APPLYING TO COSMOS

- **Start your application early!**
- You can only apply to one campus.
- Each campus offers different clusters. You may only apply to your top 2 clusters.
- Check to make sure you meet **cluster prerequisites**.
- You will be asked to respond to several short answer questions. **Your responses are important**; invest time and effort in them.
- Remember to finish your application in its entirety and submit it **before the deadline!** Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
- Do not forget to prepare and send your supplementary documents by the **postmark deadline**!
- **Financial Assistance** may be available to students who qualify! Don’t forget to apply.

HELPFUL HINTS WHEN APPLYING

- Make sure you **use a valid e-mail address** before beginning. You will need it for the online application process. It will also be how we communicate with you!
- Type your short answer responses in a word document first so that you can **spell check** and do a word count, then simply cut and paste them into your online application.
- The information you enter in your application will be saved so that you may log out and return without losing your data.
- Make sure to **check your application status** prior to the deadline to make sure that we have received all of your materials. This is critical. **YOUR application is YOUR responsibility!**
- **Contact teachers to request recommendations as early as possible.** Check back with them periodically to make sure they complete your request BEFORE the deadline.
- Be aware of the application deadline! Late postmarks will not be accepted!

SPECIAL INFORMATION TO REMEMBER

- **Use your legal name** on all application materials. Include a note with your application materials if you use another name (nickname).
- Please indicate if you are currently participating in programs such as MESA, Gear-UP, EAOP, etc. Also note any school or outside organizations, clubs, or honor societies in which you currently participate that are applicable to your interest in math and science.
- Refer to each campus website for specific information and answers to your questions.
- **TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE OFFICIAL AND IN A SEALED, SIGNED ENVELOPE!**

UC Davis: [http://cosmos.ucdavis.edu](http://cosmos.ucdavis.edu)

UC Irvine: [http://www.cosmos.uci.edu](http://www.cosmos.uci.edu)

UC San Diego: [http://www.jacobsschool.ucsd.edu/cosmos](http://www.jacobsschool.ucsd.edu/cosmos)

UC Santa Cruz: [http://cosmos.ucsc.edu](http://cosmos.ucsc.edu)

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Application Process

Step 1. Campuses/Clusters for 2015
1. You may only apply to one campus
2. You may select a first and second choice cluster
   (note some clusters are first choice only)
3. Some clusters require prerequisites
4. Campuses and clusters can be found at:
   https://cosmos-ucop.ucdavis.edu/main/campus_programs

Step 2: Online Application
1. Use the application worksheet as a guide. Worksheet can be found at: https://cosmos-ucop.ucdavis.edu/main/application
2. The online application will take approximately 1.5 hours to complete.
3. Compose short answer responses in advance in Word. Use spell check and keep track of the word count.
4. You will need a valid email.
5. You will be asked to submit the names and emails of two math and/or science teachers whom you’ve asked to complete an online recommendation form on your behalf. An email will be sent directly to them with instructions. Download a teacher recommendation worksheet for them to prepare. The worksheet can be found at: https://cosmos-ucop.ucdavis.edu/files/2015_Teacher_Rec_Wksht.pdf
   * No paper recommendations will be accepted!
   * Please enter your teacher’s email addresses VERY carefully. Ask your teachers to check their junk/spam mail if they do not receive the request.
6. The online application will close February 20!

Step 3: Supporting Documents - (ALL ITEMS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 20)
The following must be sent in hard copy to the campus to which you are applying:
1. Confirmation Page - Automatically generated when the application is complete. Must be signed by both applicant and parent/guardian.
2. $30 Application Fee - check or money order made payable to "UC Regents" with applicant's name in the memo field. No cash. Non-refundable. This fee cannot be waived. (An online payment option is available)
3. Official Transcript(s) - Including December 2014 Grades. Transcripts must be confidential and sealed. There must be a seal and/or signature over the closure of the envelope! (An online submission process may be available)
   8th graders: submit copies of 7th and 8th grade report cards.
   9th graders: submit copies of 8th grade report cards plus official High School transcripts.
4. (OPTIONAL) Financial Assistance - to be considered for financial assistance you must submit one of the following: Financial assistance application with copies of your parents 2014 Federal taxes, and/or any additional documentation needed.

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