

| BAS admission requirements

Academic requirements

Ontario High School applicants must have a minimum overall average of 75% in the 6 best Grade 12 U/M courses and successfully complete:

- 1 Grade 12 English U/M course
- 2 Grade 12 U/M Math courses
- 3 other Grade 12 U/M courses

Applicants who have completed Advanced Placement Courses and/or the International Baccalaureate or applicants from outside an Ontario High School can find more information online.

MSoA Application Package

The following two documents are mandatory for all applicants and must be directly submitted to the BAS Submission Platform via the MSoA's website:

1) Portfolio

The purpose of the portfolio is to demonstrate your creativity, skills and interests. All work presented in your portfolio must be your own. The portfolio is an essential part of the application; you will not be considered for admission unless you submit one. The design and layout of the portfolio should allow you to present your work with clarity, and to display your graphic design abilities.

Each year, the MSoA selection committee bestows between five and ten Portfolio Awards (including a \$500 scholarship) to the most impressive portfolios.

What to include in the portfolio:

Any work you feel that best demonstrates a wide range of your creative skills and abilities. It should contain a minimum of 10 individual pieces (original pieces and/or good quality photographs). Every piece should be accompanied by a descriptive label indicating its title, the year of creation and a brief description of the conceptual thinking and/or realization process. You may include a few images or photographs per piece (to show details or the process, for example). Possible pieces may include (but are not limited to):

- Drawings or paintings;
- Craft work such as furniture making, model-building, ceramics, jewellery;
- Multimedia work such as graphic design, animation, videos, websites;
- Photography or mixed media work;
- Music samples or live performances (for e.g., music, dance, etc.);
- Creative writing such as poetry, essays, criticism;
- Drafting or architectural drawings (in a limited amount, only if you have prior experience);

We only accept electronic versions of portfolios in order to speed up the processing of your application. The portfolio must be submitted in PDF format (max 50 MB) to the BAS Submission Platform via the MSoA's website. Horizontal format (16:9 ratio) is recommended to be easily viewed on screen, but the size and layout of the portfolio is up to you.

Additionally, each applicant must provide a portfolio sponsor. The sponsor is a person like a teacher or guidance counsellor (not a family member) that has looked at the work in the portfolio and who can vouch for the fact that the content is indeed your own work and that it is original work (collaborative projects must be properly credited, the use of artificial intelligence is forbidden, and plagiarism is not acceptable). Failure to comply may result in the dismissal of your application. Applicants will provide the name, role/position, and email address for their sponsor as they submit their portfolio through the MSoA's website.

2) Statement of interest

The statement of interest should be 500-1000 words in length and must explain your interest in architecture as well as your choice of McEwen School of Architecture. It should be submitted by inputting your text in the BAS Submission Platform via the MSoA's website.

Tell us about your background. You can mention your life goals and objectives, academic achievements, relevant work experience, artistic and fabrication activities, community service, personal projects and initiatives, significant travel experiences, and any other elements that help explain why you are a great candidate. Do not hesitate to discuss the people or the personal experiences that influenced and inspired you to pursue architectural studies. Demonstrate that you are a creative, passionate, curious, rigorous and autonomous individual. Explain why you are interested specifically in the BAS program at the McEwen School of Architecture. You may mention what caught your attention or how you think the program best fulfills your interests.

The selection committee will also pay particular attention to the overall organization of your ideas and to the quality of your written English or French. The use of artificial intelligence is forbidden and plagiarism is not acceptable. Failure to comply may result in the dismissal of your application.

Information relative to the application process, as well as to deadlines to apply and send the documents, can be found online.

The BAS Submission Platform can be accessed on the MSoA's website.