

ST. OLAF COLLEGE

SUPPLEMENT TO THE COMMON APPLICATION
FOR STUDENTS APPLYING FOR FALL 2012



APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND DEADLINES

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
FOR MUSIC, TRANSFER, AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Applying to St. Olaf College

St. Olaf is a member of the Common Application consortium, and the Common Application serves as the St. Olaf College Application for Admission. You can find the Common Application form and an electronic version of the St. Olaf College Supplement to the Common Application online at commonapp.org.

The application and supplement may be completed online and submitted electronically. There is no fee for online applications. Paper applications will be subject to a \$40 application fee.

A completed application must include:

- The 2011–12 Common Application**
- The 2011–12 St. Olaf College Supplement to the Common Application**
- Official College Entrance Exam Results (ACT or SAT)**
Official results may be submitted directly to St. Olaf from the appropriate testing agency or appear on an official high school transcript.
- The Common Application School Report and Official High School Transcript**
The School Report should be completed by the high school guidance office and submitted with an official high school transcript.
- Teacher Recommendation**
One letter of recommendation must be prepared by a teacher, preferably reflecting a class taught in grades 10–12 in an academic subject: English, foreign language, history, social studies, mathematics, or the natural sciences.
- Academic Recommendation**
*A second letter of recommendation is also required, and may come from another teacher, a guidance counselor, or a specialist (music, art, dance, etc.). Note: If a guidance counselor has completed the evaluation section on the secondary school report, an additional academic recommendation is **not** required.*
- Other Recommendations**
While no other recommendations are required, students are welcome to submit additional letters, which could include letters from pastors or other worship leaders, coaches, employers, or others who know them well.

NOTE: Music, transfer, and international students should review the “Additional Information” section for more details about specific requirements for those application processes.

Application Deadlines

Students applying to St. Olaf College may choose from three application options:

Early Decision 1 and Early Decision 2

Early Decision is designed for students who have determined that St. Olaf is their first choice college. Students may submit an Early Decision application to only one institution, and agree to withdraw all standard applications immediately upon admission. The binding nature of the Early Decision application process means students commit to attending St. Olaf if offered admission. If St. Olaf is your first choice, this is a wonderful way to complete your college search in an efficient manner.

Early Decision 1

Application deadline: Postmarked or submitted on or before November 15, 2011

Notification: On or before December 15, 2011

Early Decision 2

Application deadline: Postmarked or submitted on or before January 15, 2012

Notification: On or before February 15, 2012

Regular Decision

Students considering a number of different colleges should apply under our Regular Decision process.

Application deadline: Postmarked or submitted on or before January 15, 2012

Notification: On or before March 15, 2012

Financial Aid

St. Olaf College believes that financing a St. Olaf education is a partnership between the college, the student, and his or her family. We offer all admitted students the opportunity to apply for both need-based financial aid and merit scholarships. While a student's final financial aid package may include both types of awards, need-based aid and merit scholarships are awarded through separate processes. Please pay close attention to the steps and deadlines in the financial aid application process. All forms and required documentation must be submitted on or before the stated deadlines, as described below.

Financial Aid

Applying for Need-based Financial Aid

To apply for need-based financial aid from St. Olaf, you must first complete your application for admission to St. Olaf, and then complete two separate financial aid forms:

CSS PROFILE: The CSS PROFILE may be completed online beginning in October of the year of the application. The submission deadline varies by application cycle (see below). The form may be found at profileonline.collegeboard.com/prf/index.jsp. The CSS PROFILE code for St. Olaf College is 6638.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): The FAFSA may be completed online beginning in January. The submission deadline for full consideration is March 1, 2012. The FAFSA form may be found at fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA code for St. Olaf College is 002382.

Deadlines for Early Decision Applicants

Early Decision applicants must complete and submit the CSS PROFILE on or before the application deadline (November 15, 2011 for Early Decision 1 and January 15, 2012 for Early Decision 2). St. Olaf will prepare provisional financial aid awards for admitted Early Decision applicants who have completed the CSS PROFILE by the appropriate deadline. These provisional awards will be issued shortly after the offer of admission. All such awards are subject to review and verification upon submission of a completed FAFSA.

Deadlines for Regular Decision Applicants

Regular Decision applicants must complete and submit the CSS PROFILE on or before February 1, 2012 and the FAFSA on or before March 1, 2012. St. Olaf will issue awards involving only need-based financial aid shortly after the offer of admission for applicants who have completed the CSS PROFILE and FAFSA by the appropriate deadlines. Financial aid awards including both need-based aid and merit scholarships, or offering merit scholarships only, will be mailed at the end of March.

Applying for Merit Scholarships

St. Olaf College offers several merit scholarships recognizing academic accomplishments, artistic talent, leadership, and service to others. Each type of merit scholarship has its own application process and requirements, as described below and online at the links provided.

