

Occidental

COLLEGE



**Transfer Application
for Admission**

Thanks for considering Occidental.

As you know, the college search process can be challenging at times. We're glad that you've made it this far, and that Occidental remains one of your choices.

We would like to emphasize that word: choice; and to encourage you to consider many schools so that you can identify the school that will be right for you.

It is important to select a school that is comfortable, but not one where you become too relaxed and complacent. Find a school that provides you a level of comfort, but one that also challenges you to push boundaries and explore possibilities.

As a transfer applicant, you already have some perspective on what higher education can be like. As you may know, there are over 4,000 institutions of higher learning in the United States: Occidental is but one of your choices. We hope that you will view the College as a partner in your future success, and we look forward to learning more about your experiences, hopes, and ambitions.

Now, take a deep breath...and exhale.

We wish you all the best in this process and into whatever your future may hold!

*Sincerely,
The Admission Staff*

The Application for Transfer Admission

Application Deadlines and Guidelines

Occidental College accepts transfer student applications for both fall and spring semesters:

- **Fall Semester**
Postmark Deadline **March 15**
- **Spring Semester**
Postmark Deadline **October 15**
- **International Students (Fall Semester only)**
Postmark Deadline **March 15**

The College enrolls only full-time students; therefore, you must be prepared to register for at least four courses (16 academic credits) each semester.

The Office of Admission will consider timely applications from any transfer student. **We define a transfer student as** someone who has 1) graduated from high school or received a high school equivalency **and** 2) completed at least 16 units of academic, college-level coursework at an accredited college or university at the time of application and 24 units by the time of enrollment. An applicant who has completed less than 16 units of college-level coursework should apply to the College as a first-year student, **not as a transfer student.**

Although we accept applications from any student who meets the above criteria, the most competitive applicants to the College usually hold the following characteristics:

- 1) enrollment at an accredited college or university for two consecutive terms
- 2) a college transcript history with at least 3 academic courses per term
- 3) a 3.0 cumulative grade point average or better in academic coursework
- 4) has completed two transferable writing courses
- 5) has reached proficiency in mathematics, equivalent to precalculus or statistics.

Please be aware that Occidental does not offer remedial course work.

Optional Materials

Interview. Occidental recommends, but does not require, interviews for transfer students. The lack of an interview will not adversely affect your application. To schedule an on-campus interview Monday through Friday between June and February of each academic year, please call the Admission Office at least two weeks in advance.

Other Important Information

Transfer Credits

Occidental's Registrar evaluates transferable credits toward general education requirements and academic status once an applicant has been admitted to the College. Students are usually notified of the Registrar's decision at the time of admission. For a more comprehensive explanation of the general education requirements, applicants will find the catalog and a "General Education Worksheet" online.

Transferable credits toward a specific major are determined by individual departments. To learn more about departmental requirements and transferable credits, students will find the catalog and "Faculty Contact List" online.

Students Who Have Previously Applied for Admission

If you have applied to Occidental, **either as a high school senior or as a transfer student, within the past three years**, please submit Form R and the following materials (please use the enclosed forms when appropriate):

Form R. This form reactivates your application to the College and replaces Forms A and B.

Application fee of \$60 or appropriate fee waiver.

Final high school transcript. If you submitted a final transcript when you last applied, you do not need to submit a new one.

Statement of Good Standing. This statement is required from the school you currently attend and is used to verify that you are in good academic and disciplinary standing at your current institution.

Instructor Recommendation. One letter of recommendation from a college instructor with whom you have studied since you last applied.

Official College Transcript. An official transcript from each college or university you have attended since you last applied to Occidental.

Personal Statement. In the statement you should reflect on your activities since previously applying to Occidental, your renewed interest in the College, and your academic and/or career interests. The statement should be no more than two typed, double-spaced pages.

Writing Sample. Please submit an updated writing sample from a course you have taken since you last applied to Occidental. Ideally, the paper should include instructor corrections, comments, and the final grade.

If you are an international student and have previously applied to the College within the last three years, you must submit an updated Certification of Finances form, in addition to Form R and the \$60 application fee (money order drawn on U.S. funds only for students living outside the U.S.). Please refer to the section entitled, "International Students" for more detailed information.

Please note that previous admission to the College does not guarantee future admission.

