COSMOS 2015 Application Worksheet

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 20th.** Compose all your short-answer responses in MS Word first, then copy and paste them into the appropriate boxes online.

**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.

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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.

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**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. If you attend a private or out of state school, leave this blank.

- 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.

- Parent or guardian’s email address (optional)

**CAMPUS & CLUSTER SELECTION**
1. Select the campus to which you would like to like to apply. You may only 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

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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:
   - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
   
   **Do not complete the Financial Assistance Application.**

2) Your parents must complete and submit the following:
   - Financial Assistance Application
   - 2014 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.

5 KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

1. Postmark all your materials by 5 pm on February 20, 2015. This includes the application fee, transcripts, Star test scores (UCD Only), Financial Assistance Application or verification letter, and 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.