Fall 2020
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: 866-600-SOKA (toll free)
949-480-4150

Please send proper 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.

Application Checklist Information

All application requirements must be received by SUA by **November 1st, 2019** for Early Action and **January 15th, 2020** for Regular Admission in order to be considered for admission. Materials should be mailed to the address given below. Emailed and faxed documents will not be accepted.

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An electronic pdf checklist of all application requirements can be downloaded at [www.soka.edu/admission](http://www.soka.edu/admission).
## General Information

Select One:  
- ☐ Early Action: Deadline for submission November 1, 2019  
- ☐ Regular Admission: Deadline for submission January 15, 2020

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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 citizen or 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 ______________________

4d) If you currently hold a status or U.S. visa, please indicate your status or visa type here  
________________________________________________________

4e) If you currently hold a U.S. visa other than an F-1 visa, are you planning to change your status to an F-1 visa?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

**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 the last high school attended)

Most recent secondary / high school City, State, Country

Dates attended (from – to) Graduation Date (date, diploma earned)

Other secondary / high school Dates attended (from - to)

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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. 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 a college or unified school district, which is accredited by a regional, state or national agency.
Soka University Application for Undergraduate Admission

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.

A. Name of college or university

City, State and Country

Dates attended (from – to) Graduation (dates, degree) Major

B. Name of college or university

City, State and Country

Dates attended (from – to) Graduation (dates, degree) Major

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 give the approximate date(s) of each incident, explain the circumstances and reflect on what you learned from the experience.

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:** 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 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.

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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.