Required Materials

For students who have not previously applied for admission:

Form A initiates the application process. We urge you to submit this required form with the \$60 application fee (check or money order made payable to Occidental College) as soon as possible. If the application fee presents a financial hardship for you or your family, you may be eligible for a fee waiver. Please contact your college's transfer adviser or Dean of Students in order to receive a fee waiver. If an application fee or waiver is not received with Form A, application processing may be delayed.

*If you have previously applied to the College as a first-year or transfer student **within the last three years**, you do not need to resubmit Form A. Instead, you must submit Form R, the \$60 application fee, and updated materials. Please refer to the section entitled, "Students Who Have Previously Applied for Admission" on page 2 for more detailed information.*

*If you are an international student and have previously applied to the College **within the last three years**, you must submit an updated Certification of Finances form, in addition to Form R and the \$60 application fee (money order drawn on U.S. funds only for students living outside the U.S.). Please refer to the section entitled, "International Students" for more detailed information.*

Form B provides us with valuable information about your interests, achievements, and priorities. The space allotted should be sufficient for most responses, but if you would like to respond on additional sheets of paper, feel free to do so.

The **Writing Sample** serves as the primary example of your writing potential at the college level. A three to five page analytical paper written for a college class should be submitted. Ideally, the paper should include instructor corrections, comments, and the final grade.

The **Statement of Good Standing** is used to verify that you are in good academic and disciplinary standing at your current institution.

One **Instructor Recommendation** is required by the College. The recommendation must come from an instructor with whom you have studied in an academic course at your college or university. Health, physical education, or fine arts courses are not usually classified as academic courses; as a result, we do not recommend that you solicit a letter from an instructor in these disciplines. Instead, we encourage you to choose an instructor who knows you well and can provide thorough information about your academic performance and potential.

Standardized Test Scores (SAT or ACT Plus Writing) are required of all applicants who have graduated from high school within the last five years. Test scores may be provided as a part of your final high school transcript. If your high school does not list test scores on student transcripts, then you must request an official score report be sent to our office from the College Board or the American College Testing Program. If you cannot submit test scores, please attach an explanation to Form A of the application. Please keep in mind that the more college-level work a student has completed, the less influential test scores become in the admission decision.

SAT School Code 4581
ACT School Code 0350

Final High School Transcripts are required of all applicants. Students who have taken a high school equivalency examination must submit proof of completion in lieu of a high school transcript.

Official transcripts must be submitted from **all** colleges or universities attended since high school, regardless of whether a degree was received.

Common Application Supplement: If you submit the Common Application for Transfers, you must also complete Occidental's Common Application Supplement online at www.commonapp.org.

International Applicants

As an essential part of our commitment to multicultural education, Occidental College welcomes transfer applications from international students who have completed (or are in the process of completing) at least one year of coursework at an accredited college or university in the United States. Any student who currently does not have U.S. citizenship or permanent residency will be considered an international applicant. Twenty-two different countries are represented on campus.

In order to facilitate proper visa issuance, international students may only apply to the College for the fall semester. The deadline is March 15.

The **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)** is required of all international students whose native language is not English. A score of 600 or higher on the paper-based exam, 250 or higher on the computer-based exam, 100 or higher on the internet-based exam is required. All international applicants are required to take either the SAT or the ACT.

Certification of Finances Guidelines

The purpose of the Certification of Finances is to help Occidental College obtain complete, accurate, and standardized information about the funds available to international applicants who wish to study in the United States. Strict government regulations, rising educational costs, and economic conditions have made verification of financial resources of international applicants essential. Occidental College must verify the financial resources of international applicants, and financial verification must be made prior to institutional issuance of a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20).

By completing and returning the Certification of Finances to the College, an applicant, if admitted, may obtain the College's authorization and issuance of a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20). A bank official's signature and seal is required on the certification if the student is partially or totally supported by personal savings. United States Consuls scrutinize the statements of financial resources given by non-immigrant visa applicants. It is

important that you answer each of the questions fully and truthfully and obtain the appropriate signatures; otherwise, this form will be considered incomplete and returned to you. A complete Certification of Finances will help United States Consuls make their decisions and expedite visa issuance.

Please return the Certification of Finances form with Form A of the Occidental application. Your application will not be considered complete without this form.

