Application for Admission

Academic Year
2012-2013
Application checklist

- Completed application form, signed and dated by the applicant. Online applications may be printed out or completed online and are available at www.soka.edu/apply.

- Official high school/secondary transcripts showing all academic coursework completed by September 2011. If possible, request transcripts to be sent to Soka University before your winter holiday. All coursework completed outside of the U.S. must be sent to IERF (www.ierf.org) for conversion to U.S. equivalents. Mid-year reports are neither required nor accepted.

General Equivalency Diploma (GED) or High School Equivalency (HSE) recipients:
1. You must submit official score reports from the GED or HSE test.
2. You must also submit a copy of the GED or HSE certificate.

- Official transcripts for all college-level coursework completed. All coursework completed outside of the U.S. must be sent to IERF (www.ierf.org) for conversion to U.S. equivalents.

- Three written academic recommendations from your principal, counselor and/or teacher. Three are recommended, but two are required. Please ask recommenders to use the official form provided in this application.

- Official results of the SAT or the ACT (with the associated writing test) should be sent directly to Soka University by the testing agency.

- Two personal written essays—one mandatory and one optional—answering the questions put forth in the application.

- A list of extracurricular activities or talents demonstrating outside interests and leadership experience or potential. (This list should be contained within the application under question 10. A separate list is not required.)

- A $45 nonrefundable application fee (paid by check or money order only) must be submitted with the application. (If you submit your application online, a reduced fee of $30 must be paid by credit card online.)

Applications will be evaluated only when all required materials have been received. It is your responsibility to ensure that all of the required documents that you have requested of your school are submitted by your school on time. Soka University does not accept faxes or copies of official documents.

General admission information for all applicants

**Admission Timelines**
Soka University 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. Early Action decision notification letters are mailed on or before December 1, 2011. Applicants who are not admitted in the Early Action period will not be automatically rolled over to the Regular Admission process for that term. At the discretion of the Admission Committee, applicants may be re-assessed with the applicant pool for Regular Admission. Students who are denied admission for Early Action may not re-apply for Regular Admission. Regular Admission decision notification letters are mailed on or before March 1, 2012.

**Admission Criteria**
Soka University seeks students of intelligence and commitment who will provide leadership in the promotion of peace and human rights. Soka University is open to highly motivated students of all backgrounds and beliefs who have excelled in a range of academic courses. Admission to Soka University is competitive and selective. Although all successful Soka University applicants will have strong academic records, good grades and test scores are not enough by themselves for an applicant to be accepted. Soka University carefully considers a number of criteria without a rigid emphasis on any one factor.

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Please note that all documents submitted in support of your application become the property of Soka University.
Testing
The SAT or the ACT is required of all applicants. Soka University's SAT code is 4066. Soka University's ACT code is 0467.

SAT
All applicants electing to take the SAT must also take the associated SAT writing exam. Soka University's SAT code is 4066. The SAT is administered throughout the year around the world. To obtain registration materials and test information, write to The College Board, APT, P.O. Box 992, Princeton, NJ 08541, USA, or visit online at www.collegeboard.com.

ACT
All applicants electing to take the ACT must also take the associated writing exam. Because registration and test dates differ by state, please consult the ACT Web site at www.act.org for the dates that apply to your state. Be aware that registration deadlines can occur as early as five weeks before the exam.

Diversity
Soka University is open to students of all backgrounds and beliefs and is committed to diversity— including diversity of opinion— in its academic community. Soka University’s educational objectives are fostered at the University through the commitment to a non-sectarian curriculum, rigorous academic endeavors and free and open dialogue.

Disability Services
Soka University seeks to promote meaningful access to educational opportunities for all students. For information about Soka University’s disability policy and disability-related services, please contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 949.480.4130.

Home-Schooling
Soka University accepts applications from home-schooled students. In addition to receipt of all other admission requirements, applicants must have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent by successfully completing a college preparatory curriculum associated with an institution— such as a college or unified school district— which is accredited by a regional, state or national agency.

Advanced Placement (AP) Credits or International Baccalaureate (IB) Credits
Soka University does not accept AP or IB course credits in lieu of its own course requirements. However, AP and IB coursework are used in determining placement beyond introductory-level coursework at Soka.

Transfer Students
Soka University will only accept applications from first-year students for fall 2012. If you are currently a college student, you may still apply as a first-year student, but please be aware that you may not transfer your college credits. However, applicants with completed college coursework must still submit college transcripts to be placed in more advanced classes.

