

SOKA
UNIVERSITY



FALL 2019
APPLICATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION





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
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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, 2018	January 15, 2019
Admission Decisions Announced	December 1, 2018	March 1, 2019

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 1st, 2018** for Early Action and **January 15th, 2019** 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.
- List of Extracurricular Activities
- Two Letters of Recommendation

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Application for Undergraduate Admission



General Information

- Select One:
- Early Action: Deadline for submission November 1, 2018
 - Regular Admission: Deadline for submission January 15, 2019

Name
(required)

Last (Family)	First	Middle
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Permanent
Legal Home
Address
(required)

Number	Street	Apartment No.
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City	State/Province	Postal Code	Country
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Email	Home Phone	Cell Phone
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Current Mailing
Address
(if different from above)

Number	Street	Apartment No.
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City	State/Province	Postal Code	Country
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Date of Birth
(required)

Month	Day	Year	Social Security Number (optional)	_ _ _ _ - _ _ _ - _ _ _ _
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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 _____
- 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

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Last (Family)

First

Home Address

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Number

Street

Apartment No.

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City

State/Province

Postal Code

Country

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Email

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Parent/Guardian #2

Name

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Last (Family)

First

Home Address

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Number

Street

Apartment No.

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City

State/Province

Postal Code

Country

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Email

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Academic Record

High School/Secondary School Information

(Please list all high schools attended)

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Most recent secondary/high school

City, State and Country

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Dates attended (from – to)

Graduation (date, diploma earned)

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Other secondary/high school

Dates attended (from – to)

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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.)

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.)



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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 (date, degree)	Major

B. _____

Name of college or university	City, State and Country	
Dates attended (from – to)	Graduation (date, 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.

Gender Identity? _____ Do you consider yourself to be Yes
Hispanic or Latino? No

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

<input type="checkbox"/> African American/Black	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Hispanic American	<input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.