Financial Aid

Financial aid for international students is very limited. Aid is awarded in the form of scholarships which vary in dollar amounts according to each student's demonstrated need, but may cover up to the full cost of an Occidental education. International scholarships are awarded according to merit and need, and are given to those students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement.

Only those international students who are unable to meet our costs should apply for aid, since the competition for admission among applicants who require institutional financial support tends to be considerably more intense than among international students who do not require financial assistance. Please also note that **international students who do not apply for aid at the time of admission should not expect aid during any of their years at Occidental.**

If you need financial assistance in order to attend Occidental College, please explain any unusual expenses, debt, or special circumstances using the space provided on the Certification of Finances, and complete the International Student Financial Aid Application (ISFA). The ISFA Application can be downloaded at **<http://departments.oxy.edu/admission/cms/pdfs/ISFA.pdf>**.

It is important that students plan in advance how they will meet college expenses over a four-year period. Students may work up to 15 hours per week on campus, but should not depend on these earnings to cover a significant portion of their yearly expenses. For further information, please contact the Office of Admission.

How To Reach Us

Have questions? We are here to help. If you have questions regarding any part of this application, do not hesitate to contact the Office of Admission. We encourage you to call or e-mail us.

Telephone: (800) 825-5262 or (323) 259-2700

Fax: (323) 341-4875

E-mail: admission@oxy.edu

World Wide Web: www.oxy.edu

Mailing Information

Applicants should send all application forms and materials to:

**Occidental College
Office of Admission
1600 Campus Road
Los Angeles, CA 90041**

Financing an Occidental Education

Occidental is committed to providing educational opportunities to qualified students from all economic backgrounds. In 2007-2008, over 70% of the student body received financial aid. Occidental offers both merit-based and need-based assistance from a variety of sources including scholarships, work-study, and student loans.

Merit Scholarships

Occidental offers the following merit scholarships:

- **The Margaret Bundy Scott Scholarship (\$20,000 per year)***
- **The President's Scholarship (\$15,000 per year)**
- **The Trustee Scholarship (\$12,500 per year)**
- **The Dean's Scholarship (\$10,000 per year)**
- **The Honors Scholarship (\$7,000 per year)**
- **Achievement Scholarship (\$5,000 per year)**

These are renewable each year and are awarded on the basis of academic and extracurricular achievement. All students who apply to Occidental are considered for merit-based aid at the time of admission; no separate application is required.

*All scholarships will be prorated for students who are admitted for the spring semester based upon the number of units accepted for transfer.

Need-based Aid

To apply for need-based assistance, students must complete both the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, or in paper form at your current school or from our Financial Aid Office at (323) 259-2548; and the College Scholarship Service PROFILE available only at www.collegeboard.com.

What is financial need and how is it determined?

Eligibility for need-based financial aid is determined by a careful review of a family's resources. The Financial Aid Office, using nationally established methodologies, determines how much a family can contribute toward educational expenses. This amount is called the **Expected Family Contribution** or EFC. Eligibility for need-based financial aid is the difference between the EFC and the student's Cost of Attendance. In 2008-09 the **Cost of Attendance** for Occidental College is:

Tuition	\$36,160
Mandatory Fees	\$ 911
Room & Board	\$10,270
Allowance for Books and Supplies	\$ 988
Local Transportation	\$ 768
Allowance for Misc./ Personal Expenses	\$ 1,311
Total Estimated Expenses	\$50,408

A family's EFC is determined by the information submitted on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the CSS PROFILE.

The FAFSA uses a standard formula known as the Federal Methodology, developed by the U. S. Congress and administered by U. S. Department of Education to determine eligibility for federal and state funds such as Pell grants, Cal Grants and student loans and work programs. The PROFILE is used to determine eligibility for funds from Occidental College including loans, work programs and Occidental Need-Based Scholarships.

These forms take into account several factors to determine resources, including: assets, investments, family size, number of siblings in college, particular circumstances that affect the financial statements and family income.

The general principles guiding federal methodology and Occidental policy are:

- Parents have an obligation to finance the education of their children to the extent they are able. Occidental requires

information from non-custodial as well as custodial parents for institutional funds.

- A family's combined income and assets reflect a family's financial strength and ability to pay for educational costs.
- Factors such as family size, extraordinary expenses, age of parents and other considerations are taken into account when determining a family's ability to meet college expenses.
- Students are the beneficiary of a college education and therefore they have a responsibility to help pay for their education. This includes contributions from employment (summer and academic year) and assets and the assumption of student loans.

