

# 10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT APPLYING FOR OSAP

- 1) OSAP is a grant & loan assistance program funded by the provincial and federal government. Everyone can apply, however, eligibility is determined based on a comparison of your family income and the cost of your post-secondary education.
- 2) Apply for OSAP at the same time you apply at Ontario Colleges (OCAS). This will help to make sure you receive your funding in time to meet St. Clair College's payment deadlines. You will need to pay the \$100 tuition deferral by June 15<sup>th</sup>, but with an approved OSAP application, no further payment is required until you receive your OSAP funds.
- 3) Apply at [ontario.ca/osap](http://ontario.ca/osap)
- 4) New user? Register for an OSAP Access Number (OAN). Record your OAN and don't lose it. You need it to access your OSAP account every time.
- 5) Complete one full-time OSAP application so that you're automatically considered for all possible grants (non-repayable) and loans (repayable).
- 6) Or, try the OSAP aid estimator (how much money you may be eligible for) and the repayment calculator (how much you may have to repay after school is over) both found on [ontario.ca/osap](http://ontario.ca/osap)
- 7) Before you register/apply you need:
  - Your Social Insurance Number (SIN)
  - Your parent(s)' SIN as well as income information from the tax year previous to the study period start date.  
All relevant income information can be found on the Notice of Assessment from Canada Revenue Agency. If taxes have not been filed yet, use an estimate based on previous year's income.
- 8) Complete the application. You don't have to do it all at once – save the application and go back another day. Just remember to submit it! If you apply online, you'll get an instant estimate to help you plan your school year.
- 9) Complete all the required documents listed on your OSAP account such as the Student and Parent Signature Pages, as well as the Master Student Financial Assistance Agreement. Documentation will be available in the Spring before each academic year.
- 10) Need help? Contact the Financial Aid Office at (519) 972 – 2718 or [financialaid@stclaircollege.ca](mailto:financialaid@stclaircollege.ca)

Please visit us at [www.stclaircollege.ca/financial-aid](http://www.stclaircollege.ca/financial-aid). Select the OSAP link, then click on “OSAP Frequently Asked Questions” for more detailed information.