



COSMOS UC Davis

California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science

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 3 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 and 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 be returned to the applicant unopened!**

SPECIAL INFORMATION TO REMEMBER

- ***Use your legal name*** on all application materials. Include a note with your application materials if you use another name.
- Please indicate if you are currently participating in programs such as MESA, Gear-UP, EAOP, etc. Also note any school or outside organizations, clubs, honor societies you currently participate in 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/>

UC Irvine: <http://www.cosmos.uci.edu>

UC San Diego:
<http://www.jacobsschool.ucsd.edu/cosmos>

UC Santa Cruz:
<http://epc.ucsc.edu/cosmos>

Application period: February 1 - March 1! Visit www.ucop.edu/cosmos

Application Process

Step 1. Campuses/Clusters for 2012

1. You may only apply to one campus
2. You may select a 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice cluster (note some clusters are 1st choice only)
3. Some cluster require prerequisites
4. Campuses and clusters can be found at:
<https://cosmos-app.ucdavis.edu/>

For Questions or Concerns contact:
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Step 2: Online Application

1. Use the application worksheet as a guide. Worksheet can be found at:
<http://www.ucop.edu/cosmos/documents/cosmosworksheet.pdf>
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 2 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:
<http://www.ucop.edu/cosmos/documents/cosmosteacher.pdf>
 - No paper recommendations will be accepted!
 - Please enter your teacher's email addresses VERY carefully. Ask your teachers to check their junk mail if they do not receive the request.
6. **The online application will close March 1st at 5pm.**

Step 3: Supporting Documents

The following must be sent in hard copy to the campus you are applying to:

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.
3. Official Transcript(s) - Including December 2011 Grades. Transcripts must be confidential and sealed. **There must be a seal and/or signature over the closure of the envelope!**
 - 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. (UCD only) STAR Results *if available* - Copy preferred. If you do not have your most recent results, check with your school counselor to obtain. **If you do not have results this will NOT affect your application eligibility.**
5. (OPTIONAL) Financial Assistance - to be considered for Financial Assistance you must submit one of the following:
 - a. Copy of the official letter verifying Free/Reduced lunch or TANF benefits.
 - b. Financial assistance application with copies of your parents 2011 Federal taxes, and/or any additional documentation needed.