It is important to note that not every student with a 4.0 GPA, high test scores, or significant achievements applies for a merit scholarship at St. Olaf, nor are students with one particular area of expertise automatically given a merit award. We review all applications holistically, seeking students with the broadest interests and talents.

NOTE: To be considered for ANY of St. Olaf's merit scholarships, you must indicate your interest by checking the appropriate box in the "Future Plans" section of the Common Application.

St. Olaf Academic Scholarships

Application review at St. Olaf considers each student's complete record of academic preparation and demonstrated ability. All applicants who indicate an interest in academic merit scholarships are automatically considered for a St. Olaf academic scholarship (renewable awards of \$6,000 to \$18,000 per year). Applicants with the most exceptional achievements are invited to compete for St. Olaf's highest academic award, the Buntrock Scholarship. For all academic scholarships, award renewals are based on continued academic achievement.

To learn more about the Buntrock Scholarship program, visit stolaf.edu/admissions/financialaid/scholarships.

St. Olaf Fine Arts Scholarships

Fine arts scholarships (renewable awards of \$4,000 to \$12,000 per year) in Art and Art History, Dance, Music, and Theatre are awarded on the basis of review by each department. Award renewals are based on continued involvement in the designated fine arts activity. For more information and a description of the application/audition requirements for each fine arts award, visit the links below.

NOTE: Fine Arts scholarships have application deadlines that are earlier than the Regular Decision application deadline for admission to the college. All fine arts scholarship applicants are asked to complete Part 1 of the Common Application by December 15. No scholarship decisions can be made until a completed application for admission has been submitted.

Art and Art History	stolaf.edu/depts/art/scholarships
Dance	stolaf.edu/depts/dance/scholarships
Music	stolaf.edu/depts/music/admissions
Theatre	stolaf.edu/depts/theatre/scholarships

St. Olaf Service Leadership Scholarships

St. Olaf Service Leadership scholarships (renewable awards of \$8,000 per year) are awarded to students who demonstrate strong leadership in a variety of capacities. To be considered for a Service Leadership award, applicants must submit a cover letter of application and a detailed résumé of involvement in community, school, and/or church. Successful applicants in the recent past have prepared résumés that provided detailed descriptions of the projects and programs in which the student has been involved, and a clear statement of his/her role in each.

Award renewals are based on continued involvement in service leadership activities. Letters of application and résumés must be submitted by the deadline of the application cycle under which you apply for admission. Send hard copies to: Service Leadership Scholarship, Admissions Office, St. Olaf College, 1520 St. Olaf Avenue, Northfield, MN 55057.

St. Olaf Access Scholarships

St. Olaf Access scholarships (renewable awards of \$8,000 per year) are awarded to students who have been involved in an academic support program and who qualify under one or more of the three federal TRiO guidelines (meet the federal low-income definition, are a first-generation college student, or live with a qualifying disability). Eligibility is determined through the application for admission; there is no separate scholarship application. Award renewals are based on academic, service, and co-curricular achievement.

Supplement to the Common Application



I am applying for admission as a:

- First-year student for the term beginning September 2012.
- Transfer student for the term beginning September 2012.
- Non-degree seeking or exchange student.

You may submit the supplement online at www.commonapp.org, or complete this form and mail it to: Office of Admissions, St. Olaf College, 1520 St. Olaf Avenue, Northfield, MN 55057.

Please check the appropriate box:

TYPE OF APPLICATION	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION	NOTIFICATION (on or before)	ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT DUE
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Decision 1	November 15, 2011	December 15, 2011	January 2, 2012
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Decision 2	January 15, 2012	February 15, 2012	March 2, 2012
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Decision	January 15, 2012	March 15, 2012	May 1, 2012
<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer 1	February 1, 2012	March 15, 2012	May 1, 2012
<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer 2	April 1, 2012	May 15, 2012	June 1, 2012

NAME: LAST/FAMILY FIRST/PROPER MIDDLE PREFERRED NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP/POSTAL CODE COUNTRY

PHONE EMAIL

Female Male

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

PARENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS (ONE OR BOTH)

Have you visited St. Olaf College? Yes No Not yet (When do you plan to visit?) _____

If yes, please tell us about a highlight of your visit: _____

To which other colleges are you applying for admission? (Your response is for research purposes only and does not affect any admissions decision.)

If your parents or other family members attended St. Olaf College, please list each person's name, class year, and relationship to you:

Listed below are the academic programs St. Olaf offers. From among all of these programs, please indicate your top TWO areas of academic interest.

