

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education

**FROM:** Carol Strachan  
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Ontario has launched applications for the 2020-21 Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) for full-time students. Students can now apply to the OSAP program for the 2020-21 school year for help with their postsecondary education costs.

We encourage you to inform parents, guidance counsellors, Student Success Leads, principals, teachers, communications staff, and others within your networks that the application is [now open](#).

For many students, the loans they receive from OSAP are their first major financial commitment. This year, the OSAP application includes an information module to improve applicants' understanding of the program, their roles and responsibilities as OSAP recipients and provide some basic financial information. This information will help students build the knowledge and skills needed to make informed financial decisions throughout their lives.

The Ontario government is committed to minimizing the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on students and to supporting them going forward. With the help of OSAP, students can pursue postsecondary education to get the knowledge and skills they will need to succeed in our highly evolving economy.

Students who have questions about OSAP or the OSAP application [can contact the Financial Aid Office](#) at the college or university they are attending, or plan to attend.

Thank you for helping us raise awareness of OSAP and the financial supports available to students.

Sincerely,

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