



School College Pathways
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Ministry of Training, Colleges & Universities

- Providing students with clearer pathways from high school to postsecondary education, training and employment
- Enabling the involvement of postsecondary institutions in developing initiatives, particularly Dual Credit
- Increasing youth participation in apprenticeship

Dual Credits

- allows high school students to take apprenticeship training or college courses
 - receive credit toward their OSSD plus receive credit toward their apprenticeship certificate or postsecondary diploma
- aimed at grade 11 and 12 students who have challenges in graduating, are disengaged and underachieving or early school leavers
- available at all school boards with secondary schools; all 24 colleges, approximately 7500 students.

Dual Credit - Apprenticeship

- in 2010 – 11 all level 1 OYAP students will receive Dual credits
- 25% of Dual Credit students are registered apprentices
- expecting 2,200 OYAP / Dual Credit apprentices in 2010 - 11

Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program

- increases new entrants to apprenticeship programs while addressing skilled trade shortages
- projects support potential entrants to apprenticeship by providing job and trade readiness
- for youth, the unemployed, women, Aboriginal peoples, newcomers or other groups traditionally under-represented in apprenticeship programs

First Generation

- from 2007 to 2010, the government invested \$32 million in university, college and community-based initiatives to inform, advise and encourage more first generation students to pursue further education.
- First Generation funding is directed to four components:
 - First Generation Projects
 - First Generation Bursaries
 - Crown Wards
 - Elearnnetwork

First Generation Projects

- a two-year (2010-12) Call for Proposals (CFP) was issued to postsecondary institutions in March 2010 which focuses on retention and success activities.

Ontario First Generation Bursary

- provides direct financial support to First Generation students with financial need who are attending university or college.
- in 2009-10, \$3M was administered through universities and colleges to provide over 2,000 students first generation students, enrolled at their institutions, with bursaries.
- the value of the bursaries generally ranged from \$1,000 to \$3,500.

Crown Ward Strategy

- initiatives to increase the participation and success of Crown wards
 - Crown Ward Education Championship Teams facilitate access and success in postsecondary education by community, education and government partnerships
 - tuition grants to pursue a first postsecondary degree, diploma or certificate
 - coverage of college and university application fees

Crown Ward Education Championship Teams

- partnerships between children's aid societies, school boards, colleges, universities, and employment services
- remove barriers for Crown Wards
- teams in 14 communities across the Province
- since 2009, more than 775 Crown Wards have participated in activities

Ontario Access Grants for Crown Wards

- covers tuition costs for Crown wards
- access grants for two to four programs are 50 per cent of the tuition costs to a maximum of \$3,000 per year
- access grants for one-year programs are 100 per cent of the tuition costs to a maximum of \$3,000 per year.

Ontario Crown Ward Postsecondary Application Fee Reimbursement Program

- refunds Crown wards and former Crown wards for eligible application fees paid to postsecondary institutions
- reimbursement is available for applications made to full-time postsecondary programs starting in fall 2008 or later which lead to a **first** postsecondary degree, diploma or certificate.
- more information is available at:
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu/students/ocwp.html>

Awareness and Information for Crown Wards

- expanded the resources available on the Ministry's website with a section specifically for Crown wards
- the site can be accessed through direct URLs
<http://www.ontario.ca/ican> (English) and
<http://www.ontario.ca/jepeux> (Français).
- posters and postcards were distributed to promote the website

Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) exemptions

- students may receive up to \$3,500 in scholarships and bursaries before there is any reduction in student loans provided through the OSAP
 - savings from the Ontario Child Benefit Equivalent will not reduce the OSAP loans available
 - withdrawals from Registered Education Savings Plans established by Children's Aid Societies on behalf of Crown wards are also exempt

Elearnnetwork (Distance Learning)

- distance education and training network in eastern and southern Ontario; available in 18 centres
- provides greater access to quality postsecondary programs for populations in rural and remote communities
- since April 2009 over 4,400 clients were supported; over 1,000 individuals accessed postsecondary education and training

Pathways to Education Canada

- helps young people from at-risk, disadvantaged communities to achieve their potential by getting to high school, staying in high school, graduating and moving on to postsecondary programs
- began in Regent Park in 2001 and has since expanded to an additional 7 communities across Ontario
- offer four core supports: tutoring, mentoring, financial, and advocacy