



ONTARIO BRIDGING PARTICIPANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2019 – 2020 Application Form

Section 1: Personal Information

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND IN PEN

Last Name:

First Name:

Middle Name or Initial:

Check one: [ ] Mr. [ ] Mrs. [ ] Ms.

Address (Street No. and Name) :

Apt./Suite No.:

City/Town/Post Office:

Area Code and Phone Number:

Province:

Postal Code:

e-mail address:

What is your current marital status?

[ ] Single

[ ] Married/Common-Law Relationship (provide spousal information)

[ ] Divorced

[ ] Separated

[ ] Widowed

Number of dependent children \_\_\_\_\_ (school aged children 18 years or older)

Please attach a copy of a birth certificate or Statement of Live Birth for each child.

Name and address of spouse:

What is your current citizenship status? Please attach a legible copy of the front and back of the applicable document.

[ ] Canadian Citizen

[ ] Permanent Resident

[ ] Protected Person \* see note at bottom of page

What is the highest level of education that you have attained?

[ ] High School

[ ] Postsecondary

Section 2: Confirmation of Ontario Residency

Do you currently live in Ontario?

[ ] Yes

[ ] No. You are not eligible for an OBPAP bursary.

Section 3: Eligible Bridge Training Program Enrolment

The Ontario Bridging Participant Assistance Program is only available to students with financial need enrolled in non-OSAP approved current or former Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration (MCI) funded bridge training programs with direct education costs (tuition, books and equipment). Bursary assistance is only available during the bridge training period for eligible programs commencing between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020. OBPAP applications for in-session programs must be received no later than Friday, March 20, 2020 by the Student Services Office, Gilmour Hall, Room 108.

Are you enrolled in an eligible bridge training program?

[ ] Yes

Name of Ontario college or university \_\_\_\_\_

Name of bridge training program \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] No. You are not eligible for an OBPAP bursary.

\* Copy of Valid Verification of Status OR Notice of Decision issued by the Immigration and Refugee Board OR Protected Persons Status Document (issued prior to January 1, 2013 OR Refugee Travel Document

#### Section 4: OSAP Status

Are you in default of a Canada-Ontario Integrated Student Loan, Ontario Student Loan or Canada Student Loan issued through the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)?

Yes. You are not eligible for an OBPAP bursary.

No

#### Section 5: Second Career Strategy (SCS) Funding Status

Are you currently in receipt of Second Career Strategy (SCS) funding?

Yes. You are not eligible for an OBPAP bursary.

No

#### Section 6: Employment and Income Information

The Ontario Bridging Participant Assistance Program (OBPAP) is a needs based program that provides up to \$5,000 in bursary assistance to students with financial need attending non-OSAP current or former approved Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration (MCI) funded bridge training programs to offset direct educational costs (tuition, books and equipment) for bridge training offered by Ontario publicly-assisted colleges and universities. Financial need is determined by the postsecondary institution's policies governing student financial need. (Note: McMaster University maximum OBPAP bursary is \$5000 to cover educational costs).

##### Your current employment status

Full-time

Self-employed

Part-time

Unemployed

If unemployed, list sources of income/support (e.g., Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program, Employment Insurance)

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Your estimated gross income (before deductions) for current year \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Acceptable proof of income: letter from employer or recent pay stub or confirmation of government income

##### Spouse's current employment status

Full-time

Self-employed

Part-time

Unemployed

If unemployed, list sources of income/support (e.g., Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program, Employment Insurance)

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Spouse's estimated gross income (before deductions) for current year \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Acceptable proof of income: letter from employer or recent pay stub or confirmation of government income

#### Section 7: Where do I submit my application?

Your completed and signed application for bursary assistance through the Ontario Bridging Participant Assistance Program must be submitted **with attached required supporting documentation** (legible copies of government documents, proof of income, tuition receipt, applicable book and equipment receipts) to the Student Services Office located at:

**McMaster University**  
Gilmour Hall, Room 108  
1280 Main Street West  
Hamilton, Ontario L8S 4L8

\*\*\*\*Late or incomplete applications will not be considered\*\*\*\*

**Section 8: Financial Information**

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Enter your estimated expenses and resources below for the period you will be attending classes. ALL blocks must contain one of the following: a dollar amount, “0” or “N/A (Not Applicable)”. **If any line is left blank, the application will be considered incomplete.** If you feel an item below requires further explanation, please include a signed financial situation letter. *Note: McMaster University reserves the right to request any invoices or copies of official or legal documentation in connection with this application.*

<b>Estimated Expenses</b> (calculate costs for the <b>study period</b> March 2020 – November 2020)		<b>Estimated Resources</b> (calculate for the <b>study period</b> March 2020– November 2020)	
Tuition & Fees (attach receipt)		Your and your spouse’s (if applicable) - Assets (bonds, term deposits, bank accounts, etc.)	
Books & Supplies		Gross Employment Income	
Housing/Rent		Gross Spousal Employment Income (or parental financial support)	
Food (includes dining out)		<b>Government Income</b>	
Utilities (Hydro, Gas, Cell, Cable, Phone etc.)		Child Tax Benefit/Universal Child Care Benefit	
Clothing		Ontario Works (OW)	
Unsubsidized Child Care		Employment Insurance (EI)	
Transportation		Canada Pension Plan (CPP)	
Personal/ Entertainment		Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)	
Minimum Credit Card Payment		OSAP or other Provincial or Federal student aid programs	
Other: Explain		Other Government Income	
		Other: Explain (i.e. child/spousal support)	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

## Section 9: Notice, Consent, Declaration and Signature

### Notice of Collection of Personal Information

### APPLICANT'S DECLARATION AND CONSENT

I understand that providing incorrect or fraudulent information, either on this application, or in support of this application, may prevent me accessing OBPAP assistance now or in the future. I understand that information provided on this application may be compared and/or used in conjunction with information maintained by the University and/or provincial student assistance programs to determine my eligibility.

I understand that I can withdraw this consent at any time before I accept financial assistance under this Program. I understand that if I withdraw any of my required consents it will affect my eligibility for bursary assistance through the Ontario Bridging Participant Assistance Program (OBPAP).

I understand that if I am awarded an OBPAP bursary, bursary funding will first be directed to the postsecondary institution to offset eligible direct educational costs charged by the postsecondary institution for my bridge training with any remaining funds being used to reimburse mandatory book and equipment costs (based on my submitted receipts). Bursary funds will only be directed to the applicant to reimburse eligible bridge training costs for ***in-session programs*** that has already been paid (receipt required as proof of payment).

### FIPPA

In accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and McMaster University's *Statement on the Collection of Personal Information and the Protection of Privacy*, where notice is given, the University is permitted to publish an individual's name, Faculty, program and award information. McMaster University publishes the names of recipients of scholarships listed in the Calendar, in the University's Convocation program and other award publications. Further information can be found in the *General Academic Regulations* section of the Calendar.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

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