

Applying to Post-secondary School



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- If you're unsure what education to pursue after grade 12, you should talk to your counsellor or Mr. Smith (if he's not already your counsellor).
- The main options for someone after graduating high school are:
 - Work
 - Travel
 - Study
- Each of these choices include a vast range of possibilities and getting help with navigating through them is a good idea.

Find your school/program



- If you know what you want to study:
 - At university:
 - ✦ <http://www.universitystudy.ca>
 - ✦ You can search both degree and non-degree University **programs** at any province or Canada-wide
 - ✦ When you enter a keyword you will be taken to a screen that allows you to adjust your search.
 - At either a university or college
 - ✦ <http://www.schoolfinder.com/Schools/Index.aspx>
 - ✦ This site also allows you to refine your searches

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Find a Program

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Things to Consider in Picking Post-secondary Programs

- Home or away
- Cost
- Duration
- Transferability
- Outcomes (employability, etc.)
- Class size
- Facilities
- Extra-curricular
- Student Satisfaction data

Something that doesn't greatly (or even at all) matter:



- **Prestige of the institution**

- There are a number of reasons why American schools, even the famous ones, are not generally a good idea for the next stage in your education.
 - ✦ Cost is much higher, but education quality is about the same (speaking generally).
 - ✦ The name on the degree is not as important as the the numbers on your transcript.
 - ✦ There is value to being a big fish in a small pond.
- Although Canadian schools all cost significantly less, the other factors remain true for the famous Canadian schools as well.
- This doesn't mean that you should definitely not attend a prestigious school, but it does mean that you need to consider the option very, very carefully before you decide.

Preparing to Apply



- Once you have selected programs and schools that offer the education you're looking for, you will need to do 3 things:
 1. **Check the admission requirements carefully!**
 - ✦ In general, I suggest students consider applying to 3-5 institutions, but how many you apply to is affected by this point.
 - ✦ There is no point in applying to programs and schools that will definitely not admit you. By looking at prerequisite subject requirements and admissions averages, you can ensure that you have a reasonable probability of success.
 2. **Check the deadline!** Different schools have different ones.
 3. **Get your supporting material ready (next 3 slides)**

Preparing to Apply



- **Get your supporting material ready:**
 - Transcripts are of two types: official and unofficial.
 - Official high school transcripts are **ONLY** issued by the Alberta Dept. of Education.
 - To get an official transcript you must use the myPass system:



myPass is an Alberta Education secure self-service website for Alberta students to:

- ✓ View diploma exam results and request rescores
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Getting a Transcript



- Unofficial transcripts are issued by the school. You can request one from Ms. Boehr in Student Services.
- Your Alberta Student number is shown on transcripts from the school (unofficial transcript), on report cards and on diploma exam results, but it is also easy to look it up.
- Google “Lookup Alberta Student Number”:

The screenshot displays the 'Learner Registry' website interface. At the top right, the 'Alberta GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA' logo is visible, along with navigation links for 'Home', 'Contact', and 'Help'. A left-hand sidebar lists various services under 'ASN SERVICES' and 'STUDENT SERVICES'. The main content area features a 'Lookup Alberta Student Number' form with the following fields: 'Legal Surname', 'Legal First Name', 'Legal Middle Name(s)', 'Date of Birth' (with a dropdown for 'Month'), and 'Gender' (radio buttons for 'Female' and 'Male'). A note states 'Items marked with (*) are required.' Below the form are 'Search', 'Clear', 'Print', and 'Close' buttons. A 'Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Collection Notice' is located at the bottom of the form area. To the right of the form, a sidebar titled 'Alberta Student Number' provides instructions for 'Lookup ASN' and 'Request ASN On-line'. The footer of the page includes 'Education Home | Contact Us | Privacy Statement', a disclaimer: 'The user agrees to the terms and conditions set out in the Copyright and Disclaimer statement.', and the copyright notice '© 2005 Government of Alberta'.

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- With your ASN you are now ready to create a myPass account:

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The Next Two Steps



- Once you have chosen the schools you wish to apply to, you need to do 2 things:
 1. Figure out how to apply
 - ✦ Alberta schools – nearly all post secondary schools (and certainly all of the universities) use Apply Alberta
 - ✦ Ontario and BC – both of these provinces have similar online post-secondary application services for universities and other institutions.
 - ✦ Other schools in Canada and international. Apply directly
 2. Find the money to pay for it.

Financing Your Education



- Sources of money:
 - Personal resources (includes family)
 - ✦ Not much to say about this, but I do want to point out that the ability to make money after two years of post-secondary can be highly beneficial. Similarly, if you can alternate periods of earnings and periods of study you can significantly reduce your need for loans.
 - Loans – Student loans:
<http://alis.alberta.ca/ec/fo/paying-post-sec.html>
 - Scholarships, grants, bursaries

Financing Your Education – Tips and Pointers



- Entrance awards – Check for them at the schools you're considering
- Scholarships – ditto
- Make sure you've thoroughly completed your profile in Yconic and Scholarships Canada:
 - <https://yconic.com>
 - <http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/Index.aspx>

Apply Alberta



- The Apply Alberta service is the first step to applying to nearly all Universities and Colleges in Alberta.
- One way to access Apply Alberta is through a google search.
- Another way is through the website of a school that uses it. Each school is listed under the Need More Information tab on the Apply Alberta website:
 - <https://www.applyalberta.ca/need-more-information/undergraduate-students/>
- Each school will show you where Apply Alberta fits in their overall process. Here's an example:
 - <http://www.ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/apply>

Applying Elsewhere



- Every place I have checked has an easily accessed link to the application process.
- Check for keywords on the home page:
 - Prospective Students
 - Future Students
 - Undergraduate Admissions
 - Admissions
- There can be quite a few steps but in general the procedures are clear and straightforward:

The Basics



- Apply
- Establish a method of communication (email and/or home address)
- Get transcripts to the school
- Find and use the school's sources of financial assistance
- Apply for residence.