Welcome to Soka University of America’s application process!

Application Criteria

Soka University of America (SUA) seeks students of intelligence and commitment who will provide leadership in the promotion of peace and human rights. SUA is open to highly motivated students of all backgrounds and beliefs who have excelled in a range of academic courses. Admission to SUA is competitive and selective. SUA carefully considers a number of criteria without a rigid emphasis on any one factor. All required checklist items will be considered during the review process.

Please contact the Admission Office with any questions regarding the application process.

By Email: admissions@soka.edu
By Phone: 888-600-SOKA (toll free)
(949)-480-4150

Please send paper application materials to:
Soka University of America
Office of Admission
1 University Drive
Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

Admission Timelines

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Soka University of America employs both an Early Action period and a Regular Admission period. Early Action is non-binding and suggested for those applicants who would like to receive an early admission decision. Qualified applicants who are not admitted in the Early Action period will be re-assessed with the applicant pool for Regular Admission.

Checklist

All application requirements listed below must be received by SUA by November 1, 2015 for Early Action and January 15th, 2016 for Regular Admission in order to be considered for admission. Materials should be mailed to the address given above; emailed and faxed documents will not be accepted.

☐ Application - Online applications may be printed out or completed online and are available at www.soka.edu/apply or www.commonapp.org.
☐ Non-refundable Application Fee - $45 USD for paper application, $30 USD for online application.
☐ High School and College/University Official Transcript(s) – showing all coursework completed.
  • All coursework completed outside of the U.S. must be sent to IERF (www.iert.org) for conversion into U.S. grade equivalents.
☐ SAT and/or ACT Scores - Official results/scores of the SAT and ACT examination, with its associated writing test must be sent directly to Soka University by the testing agency.
  • Our SAT code is 4066 and our ACT code is 0467.
☐ Two Mandatory Essays – each essay must be 500-750 words in length. Essay topics are put forth in the application.
☐ List of Extracurricular Activities
☐ Two Letters of Recommendation
Fall 2016
Soka University of America
Application for Undergraduate Admission

General Information

Select One:

☐ Early Action: Deadline for submission November 1, 2015
☐ Regular Admission: Deadline for submission January 15, 2016

Name (required)

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Permanent Legal Home Address (required)

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Date of Birth (required)

Social Security Number ___ ___ - ___ ___ - ___ ___

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Citizenship Information

Please select the option below that best describes your citizenship. Read all options carefully before choosing and only select one option. Answer the corresponding questions to your initial choice when applicable.

1) ☐ I am a United States citizen.

2) ☐ I hold dual citizenship with the United States and another country. 2b) My other country of citizenship is __________________________

3) ☐ I am a United States permanent resident. 3b) My country of citizenship is __________________________

4) ☐ I am not a United States citizen or permanent resident. 4b) My country of citizenship is __________________________

4c) If you hold dual citizenship with another country (neither country being the United States) please indicate country here __________________________

Please Note: Soka University assumes no responsibility for the adverse consequences regarding a student’s U.S. immigration status that may result from fulfillment of our study abroad requirement. Please review the Internship/Study Abroad Program section of our academic catalog.
### Parent or Guardian Information

#### Parent/Guardian #1

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### Academic Record

#### High School/ Secondary School Information

(Please list all high schools attended)

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- □ I received a GED/HSE  
  (You must submit official score reports from the GED or HSE test and a copy of the GED or HSE certificate.)

- □ I am/was home- schooled.  
  (Home-schooled applicants must have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent by successfully completing a college preparatory curriculum associated with a college or school district, which is accredited by a regional, state, or national agency.)
College/ University Information

Applicants must list all colleges and universities previously attended, in chronological order. Use additional paper if necessary. Official transcripts from all schools listed must be sent to SUA.

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Extracurricular Activities

Please submit a list of your significant school and/or community activities, full-time or part-time employment or military experience, including length of time dedicated. Please also list any honors, awards and leadership roles that you have earned. To assist you with this requirement an optional Extracurricular Activities form is available at www.soka.edu/admission.

This list is a required document and must be received by November 1st for Early Action and January 15th for Regular Admission.

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Disciplinary Record

Have you ever been suspended or expelled from school or convicted of a felony?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, please provide a brief written explanation, providing dates and circumstances.

________________________________________________________________________
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Financial Aid

Do you plan to apply for financial aid?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No
Essay Questions

Learning more about YOU: We will use what you tell us on your essays to complement the information you have provided in your application. Please complete both mandatory essays; it is important that you write in a way that reveals to the Admissions Committee your passions, your strengths and your individuality. Each essay should be between 500-750 words.

The mandatory essays are required documents and must be received by November 1st for Early Action or January 15th for Regular Admission.

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Mandatory Essay Question 1: Imagine you are at SUA, and you’re invited to give a lecture to all the students and faculty. What would you talk about, and why?

Mandatory Essay Question 2: In today’s world, what is your purpose in seeking a liberal arts education? Among the many fine colleges and universities you might attend, how do you think SUA could help you fulfill that purpose?

Optional Question: Do you have any special circumstances that you would like SUA to take into consideration when reviewing your application? Your response should not be more than a paragraph in length; please be concise.

Optional Information

The following request for information is made to help the University provide data about SUA’s student body as a whole to federal and state agencies. Your responses, although optional, are appreciated and will have no effect on the University’s evaluation of your application.

Gender? _________________________

Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How are you most comfortable describing yourself? (check all that apply)

☐ African American/ Black
☐ Asian
☐ Hispanic/ Hispanic American
☐ Other ethnicity

Details of ethnic background or heritage

Application Fee

A non-refundable application processing fee of $45 USD must accompany this application. SUA only accepts checks drawn from a US bank or an international money order. Please make your check or money order payable to Soka University of America.

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Statement of Agreement

I certify that the information on this application is complete and correct, and that I have attended, or am attending, no institutions other than those listed. I certify that I have completed this application by myself and that the information I have provided is complete and truthful. I understand that misrepresentation of facts on this application will invalidate the application. I understand that all documents submitted for admission consideration become the property of Soka University of America and will not be returned to me, nor duplicated for me, for any reason. I also understand that acceptance to SUA is subject to verification of final records from all institutions I have attended and that the application fee is nonrefundable.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Soka University of America does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, national origin, ancestry, marital status, disability, age or citizenship.