Majors

- American Racial and Multicultural Studies
- American Studies
- Ancient Studies
- Art History
- Studio Art
- Asian Studies
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Classics
- Computer Science
- Dance
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Studies
- Exercise Science
- French
- German

- Greek
- Hispanic Studies
- History
- Individual Major
- Latin
- Mathematics
- Medieval Studies
- Music
- Church Music — B.M.
- Music Education — B.M.
- Performance — B.M.
- Theory/Composition — B.M.
- Elective Studies — B.M.
- Norwegian
- Nursing
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology

- Religion
- Russian
- Russian Area Studies
- Social Studies Education
- Social Work
- Sociology/Anthropology
- Spanish
- Theatre
- Women's Studies

Concentrations

- Africa and Americas
- American Racial and Multicultural Studies
- Asian Studies
- Biomedical Studies
- Biomolecular Science
- China Studies

- Environmental Studies
- Family Studies
- Film Studies
- Historical Perspectives
- Japan Studies
- Latin American/Latino Studies
- Linguistics
- Management Studies
- Media Studies
- Middle Eastern Studies
- Neuroscience
- Nordic Studies
- Statistics
- Women's Studies

Pre-professional Studies

- Accounting
- Architecture

- Business and Management
- Computer Engineering, Software Engineering
- Dentistry
- Education
- Engineering
- Information Technology and Information Systems
- Journalism
- Law
- Medicine
- Occupational Therapy
- Performing Arts
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Public Policy
- Theology and Seminary
- Veterinary Medicine

St. Olaf College Supplement Questions

In addition to the essay you are asked to write for the Common Application, please respond to the following questions. If you are not familiar with St. Olaf's Interim program (question 5), visit stolaf.edu/offices/registrar/intinfo.html for an overview.

1) How are you and St. Olaf a good fit for each other? (100 words)

2) Everyone knows that I _____ . (10 words)

3) No one knows that I _____ . (10 words)

4) St. Olaf should know that I _____ . (10 words)

5) During Interim, St. Olaf students pursue a single course, often of an interdisciplinary nature. If you could design your own Interim course today, what would it be? (250-500 words)

I am a: National Merit® Semifinalist National Achievement® Scholar National Hispanic Scholar

Photo (optional)

Submission of a photo has no bearing on the review of your application for admission. It does, however, remind us of the person behind the application and we welcome you to enclose one with this supplement.

Additional Instructions

Students applying to St. Olaf as a music student, transfer student, or international student should review the following information:

Candidates for the Music Major and Music Scholarships

The music major at St. Olaf College is competitive and an audition is required for admission to either the Bachelor of Arts in Music or Bachelor of Music programs. Please note that the application and audition process for prospective music majors and music scholarship candidates runs *concurrently* with the admissions application process. Students may apply for admission to St. Olaf under either the Early Decision or the Regular Decision application cycles.

In addition to the online Common Application and St. Olaf College Supplement to the Common Application, students who intend to major in music or who wish to apply for a St. Olaf music scholarship must submit a completed music scholarship application form (available at the link below), an audition CD, a music résumé, and an additional letter of recommendation. These materials must be submitted directly to the Music Admissions Office, and postmarked on or before December 15, 2011. Students who are applying as music majors must also complete the online music skills test before December 15, 2011.

More information and the music scholarship application form can be found online at stolaf.edu/depts/music/admissions. Please direct all questions about music admissions to Mary Hakes, assistant dean of admissions and coordinator of music admissions, at 507-786-3297 or music@stolaf.edu.

Transfer Candidates

To apply for admission to St. Olaf College as a transfer student, all applicants must complete the Common Application for Transfer Students, the St. Olaf College Supplement to the Common Application, and the College Official's Form. In addition, applicants must submit an official high school transcript and official college transcripts showing all completed college coursework.

There are two deadlines for transfer applications:

Application deadline	Notification
February 1, 2012	On or before March 15, 2012
April 1, 2012	On or before May 15, 2012

The St. Olaf College Registrar will provide prospective transfer students with a transcript evaluation to determine the transfer of course credits. Credit granted for transferred work is provisional, and subject to the completion of one year of satisfactory study at St. Olaf College.

More information may be found online at stolaf.edu/admissions/applying/transfer.html. Questions may be directed to Angelique Dietz, assistant dean of admissions, at 800-800-3025 or dietza@stolaf.edu.

International Candidates

Students who are neither a U.S. citizen nor a permanent resident of the United States are considered international students at St. Olaf College. International students may apply under either the Early Decision or Regular Decision processes.

International students who are not native English speakers are required to submit official results of the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing System) *in addition to* official results of the ACT or SAT.

More information can be found online at stolaf.edu/admissions/applying/international.html. Please direct all questions about international student admissions to Jenny Howenstine, associate dean of admissions, at +1-507-786-3813 or howensti@stolaf.edu.

