



EMAIL SENT JULY 26, 2016

Dear Students,

Below are some important reminders from the Brescia Financial Aid & Fees Office:

Fall/Winter Tuition Fees

-The 2016-2017 academic year Fee Schedule is available on the Brescia [web page](#). For information on methods of payment please check out [Paying Your Bill](#) on the website. Students should remember to pay their fees to BRESCIA not Western. **The first installment of fees are due on August 10, 2016.**

Personal Brescia Invoice

-Your tuition/residence fees will be posted on your **Brescia Personal Invoice** found [here](#). Please remember that Brescia DOES NOT use your UWO Student Centre to post fees. Students can deduct any entrance scholarship from their first installment owing. Questions regarding fees and your personal invoice can be directed to brescia@uwo.ca.

-Any payments received will be applied to your Personal Invoice as quickly as possible. However, please be aware that at this time we are receiving a high volume of payments. Do continue to check your personal invoice on a weekly basis. Should your payment not be reflected within two weeks, please contact us at brescia@uwo.ca, at which point we will investigate further.

Entrance/Continuing Brescia Scholarships

-Scholarships and awards are applied directly to fees owing and will appear as a credit on your personal invoice. First installments are thereby reduced by applicable scholarships/awards. If your tuition is assessed on a per course basis (ie. Enrollment in 3.5 courses or less), your scholarship and/or award will be prorated accordingly.

Health/Dental Opt-Out

-As part of your ancillary/compulsory fees, any student registered in 3.5 courses or more is charged for Health/Dental Plan and a Bus Pass. Students can choose to opt-out of the Health and/or Dental Plan at www.studentbenefits.ca no later than **September 30th, 2016** for a refund. The refund will not be reflected on your Brescia personal invoice until early November.

Parking

-For information regarding parking at Brescia please click [here](#). The Application for the "Annual Non-Reserved Permit" is now available. Students must complete an application, make payment, and then can pick up their permit. Please note: Parking Permits are not currently available for pick up, and are anticipated to be available by mid-August. However, the permit is not valid until September 1, 2016.



2016-2017 Fall/Winter OSAP Application

- Applications for Full-time OSAP and the 30% Off Ontario Tuition Grant (stand-alone) web applications are available online. The part-time OSAP application has still not been released, and is now anticipated for early August. Please continue to check the OSAP website for the release of the Part-Time application.

-For students relying on OSAP to cover their first installment of fees owing to Brescia (due August 10th, 2016), you need to ensure that your OSAP application will qualify for the Fee Deferral. A Fee Deferral means that Brescia will wait for the OSAP funding to be released in September, before collecting the first installment of fees, IF Brescia has a guarantee of funding. Please see below, what you need to do to ensure you qualify for the Fee Deferral:

Fee Deferral

To qualify you must meet ALL of the following conditions:

- Applied for OSAP BEFORE June 30th (Note: applications submitted prior to August 5th, 2016 may be processed before the August 10th fee deadline and therefore may qualify for the fee deferral). There must be NO outstanding documentation and your application should say “Your school must confirm that you are enrolled in full-time studies.” This means there are no holds on your account and your application is ready to go (confirmation of enrollment occurs automatically). It is YOUR responsibility to log into your OSAP account to “Check Status.”
- Selected the option that allows “the Ministry may use a portion of my OSAP funding to pay, on my behalf, my tuition and compulsory fees directly to my school” a question directly on the OSAP application. This ensures Brescia has access to the OSAP funding as soon as it is released. Students who do not indicate this option are expected to pay out of pocket by August 10th, 2016. Brescia Financial Aid will be sending out an email to any student who DID NOT select this option, so that you are aware and have a chance to make a change to your application. This will be in the next few weeks.
- Verified that you will be receiving OSAP funding and that your September disbursement of OSAP is enough to cover your First installment of fees owing to Brescia. If it is not, you will need to pay the difference by the August 10th, 2016 deadline, or you will be subject to a late fee. Students should be able to log onto their OSAP accounts and click “Funding Summary” for a breakdown of their September OSAP entitlement. Then use the Brescia Fee Schedule to determine what you have owing for first installment, and verify if it is enough.

-Students with questions or concerns regarding OSAP should email brfinaid@uwo.ca.



Brescia's Bursary and Work Study Program

-Brescia's Fall/Winter Bursary & Work Study application is now available! It is one application, and students can indicate which program(s) they wish to be considered for directly on the form. Click [here](#) for the application.

Bursary Deadline: Applications are due October 15th, annually. Students are encouraged to apply early to assist with their academic year costs. Applications are reviewed in late fall and students will be contacted by their UWO email regarding a decision.

Work Study Deadline: Applications are due **August 24, 2016**. Applications received after this deadline will be reviewed only if space/budget permits. Click [here](#) for more information regarding eligibility criteria for Domestic and International students. Students will be notified in late August- early September by their UWO email regarding a decision.

***NEW* BresciaLEAD Excellence Award**

-The BresciaLEAD Excellence Award has a value of **\$5,000** (applied to the current year of registration). One award will be made each year to a full-time returning Brescia student (Domestic or International). Deadline to apply is **September 15, 2016**. Applications can be submitted to the HIVE at Brescia (in person), or mailed/faxed to the Financial Aid Office.

- See the [BresciaLEAD Excellence Award](#) application for more details. Applicants are asked to provide information about extracurricular involvement, such as volunteer and leadership positions they have held in their community. Applicants must submit a brief essay explaining how they have contributed to their community, and what leadership skills they have learned from their activities, and at least two letters of reference.

Additional Brescia Scholarships/Awards/Bursaries

-Check out a list of Additional Awards/Scholarships/Bursaries available to Brescia students [here](#). To be considered for many of these awards, a student simply needs to fill out the Financial Assistance Application (General Bursary Application). However, some of these awards require a Personal Profile and Letters of Reference. Read the details carefully for each award. Personal Profiles and Letters of Reference can be submitted to the HIVE at Brescia: Attention Financial Aid Office or Mailed/Faxed/Emailed to the Financial Aid Office at Brescia.

External Awards

-Now is a great time of year to check out external sources of financial aid. Brescia has created a list of some external scholarships, awards, and bursaries that are offered to university students on behalf of outside organizations. See what is out there and APPLY! Click [here](#) for the list.

Please continue to check your email throughout the summer for important updates from the Financial Aid Office and Fees Office.

For questions, please contact the HIVE at brescia@uwo.ca