

FALL 2018 APPLICATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION



Welcome to Soka University of America's application process!



Application Criteria

Soka University of America (Soka) seeks students of intelligence and commitment who will provide leadership in the promotion of peace and human rights. Soka is open to highly motivated students of all backgrounds and beliefs who have excelled in a range of academic courses. Admission to Soka is competitive and selective. Soka 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

Important Admission Dates	Early Action	Regular Admission	
Application and Documents Deadline	November 1, 2017	January 15 th , 2018	
Admission Decisions Announced	December 1 st , 2017	March 1 st , 2018	

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

List of Extracurricular Activities
Two Letters of Recommendation

All application requirements listed below must be received by SUA by **November 1, 2017** for Early Action and **January 15th, 2018** 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.ierf.org) for conversion into
U.S. grade equivalents
SAT with essay and/or ACT with writing scores - Official results/scores of the SAT with essay and ACT with
writing must be sent directly to Soka University by the testing agency.
• Our SAT code is 4066 and our ACT code is 0467 .
English Proficiency - Any applicant whose native language is not English is required to submit a TOEFL score
report. Soka University requires the TOEFL iBT and a minimum score of 80.
Two Mandatory Essays – each essay must be 500-750 words in length. Essay topics are put forth in the application.

Soka University of America

Application for Undergraduate Admission



Jeneral Information					
Select One:	☐ Early Action: Deadline for submission November 1, 2017				
	☐ Regular Admis	sion: Deadline for sul	omission Ja	nuary 15, 2018	
Name (required)					
	Last (Family)		First		Middle
Permanent Legal Home					
Address (required)	Number	Street			Apartment No.
	City	State/ Province	Postal Co	de	Country
	Email		Home Pho	one	Cell Phone
Current Mailing Address					
(if different from above)	Number	Street			Apartment No.
	City	State/ Province	Postal Co	de	Country
Date of Birth (required)	Month Day	Year	Social S (optional)	ecurity Number	
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Citizenship Informat	ion				
Please select the optio option. Answer the co					ore choosing and only select one
1) □ I am a Un	ited States citizen.				
2) 🗌 I hold dua	al citizenship with the	United States and anoth	er country.	2b) My other country of	citizenship is
3) I am a United States permanent resident.		3b) My country of citize	enship is		
4) 🗆 I am not a	United States citizen	or permanent resident.		4b) My country of citize	enship is
4c)	4c) If you hold dual citizenship with another country (neither country being the United States) please indicate country here			d States)	
4d)	If you currently hol			te your status or visa type	here
4e)	If you currently hol to an F-1 visa? □		an F-1 visa,	are you planning to chang	e your status

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 Name Last (Family) First Home Address Number Street Apartment No. City State/ Province Postal Code Country Email Home Phone Cell Phone Parent/Guardian #2 Name Last (Family) First Home Address Number Street Apartment No. City State/ Province Postal Code Country Email Home Phone Cell Phone Academic Record High School/ Secondary **School Information** (Please list all high schools attended) Most recent secondary/ high school City, State and Country Dates attended (from – to) Graduation (date, diploma earned) Other secondary/ high school Dates attended (from – to) Other secondary/ high school Dates attended (from – to) ☐ 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.) (In addition to receipt of all other admission requirements, applicants before enrolling must have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent by completing successfully a college preparatory curriculum associated with an institution, such as ☐ I am/was home- schooled. a college or unified school district, which is accredited by a regional, state or national agency.)



College/ U Informatio				attended, in chronological order. Use hools listed must be sent to SUA.
	A	Name of college or university		City, State and Country
		Dates attended (from – to)	Graduation (date, degree)	Major
	В	. Name of college or university		City, State and Country
		Dates attended (from – to)	Graduation (date, degree)	Major
Extracurric	ular Activities			
experience assist you	e, including length of with this requirement a required docume	of time dedicated. Please also lient an optional Extracurricular A	Activities form is available at wv	rship roles that you have earned. To
Discipinal	-	er been suspended or expelled for school or convicted of a felo	0	
	If yes,	please give the approximate dat	ny? No e(s) of each incident, explain the ou learned from the experience.	circumstances
Financial A	aid			
	Do y	ou plan to apply for financial ai	d? ☐ 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: During January block, Soka students participate in a Learning Cluster or research seminar where students work in teams with faculty to propose, research, and model constructive approaches to local, regional and/or global issues. What question would you investigate during a Learning Cluster? Describe why this topic is one you are passionate about and how you envision solving or supporting this particular issue?

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 requ	est for information is made to help the University provide data about SUA's s	student body as a whole to federal
and state agencies.	Your responses, although optional, are appreciated and will have no effect or	n the University's evaluation of
your application.		
	Do you consider yourself to be	□ Yes

Gender?		Hispanic or Latino?	
How are you most comfortable describing yourself?	☐ African American/ Black	□ Native American	
(check all that apply)	□ Asian	☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Isla	nder
	☐ Hispanic/ Hispanic American	☐ White/ Caucasian	
	☐ 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.

