

# St. Olaf College

## Common Application Supplement and Scholarship Application

### I am applying for admission as a(n):

- First-Year Student for the term beginning September 2008  
 Transfer Student for the term beginning September 2008  
 International Student:  Degree-seeking  Exchange

### Please check the appropriate box:

Type of Application	Deadline for Submitting Application	Application Decision Notification	Enrollment Deposit Due
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Decision	November 1, 2007	December 15, 2007	January 1, 2008
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Action	December 1, 2007	February 15, 2008	May 1, 2008
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Admission	January 15, 2008	March 15, 2008	May 1, 2008

### Full Legal Name:

Female  Male

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First (Full/Proper) Name      Middle Name      Last / Family Name      Nickname

### Mailing / Current Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street      City      State / Province      ZIP / Postal Code      Country

### Home Phone / E-mail

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Number      E-mail Address

**Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list the courses you are taking in your senior year and identify any advanced placement (AP), honors or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Have you visited St. Olaf College?**  Yes  No If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Visit:  Individual  Group  Church  MPCW  Athlete  Music  Junior Day  Fall Open House  Other \_\_\_\_\_

To what other colleges are you applying for admission? (Your response is for research purposes only and does not affect any admissions decision.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**If your parents or other family members attended St. Olaf College, please list their names, class year and relationship to you:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Religious Affiliation (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

## **St. Olaf Supplement Essays**

In addition to the essay you are asked to write for the Common Application, we require a second essay and two short-answer questions. You needn't conduct any research for these writings. Rather, all three offer you a chance to give a voice and tone to your application. If you are not completing this form online, hand-write your essays below or submit your responses on separate sheets of paper.

### **St. Olaf Essay (250 to 500 words)**

St. Olaf College is a dynamic and vibrant residential community. Write a letter to your roommate, who doesn't yet know you, telling him or her why you chose St. Olaf and what you are most looking forward to in college.

### **Short Answers (50 or fewer words each)**

1. What place or space is most meaningful to you?

2. What book would you recommend to the individuals reading your application for admission?

### **Photo**

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 your submission by mail.

## Academic Scholarship Essay

To apply for a St. Olaf Academic Scholarship, candidates must reflect on and respond to one of the following three quotations from the 2001 publication *St. Olaf College: Identity and Mission for the 21st Century*. We recommend that your essay be between 250 and 500 words in length. Please indicate the question to which you are responding.

If you are not completing this online, use the space below or attach a separate sheet with your response.

- 1) “We believe that the main goal of education should be the freedom of the individual and the cultivation of the individual’s character. ... [W]e also believe that people are most free and most fulfilled in community and service to one another.”
- 2) “At St. Olaf we still practice the liberal arts in a residential community, under the tutelage of a faculty who are active contributors to a wide variety of academic and artistic communities. And we expect our graduates to use their freedom to identify human needs and to contribute to their communities.”
- 3) “We teach science not just to discover facts and theories but to encourage a sense of wonder and amazement and responsibility. Students can study social work at a variety of academic institutions, but at St. Olaf they learn it in the context of a whole institution focused on service for others, and especially service for the most vulnerable members of society. At St Olaf, we try to give students not just know-how, but know-why.”

## Other St. Olaf Scholarships

Please check the appropriate box(es) to indicate your intention to apply for the following scholarships. Please read the instructions carefully to determine your eligibility and any additional materials required for each.

**St. Olaf Service Leadership Scholarship (\$4,000/year)**

Students who wish to be considered for the St. Olaf Service Leadership Scholarship must submit a detailed résumé of involvement in community, school and/or church, and submit a complete application for admission by **Jan. 15, 2008**. Recipients demonstrate a depth of service/leadership in a variety of capacities. Résumés may be uploaded during completion of the online supplement form at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org), submitted via mail, or e-mailed to [scholarships@stolaf.edu](mailto:scholarships@stolaf.edu) and should be clearly labeled for the Service Leadership Scholarship.

**St. Olaf TRiO Scholarship (\$6,000/year)**

Students who wish to be considered for the TRiO Scholarship must submit a complete application for admission by **Jan. 15, 2008**. Preference is given to students who meet two of the three federal TRiO guidelines (meet the federal low-income definition, are a first-generation college student or live with a disability).

**Music Scholarships (\$4,000 to \$8,000/year)**

Music Scholarships are available to both music majors and non-majors. To apply for a Music Scholarship, students must submit a complete application for admission by **Dec. 1, 2007**, as well as an application for the Music Scholarship, including a recording, by **Dec. 15, 2007**. Write to [music@stolaf.edu](mailto:music@stolaf.edu) with questions, and find more information on the application process at [www.stolaf.edu/depts/music/admissions](http://www.stolaf.edu/depts/music/admissions).