e.g. part-time job) <i>if more than \$5,600 per semester enrolled (i.e., \$5,600 for 1 semester, \$11,200 for 2 semesters or \$16,800 for 3 semesters)</i>	\$
<b>Income from any scholarships, bursaries or awards</b>	\$
<b>Income deducted from Registered Education Savings Plans (RESP), Scholarship Trust Funds, or other education savings plans</b>	\$
<b>Income from government programs</b> (including income you received from Employment Insurance, Ontario Disability Support Program, Ontario Works or Canada-Ontario Job Grant)	\$
STUDENT ASSETS AS OF MAY 18, 2017	
<b>Registered Retirement Savings Plans</b> (do not include RESP or Registered Education Savings Plan here)	\$
<b>Other financial assets</b> (including savings accounts, tax-free savings accounts, provincial savings bonds and Canada Savings Bonds, corporate bonds, stocks, term deposits, GICs, treasury bills and mutual funds).	\$

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE OSAP APPLICATION		
	PARENT 1	PARENT 2 (if applicable)
Date of Birth		
Social Insurance Number (SIN) (9 digits)		
INFORMATION FROM PARENT/GUARDIAN(S) 2016 INCOME TAX RETURN		
Line 150 Total Income	\$	\$
Line 210	\$	\$
Subtract the amount (Line 150 – Line 210)	\$	\$
Line 236 Net Income (All other taxable and non-taxable 2016 income)	\$	\$
Line 308 or 310 CPP	\$	\$
Line 312 Employment Insurance	\$	\$
Line 435 Tax Payable	\$	\$
Is any income from Ontario Social Assistance?	Ontario Disability Y/N Ontario Works Y/N	Ontario Disability Y/N Ontario Works Y/N
By submitting the form to OSAP, parents authorize Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to release to the Ministry or an authorized third party administrator as identified by the Ministry, information about their income tax returns and, if applicable, other required tax payer information about them, whether supplied by them or a third party, for the 2016 and 2017 taxation years.		