Immigration Status
Soka University requires that all undergraduate students participate in our study abroad program during their junior year. Since participation in this program is not optional, students must not have any outstanding issues with U.S. Immigration that would prevent them from going abroad and/or returning to the U.S. upon completion of their semester abroad. Please review the Internship/Study Abroad section of our academic catalog. AB540 students should visit www.soka.edu/ab540 for further information.

Academic preparation
All applicants to Soka University must have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent prior to entering Soka University. Soka strongly recommends that applicants have completed the following college preparation program:

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<th>English</th>
<th>Four years of college preparatory English that includes frequent and regular writing and reading of classic and modern literature.</th>
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<td>Mathematics</td>
<td>Three years of college preparatory mathematics with significant emphasis on fundamental mathematical skills, including trigonometry, geometry and algebra I and II. Calculus is recommended, but not required.</td>
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<td>History/Social Sciences</td>
<td>Two years of college preparatory history/social science, including one year of U.S. government, and one year of world history, cultures and geography.</td>
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<td>Science</td>
<td>Two years of laboratory science providing fundamental knowledge in at least two of these three disciplines: biology, chemistry and physics. The appropriate two years of an approved integrated science program may be used.</td>
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<td>Foreign Language</td>
<td>Two years of the same language other than English. Courses should emphasize speaking and understanding, and include instruction in grammar, vocabulary, reading and composition.</td>
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Cost and financial aid

Estimated Cost of Attendance for Academic Year 2012-2013

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Financial Aid

Meeting the costs of an undergraduate education represents a significant investment for most families. At Soka University, however, we are committed to providing comprehensive merit- and need-based financial aid programs that make it possible for admitted students who meet specific requirements and deadlines to attend Soka University. Most importantly, Soka University admits students without regard to their ability to pay. Soka University’s need-blind admission policy means that a student’s financial aid status will not affect his or her possible admission to the University.

How to Apply for Financial Aid

1. Complete the 2012-2013 FAFSA form. The paper version of the FAFSA is available in January 2012 at most high schools, community colleges and four-year institutions. You may also complete the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
   Soka’s Title IV school code is 038144.

2. If you are under 24 years of age, please provide copies of your parental Federal Income Tax Return for the 2011 tax year or an officially translated copy of equivalent parental tax forms from your country for the 2011 tax year. Please convert all figures to U.S. dollars.

Financial Aid Deadlines

U.S. applicants for financial aid must submit the completed FAFSA form and have it postmarked or submitted online on or before March 2, 2012. All accepted students must submit a copy of their personal and parental 2011 IRS income tax reports, including the appropriate verification worksheet, to Soka University on or before May 1, 2012. All forms are available to download at [www.soka.edu/financialaid](http://www.soka.edu/financialaid).

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<td>IRS tax reports for 2011, verification worksheet and recent bank statements due to Soka University</td>
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*Do not wait for your admission decision to submit your financial aid documents.*
SOKA UNIVERSITY

2012 Application for Admission

Please read the application instructions before completing this application form. All questions on the form must be answered. This form should be used only by U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

☐ Early Action: Deadline for submission October 15, 2011
☐ Regular Admission: Deadline for submission January 15, 2012

1. FULL NAME

Please type or print all answers.

MR.  MS.  MIDDLE
LAST (FAMILY)  FIRST

PREFERRED FIRST NAME

2. PERMANENT LEGAL HOME ADDRESS

NUMBER  STREET  APT. NO.

CITY  STATE/PROVINCE  COUNTRY  POSTAL CODE

TELEPHONE  CELL PHONE  E-MAIL

3. MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

NUMBER  STREET  APT. NO.  IN EFFECT UNTIL (MONTH/YEAR)

CITY  STATE/PROVINCE  COUNTRY  POSTAL CODE

TELEPHONE

4. DATE OF BIRTH

MONTH  DAY  YEAR

5. DO YOU PLAN TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  If yes, please complete the 2012-13 FAFSA form, available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov in January 2012.

6. CITIZENSHIP/VISA INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

My country of birth is __________________________

Please mark only one.

☐ I am a citizen of the United States.
☐ I am a United States permanent resident.

My ‘A’ number is __________________________

My country of citizenship is __________________________

☐ Other __________________________

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. AB540 students should visit www.soka.edu/ab540 for further information.
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☐ I received a GED/HSE. ☐ I am/was home-schooled.

9. INFORMATION ABOUT COLLEGE(S) YOU ARE NOW ATTENDING OR HAVE ATTENDED

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Important: Failure to list all colleges attended (including extension, summer or correspondence courses) may result in a delay or denial of your admission.
10. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please list 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. You may also attach a resume to your application, but we would still like you to answer the question using the space below. You do not have to use the entire space. We use this section to evaluate how you spend your extracurricular time. Use it to truthfully report to us what you are passionate about. We are looking at the quality of the activity more than we are the quantity.