Every Occidental student receiving need-based financial aid is expected to contribute a minimum amount from summer earnings based on their year in college. These amounts are:

First-year	\$1,600
Sophomore	\$1,700
Junior	\$1,700
Senior	\$1,800
Independent Student	\$1,900

Where does the money come from?

A financial aid package usually consists of one or more of the following: scholarships, grants, on-campus employment, and loans. These funds are made available from the College, the U.S. Federal Government, and the State of California.

Scholarships and Grants

Scholarships and grants are direct awards and repayment is not required. Through the generosity of alumni, corporations, foundations, and other College resources, Occidental is able to award both need-based and merit-based scholarships.

The yearly amount of each need-based award is determined by annual submission of the FAFSA and PROFILE applications. Merit scholarships are automatically renewed for a maximum of four years as long as the student maintains the required

Term of Entry	PROFILE Deadline	FAFSA Deadline
Fall Semester	March 15	March 15
Spring Semester	October 15	November 1

All California residents must also submit a GPA verification form to the California Student Aid Commission by March 2 to be considered for a Cal Grant.

GPA associated with the award. Transfer student maximum awards are pro-rated based on the number of units accepted for transfer.

Second degree-seeking students are ineligible for Occidental scholarships and grants.

Occidental College students may also be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant, the Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant, Federal SMART Grant, the Cal Grant (California residents only), and the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG). Outside scholarships are also part of your financial aid award and must be included when determining your eligibility for assistance; in most cases outside scholarships reduce loan amounts and work eligibility.

Student Employment

On-campus employment consists of either the Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program, subsidized by the Federal Government, or an Occidental Work Award (OWA). Students may work up to 15 hours per week on campus and earn the current state minimum wage or above. Campus jobs range from clerical work to research with professors. These positions not only offer students the ability to assist in paying for their personal expenses, but also provide valuable work experience and time management skills.

Student Loans

Loans are an invaluable resource to most college students and their parents in financing higher education; they allow students to postpone paying a portion of their education. Loan repayments occur over a period up to 10 years after graduation or the termination of at least

half-time studies. Occidental College participates in the Federal Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Programs and the Federal Perkins Loan Program, as well as our own institutional loans with interest rates ranging from zero to five percent.

Other Financing Options

In addition to the traditional need-based programs, Occidental offers a variety of short- and long-term payment programs, parent loans, and loan alternatives. These include a monthly payment plan, a four-year prepayment plan, the Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS), and other alternative loans.

IMPORTANT:
Be aware of all deadlines, and apply for Financial Aid as soon as possible. Many funds are limited and are allocated based on the established deadlines.

Important Steps When Applying for Financial Aid

Step One
 Complete a FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Oxy’s FAFSA Title IV code is 001249.

Step Two
 Complete a CSS PROFILE at <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp>. Oxy’s CSS PROFILE School Code is 4581.

Remember, it is better to complete the forms with your best estimates in order to meet deadlines than to miss a priority filing date waiting for completed income tax returns. Make a copy of all forms for your records, and mail each form to the appropriate processing center.

California residents must also submit the GPA Verification Form to the California Student Aid Commission by **March 2** annually.

Step Three

Submit other required documents to the Financial Aid Office. These may include but are not limited to the following:

- A signed copy of the parents’ and student’s federal income tax returns and W-2s, or an Income Certification that a previous year’s tax return was not filed.
- A Business/Farm Supplement and a signed copy of corporate tax returns if you or your parents own a business.
- A Non-custodial Parent’s Statement from your non-custodial parent. Non-custodial Parent Statement are part of the CSS Profile application.
- A letter outlining any changes or special circumstances that cannot be quantified on the financial aid forms.

Awards cannot be considered final until all documents have been submitted and analyzed.

All admitted students who have submitted their PROFILE and FAFSA by March 15 should receive notification of eligibility with their acceptance letter.

