

HOW TO APPLY TO THE TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAM (TYP) @ YORK UNIVERSITY

Making university education equitable and accessible

Application deadline

The deadline to apply is May 17 for September 2017 admission consideration. Please check the website for the most up-to-date information. Late applications may be considered.

Respectful of information provided

Please know that all information you provide will remain confidential. Please note that your application and any documents you supply are non-returnable.

Your application

There are four things to do to complete your application.

1. Write your personal statement

We want to understand your personal situation and what has led you to our program. In this way, we can better determine whether this program is right for you. You must type or handwrite a statement to tell us about yourself. Include the following:

1. Why do you want to study full-time at university?
2. Why is York's Transition Year Program the program that is right for you at this time?
3. What challenges have you encountered that made university studies or getting accepted into a university program difficult for you in the past?
4. Are there any challenges that you anticipate, and if so, what types of supports will you require?
5. What strengths and skills do you bring?
6. What are your career interests and how will they be enhanced by a university education.

Personal statements are typically 1-2 pages in length.

2. Obtain two reference letters

Consider who knows you well and can best speak to your personality, skills, and preparedness for an academic program like TYP. Examples of suitable referees might include a counsellor, teacher, member of a community organization, coach, or religious leader. Those providing a reference should highlight your work and/or academic skills, preparedness for full-time studies, sense of responsibility, motivation, ability to work with others, etc.

Cover pages for reference letters are included in the application form. Provide a cover page to each of your referees. Ask your referees to write a reference letter on your behalf.

Reference letters can be sent directly to the Office of Admissions by your referee or placed in a sealed envelope and submitted with your application.

3. Request school transcript(s), if/as applicable

Although your previous record in education is not a criterion for admission to this program, we require an official transcript from your high school (normally having completed some grade 11) and from any postsecondary educational institution that you have attended. If a transcript is unavailable, please include a note telling us why.

How to obtain your high-school transcript

There may be a nominal charge to receive a copy of your high school or postsecondary transcript. For privacy reasons, the request for a transcript must come from you. Contact or visit the school directly for further information. The school is required by law to ask for proof of who you are (e.g. birth certificate, driver's license) before providing a copy of your transcript. Ask them to place your transcript in a sealed envelope and then attach this envelope to your application.

4. Complete the application form attached

This form provides us with your personal information, educational background (in brief), employment history, the names of your references and contact information. You are encouraged to include any additional information that you believe will strengthen your application.

Proof of Status

Applicants who are non-citizen Permanent Residents of Canada or Convention Refugees will be required to submit proof of status from the Canadian government before being eligible to participate in this program.

Submit your application to:

Office of Admissions
(Transition Year Program)
Bennett Centre for Student Services (third floor)
99 Ian MacDonald
Blvd York University
Toronto, ON M3J 1P3

What happens after you apply

The TYP Admission Committee reviews your application and considers how well you meet all the eligibility criteria including assessing your commitment to a university education. You will receive a letter with the admission decision in mid-June.

As there are a limited number of spaces, you may not be admitted to the program at this time. However, we will retain your application and encourage you to update your information in time for the next admission cycle and/or recommend other program opportunities that may be more suitable for you.

How to finance your university education

The Transition Year Program does offer some financial support, but students are expected to apply to OSAP for financial assistance. If you have previously applied for OSAP, it must be in good standing. You may also apply for OSAP directly. osap.gov.on.ca

Questions?

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For information and guidance on how to prepare your application, please visit <http://transitionyear.info.yorku.ca/>.
Please note: Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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