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11. 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.


12. APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Please complete the following mandatory essay question and select a second question from the four personal essays listed below. Please write in a way that your essay reveals to the Admission Committee your passions, your strengths and your individuality.

Mandatory question (This essay should be 300-500 words, double spaced):
- What aspects of Soka’s curriculum or undergraduate experience prompted your application? In short, why Soka? Be specific.

Personal essays—select one (This essay should be 300-500 words, double spaced):

1. Describe a situation in which your values or beliefs were challenged. How did you react?

2. Looking back on your past, is there anything you would change or do differently? Why would you change it?

3. What do you think people who know you would be surprised to learn about you?

4. Tell us what you think about a current scientific or social controversy.

Optional question: Do you have any special circumstances that you would like Soka University to take into consideration when reviewing your application? Please be concise.
The following request for information is made to help the University provide data about Soka University’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: □ Female □ Male

Check only one:
□ American Indian/Alaskan Native □ Hispanic
□ Asian/Pacific Islander □ White
□ Black □ Other

Details of ethnic background or heritage: ________________________________

To what other colleges or universities are you applying? __________________

I understand that misrepresentation of facts in this application will invalidate the application. I certify that I have completed this application by myself and that the information I have provided is complete and truthful.

I also understand that the email address I have provided in this application will be used for all communications that Soka University will send me.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT ___________________________ DATE ____________

The nonrefundable application fee must accompany this application ($45 by check or money order if submitted by mail, $30 by credit card if submitted online). Please make your check payable to Soka University.

Mail to:
Soka University
Office of Admission
1 University Drive
Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

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

Recommendation Form

Please complete only the top portion of this form. Sign it and submit it to your counselor, principal or headmaster. Please note that your file will be considered incomplete if this recommendation is not submitted by the following deadlines: received by October 15, 2011 for Early Action and January 15, 2012 for Regular Admission. Please be sure that your recommenders are aware of these deadlines so that your file can be completed.

Student’s name: (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

MR.
MS.
LAST (FAMILY) FIRST MIDDLE

DATE OF BIRTH MONTH DAY YEAR

U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Waiver of Review

I recognize the confidential nature of this document and
☐ do ☐ do not
waive my right to have access to the completed form.

STUDENT SIGNATURE DATE

In an effort to complete this student’s file in a timely manner so that it can be reviewed, please submit this form early enough so that it is received by October 15, 2011 for Early Action and January 15, 2012 for Regular Admission. Late forms, emails or faxes will not be accepted.

We value your comments and insights regarding this student. Please complete both sides of this form as thoroughly as possible, attach an official transcript showing all academic work completed by September 2011 and a profile or brief description of your high school/secondary school and return it to:

Soka University
Office of Admission
1 University Drive
Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

Please write “Recommendation” on the outside of the envelope. Thank you very much for your help.

Please note that our deadlines for receiving all applications and supporting documents are:

Early Action: October 15, 2011
Regular Admission: January 15, 2012

Academic Rank

This student ranks ☐ in a class of ☐.
What period of time does this rank cover?
☐ We do not rank.
☐ Weighted?
☐ Unweighted?
What is the grading scale?
☐ 4.0
☐ 100
☐ Other:
What is the minimum passing grade? ____________

What is the student’s overall grade or grade point average (GPA)? ____________

What percentage of last year’s graduating class attended four-year colleges? ____________

Two-year colleges? ____________

Test Scores (Please note that Soka requires the essay component of both the ACT and SAT examinations.)

SAT
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ACT
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Note: The above information AND the written recommendation must be completed.

EVALUATION

How long have you known this student? ___________________________________________________________________

Please comment on this student’s intellectual ability and commitment to learning: ___________________________________________________________________
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Please describe personal characteristics and leadership qualities you have observed: ___________________________________________________________________
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Please use the remainder of this form to provide any additional information you think the Admission Committee should consider in evaluating this student. If you would like to submit a recommendation you have previously written for this student, please attach it to this form.
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Please complete only the top portion of this form. Sign it and submit it to your teacher or instructor. Please note that your file will be considered incomplete if this recommendation is not submitted by the following deadlines: received by October 15, 2011 for Early Action and January 15, 2012 for Regular Admission. Please be sure that your recommenders are aware of these deadlines so that your file can be completed.

Student’s name: (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)
□ Mr. □ Ms.

LAST (FAMILY) FIRST MIDDLE

DATE OF BIRTH MONTH DAY YEAR

U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (OPTIONAL)

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How long have you known this student? ________________________________

In what course did you teach this student? ________________________________

Please comment on this student’s intellectual ability and commitment to learning: ____________________________________________________________

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