If you need help completing your financial aid forms, or would like additional information, please refer to the Occidental College catalog or contact the Financial Aid Office:

**Financial Aid Office
 Occidental College
 1600 Campus Road
 Los Angeles, CA 90041**

**Phone: (323) 259-2548
 FAX: (323) 341-4961
finaid@oxy.edu**

Occidental College Application for Transfer Admission



APPLICATION TYPE Fall Semester (due March 15) Spring Semester (due October 15)

Please submit the \$60 application fee payable to Occidental College or an appropriate fee waiver with this form.

Please check if you are an international student - Fall Semester only (due March 15)

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you have applied to Occidental previously, either as a high school senior or as a transfer student within the past three years, please read and complete Form R rather than Forms A and B.

PERSONAL DATA

Legal name: _____
Last/Family *First* *Middle (complete)* *Jr., etc.* *Gender*

1ST LETTER OF LAST NAME Prefer to be called: _____ Former last names(s) if any: _____ Birthdate: _____

Permanent address: _____
Number/Street/Apartment

_____ *City or Town* *State* *Country* *Zip code or Postal code*

Permanent Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Mailing address (if different from above): _____
Number/Street/Apartment

_____ *City or Town* *State* *Country* *Zip code or Postal code* Use until: _____ *Date*

Telephone at mailing address: _____ E-mail address: _____

Citizenship: U.S. Only/U.S. Dual (specify additional country): _____

U.S. Permanent Resident (attach a copy of both sides of your alien registration card) Alien registration number: _____

Countries other than U.S. (specify country): _____

If currently living in U.S., type of visa: _____

Possible academic major/minor(s): _____ or undecided

Do you plan to reside on campus? Yes No

If there are any Occidental alumni or staff in your family, please list name, relationship, and graduation year/department (attach sheet if additional space needed):

_____ *Name* *Relationship* *Graduation Year/Department*

Will you be a candidate for financial aid? Yes No If yes, the appropriate forms were/will be filed on: _____ *PROFILE* *FAFSA*

The following items are optional: Social Security number: _____ - _____ - _____

Place of birth: _____ *City* *State* *Country* Marital status: _____

First language, if other than English: _____ Language(s) spoken at home: _____

If you wish to be identified with a particular ethnic group or groups, please check the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African American, African, Black | <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican American, Chicano |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American, Alaskan Native (tribal affiliation _____ enrolled _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American, (country of family's origin _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian, including from Indian Subcontinent (country _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> White or Caucasian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic, Latino (country _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify _____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial (specify _____) | |

EDUCATIONAL DATA

List the secondary school from which you graduated. Please have an official transcript sent from the secondary school as soon as possible. If you are submitting results of a high school equivalency examination (GED), please indicate the date and location of the test.

Name of School/GED _____ Location (City, State, Zip) _____ Dates Attended _____ Graduation date/GED test date _____

List all colleges/universities at which you have taken courses for credit. Begin with the college or university you attended most recently. Please have an official transcript sent from each institution as soon as possible. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Name of College/University _____ Location (City, State, Zip) _____ Degree Candidate? _____ Dates Attended _____

CURRENT COURSES OF STUDY

Term: Fall Winter Spring Summer

Please list the courses in which you are currently enrolled. Current transcripts should reflect this information.

If not currently enrolled at a college, please check here: Describe in detail, on a separate sheet, your activities since last enrolled.

TEST INFORMATION (required if you have graduated from secondary school within the last five years)

Check here if you graduated from high school five or more years ago.

SAT	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Date	Verbal/Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Date	Verbal/Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Date	Verbal/Critical Reading	Math	Writing
SAT Subject Tests	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Date	Subject	Score	Date	Subject	Score	Date	Subject	Score			
ACT	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____			TOEFL	_____	_____
	Date	English	Math	Science	Composite	Combination English/Writing					Date	Score

Check here if none taken. Please attach an explanation for not submitting standardized test scores.

