


This worksheet is intended for use as a guide to the online application. The application must be completed and all supporting documents must be postmarked by 5pm on March 1st. You should compose all your short answer responses in MS Word first and then copy and paste them into the appropriate boxes online, look for the  icons below. Keep this sheet for reference.

**CREATE AN ACCOUNT**

1. Enter a valid email and password. Please do not use your parent’s e-mail address, you can enter a parent email address in the Parent section.
2. A validation email will be sent to your email address. If you do not receive the email, please be sure to check your junk mail and add the necessary e-mails addresses to your list of safe senders in your e-mail account: cosmos@ucop.edu and the campus you are applying to cosmos@ucdavis.edu, cosmos@uci.edu, cosmos@ucsd.edu, or cosmos@ucsc.edu.
3. Keep this email address and password handy. You will need them to check the status of your application and also for use during the program.

Email	Password: <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">must be at least 6 characters</span>
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**TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS TAB**

You can enter the teacher information as soon as you create your account. Submit the names and e-mail addresses for two math and/or science teachers. An email with directions will be sent to them. Give your teachers the Teacher Recommendation Worksheet to help them prepare in advance. Ask them for permission in advance and give them sufficient time to complete by the deadline.


Name	E-mail	School	Subject

**APPLICATION TAB**

Here’s a list of items you should have on hand to complete the online application:

- Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_
- Statewide Student ID (optional) Each K-12 student in California public schools is assigned a unique statewide ID number by CSIS, the California School Information Services. Your Statewide Student ID number may be printed on your transcript or can be obtained through your school counselor or registrar’s office. \_\_\_\_\_
- School’s official name. Example: Henry M. Gunn High School will not be found under Gunn High School. You will only need to manually enter the school name, address, and district if you are home-schooled or are attending a school no located in California. \_\_\_\_\_
- Overall Weighted GPA (exactly as listed on your transcript, do not round up). If your school does not use weighted GPAs please list your Overall Unweighted GPA, do not calculate a weighted GPA. \_\_\_\_\_
- Parent or guardian’s email address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**CAMPUS & CLUSTER SELECTION**

1. Select the campus to which you would like to apply. You may only apply to 1 campus.
2. Select a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice cluster. (selecting 3 clusters may increase your odds of being accepted)
3. For each cluster: **Elaborate on why you would like to attend that cluster.** (100-250 words per cluster) 

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Please provide a response to ONE of the following: (ONLY 200-300 words)



1. What excites you about math/science, and why would you want to spend a month in COSMOS?
2. Describe a project or experience you worked on that furthered your interest in a specific math/science topic.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - List any academic related activities first, science fairs, academic clubs/organizations, etc.

Activity	Brief Description of Activity (Note any leadership position, 50 words max)	No. of Yrs	Hrs/Wk	Wks/Yr

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - Optional

If applying for Financial Assistance you will need to submit only ONE of the following:

A copy of your verification letter for one of the following:

- Free or Reduced lunch at your school
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

OR

Your parents must complete and submit the following:

- Financial Assistance Application
- 2011 Federal Taxes
- a brief paragraph describing any extenuating financial circumstances.

*Do not complete the Financial Assistance Application.*

REVIEW & SUBMIT

Your online application is not complete until you have reviewed and clicked the ‘Submit the Completed Application’ button and you see a Confirmation page, a copy will also be e-mailed to you. You will need to sign and return only the signature section.

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5 KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

1. Turn in all your materials by 5pm on March 1st, this includes the application fee, transcripts, Star test scores (UCD Only), Financial Assistance application or verification letter, signed confirmation page, and both teacher recommendations.
2. Invest time and effort into your essays. Most applicants are fantastic students. Tell us why *you* should be admitted. What sets *you* apart?
3. Have someone check your Short Answer Responses for spelling and grammatical errors. Do not use SMS abbreviations.
4. Teacher Recommendations are very important. Give your teachers enough time to complete and submit; remind them of the deadline. You should give them the Teacher Recommendation Worksheet so that they prepare ahead of time.
5. Please take a look at our Frequently Asked Questions page for a better understanding of our program.