Useful information about applying to COSMOS

Start your application early!
You can only apply to one campus. Consider your choices carefully.
Each campus offers different clusters. You may only apply to your top three clusters.
Check to make sure you meet cluster prerequisites!
For example, you may need Algebra II, Chemistry, or Biology to be considered for a cluster.

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 to submit it before the deadline. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

Financial Assistance is available to students who qualify! Don’t forget to apply!

Sell yourself throughout your entire application!
Do you have questions about applying? Call the campus you’re applying to for some answers!

Some helpful hints to remember when applying

Make sure you use a valid e-mail address before beginning. You will need it for the online application process.

Before beginning your application online, make sure you have everything you will need, like transcripts.
Type your short answer responses in MS Word first so you can spell check, then simply cut and paste them into your online application. Be aware of the character count.
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 before 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 be returned to the applicant unopened.

Special information to remember

Please make sure to indicate if you are currently participating in programs such as MESA, Gear-UP, EAOP, etc....
Please note any school organizations, clubs, honor societies, etc. you currently participate in.

Use your legal name on all application materials.
Include a note with your application materials if you use another name.
Refer to each campus website for site specific information and answers to your questions.

UC Davis: cosmos.ucdavis.edu
UC Irvine: cosmos.uci.edu
UC San Diego: jacobsschool.ucsd.edu/cosmos
UC Santa Cruz: epc.ucsc.edu/cosmos