FAMILY

Parent/Legal Guardian or Spouse (circle one) _____ Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Marital Status _____ Marital Status _____

Is he/she living? _____ Is he/she living? _____

Please check if parents are married separated divorced (date _____) other _____

Telephone _____ Telephone _____

Home address (if different from yours) _____ Home address (if different from yours) _____

Street _____ Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ E-mail _____

Occupation _____ (Describe briefly) _____ Occupation _____ (Describe briefly) _____

Name of business or organization _____ Name of business or organization _____

College (if any) _____ College (if any) _____

Degree _____ Year _____ Degree _____ Year _____

Professional or graduate school (if any) _____ Professional or graduate school (if any) _____

Degree _____ Year _____ Degree _____ Year _____

With whom do you permanently reside? _____

Please give names and ages of your brothers and/or sisters and/or children. If they have attended college, give the names of the institutions attended, degrees, and approximate dates. If any are applying to Occidental this year, please indicate _____

TO BE SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT

I understand that I am applying as a full-time transfer student to Occidental College. I understand that full-time means enrolling in four courses per semester. My signature below indicates that all information contained in my application is factual and honestly presented.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Occidental College is an Equal Opportunity employer, and does not discriminate against employees or applicants because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, age, gender, marital status, pregnancy, sexual orientation, or disability. This nondiscrimination policy also covers student access to College programs, including but not limited to academic admissions, financial aid, educational services, and employment.

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Applicant name: _____
Last First Middle

**1ST LETTER
OF LAST
NAME**

Social Security number (optional): _____ Birthdate: _____

Permanent address: _____
Number/Street/Apartment

_____ City or Town State Country Zip code or Postal code

Most recent college or university: _____
Name State Country Zip code or Postal code

EXTRACURRICULAR, PERSONAL, AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

A. Post-High School: Starting with the most recent, please list in chronological order your activities and experiences since graduation from high school. Please include education, work, volunteer opportunities, special programs, and travel. Again, a résumé is acceptable as long as the highlights of your activities are listed in the chart below.

Activities and Work Experience	Approximate dates	Hours per week	Do you plan to continue at Occidental?

B. High School: Please list your principal extracurricular, community, and family activities and hobbies during high school in the order of their importance to you. Include specific events and/or major accomplishments such as musical instrument played, varsity letters earned, etc. Check (✓) in the right column those activities you hope to pursue in college. **To allow us to focus on the highlights of your activities**, please complete this section even if you plan to attach a résumé.

High School Activities	Grade level				Approximate time spent		Positions held, honors won, or letters earned	Do you plan to continue at Occidental?
	9	10	11	12	Hours per week	Weeks per year		

HONORS

Briefly describe any scholastic or personal honors you have earned both in college and high school. Please indicate the dates they were received.

SHORT ESSAYS (PLEASE USE SEPARATE SHEETS, IF NECESSARY)

1. We would like to know about your current academic interests and/or career aspirations. Please list the subject areas that most interest you, and describe your long-term educational and career goals. **Please note: transfer students entering as juniors will be required to declare their majors during their first semester. Transfer students entering as sophomores need to declare by the second semester of that year.**

Potential Academic Interests(s): _____

2. Why are you considering leaving your current institution?

3. How did you become interested in transferring to Occidental? What sets Occidental apart from other institutions to which you may be applying?

4. If you have taken a break between educational programs, for example, a gap year between high school and college, please explain what you did in that time and its impact on you.

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TO THE APPLICANT: The writing sample serves as the primary example of your writing potential at the college level. Please submit a 3 to 5 page **analytical** paper written for a college class (creative writing should be submitted as supplemental material only). Ideally, the paper should include instructor corrections, comments, and the final grade. Please do not submit the original copy of a paper as we will be unable to return any portion of your application.



**1ST LETTER
OF LAST
NAME**

Applicant name: _____
Last First Middle

Social Security number (optional): _____ Birthdate: _____

Permanent address: _____
Number/Street/Apartment

_____ *City or Town State Country Zip code or Postal code*

Most recent college or university: _____
Name State Country Zip code or Postal code

DESCRIPTION OF WRITING SAMPLE

Title of paper: _____

Date of paper: _____

Course title: _____

Description of the assignment: _____

Additional comments:

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TO THE APPLICANT:

After completing this section, please give this form to the Dean of Students of the college or university you most recently attended.

Applicant name: _____
Last First Middle

**1ST LETTER
OF LAST
NAME**

Social Security number (optional): _____ Birthdate: _____

Permanent address: _____
Number/Street/Apartment

_____ *City or Town State Country Zip code or Postal code*

Most recent college or university: _____
Name State Country Zip code or Postal code

TO THE DEAN OF STUDENTS:

This statement is to verify that the above student is in good academic and disciplinary standing at your institution.

