


This worksheet was created as a helpful guide to the online application. **The application must be completed and all supporting documents must be postmarked by 5pm on February 21st.** Compose all your short-answer responses in MS Word first, then copy and paste them into the appropriate boxes online, look for the  icons below.

CREATE AN ACCOUNT

1. Enter a valid email and password. (Please do not use your parent's e-mail address here; space is provided for a parent email address in the Parent section.)
2. A confirmation email will be sent to you. If you do not receive the email, please be sure to check your SPAM folders 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, e.g., 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: must be at least 6 characters
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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 of two math and/or science teachers. They will receive an email with directions from COSMOS. Ask their permission in advance, and provide them with the Teacher Recommendation Worksheet to help them prepare, giving them plenty of time to meet 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, if you do not have a SSN, please enter "1111". _____
- 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. The school address and district will appear automatically, unless you are home-schooled or are attending a school outside of California. _____
 You will need to report grades received for all Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) courses you have completed, or are currently enrolled in. Include 1) any advanced math courses taken in
 - 7th or 8th grade, 2) all high school STEM courses, and 3) any STEM courses taken at a college or university. You will also need to submit official transcripts for all schools attended for verification. _____
- Parent or guardian's email address (optional) _____

CAMPUS & CLUSTER SELECTION

1. Select the campus to which you would like to like to apply. Choose one.
2. Select a 1st-and 2nd-choice Cluster (selecting two Clusters may increase your odds of being accepted).
3. **Elaborate on why you would like to attend each Cluster.** (100-250 words per Cluster.) 

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

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



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

**** Is there anything else you would like the admission committee to know about you? (Optional, 50 words max)

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Optional) - List academic activities first

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

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Optional)

If applying for financial assistance you will need to submit only ONE of the following two:

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

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

Do not complete the Financial Assistance Application.

OR

2) Your parents must complete and submit the following:

- Financial Assistance Application
- 2013 Federal Taxes
- a brief paragraph describing any extenuating financial circumstances.

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. Sign and return the signature section by mail.

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5 KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

1. Postmark all your materials by 5 pm on February 21st. This includes the application fee, transcripts, Star test scores (UCD Only), Financial Assistance Application or verification letter, signed confirmation page.
2. Invest time and effort in 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 the recommendation; remind them of the deadline. And provide them with the Teacher Recommendation Worksheet so they can prepare ahead of time.
5. Please take a look at our Frequently Asked Questions page for a better understanding of our program.