_____ is currently a student
full name of student

in _____ standing at _____
Good/probationary Name of college/university

Records indicate he/she _____ been on probationary status for _____
Has/has not Academic and/or behavior

reasons during his/her attendance at this institution. _____

Signature _____

Printed name _____

Position _____

Date _____

Phone _____

Additional comments are welcome.

PLEASE RETURN TO:

Occidental College • Office of Admission • 1600 Campus Road • Los Angeles, CA 90041 • (323) 259-2700 • (323) 341-4875 (fax)

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TO THE APPLICANT: After filling in the information below, please give this form to an instructor who has taught you in a college-level course.



**1ST LETTER
OF LAST
NAME**

Applicant name: _____
Last *First* *Middle*

Social Security number (optional): _____ Birthdate: _____

Permanent address: _____

Number/Street/Apartment

City or Town

State

Country

Zip code or Postal code

Most recent college or university: _____

Name

State

Country

Zip code or Postal code

TO THE INSTRUCTOR:

Occidental College finds candid evaluations helpful in choosing from among highly qualified candidates. We are primarily interested in whatever you think is important about the applicant's academic and personal qualifications for college. Please submit your references promptly. You are encouraged to keep a copy of this form in your private files for use, should the student need additional recommendations. We are grateful for your assistance. **If you prefer to write a letter, please feel free to do so — staple your letter to the back of our form and return both to us. It would be helpful if you would also check the rating boxes.**

All reports submitted in connection with the candidate's application become part of the confidential admission files for use only by appropriate officials of the College. *At no time will the candidate have access to them.* They will not become part of any permanent records.

Instructor's name: _____

Department: _____ Position: _____

College or University: _____

College address: _____

Office telephone: _____ Office FAX: _____

E-mail: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In what course/s have you taught this student?

Course Title	Grade earned
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

What are the first words that come to your mind to describe this student?

Have you known this student in any other capacity (advisor, family friend, etc.)? If so, please explain briefly.

EVALUATION

Please write whatever you think is important about this student. We are particularly interested in the candidate's intellectual promise, motivation, maturity, integrity, independence, originality, initiative, special talents, and enthusiasm. We welcome information that will help us to differentiate this student from others.

Does the academic record (transcript) of the student reflect the student's true potential, or have outside circumstances affected his or her achievement? Please explain.

RATINGS

Compared to other students you have taught, please rate this student in terms of the following characteristics:

No basis for judgment		Below Average	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent (top 10%)	Extraordinary (top 1%)
	Intellectual ability						
	Academic achievement						
	Creative, original thought						
	Motivation						
	Independence, initiative						
	Written expression of ideas						
	Effective class discussion						
	Disciplined work habits						
	Potential for growth						

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE RETURN TO:

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Occidental College Certification of Finances

For International Students Only

*Please read guidelines on the reverse before completing this form.
Your application will not be considered complete without this form.*

<p>1. Your Name _____ <i>Mr. Ms. Mrs. Miss</i> <i>Family (Surname)</i> <i>Given (First)</i> <i>Middle</i></p> <p>2. Permanent Address _____</p> <p>3. Mailing Address (If different from above) _____</p>	<p>4. Date of Birth Month _____ Day _____ Year _____</p> <p>5. Place of Birth (country) _____</p> <p>6. Country of Citizenship _____</p>	<p>7. Will you be a candidate for financial aid? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>		
<p>8. Complete the section below. Enter the expected amount of annual support from each of the following sources. Enter amounts in US dollars. Please PRINT all entries.</p>				
Student's Sources of Funds	Assured Support	Projected Support		
	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year
<p>8a. Personal or Family Savings</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align:center">Name of Bank</p> <p>A bank official's signature is required on the certification if the student is partially or totally supported by personal savings.</p>				
<p>8b. Parents</p> <p>Money available from sources other than savings.</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align:center">Father's Name</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align:center">Mother's Name</p> <p>Please describe the source: _____</p>				
<p>8c. Sponsors</p> <p>Money available from sources other than parents.</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align:center">Sponsor's Name</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align:center">Sponsor's Name</p> <p>Please describe the source: _____</p>				
<p>8d. Your Government</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align:center">Name of Agency</p> <p>Enclose a signed copy of your letter of award with this form.</p>				
Total ►	\$	\$	\$	\$
<p>9. Official Certification of Sources of Funds and Amounts</p> <p>This is to certify that I have read the information furnished by the applicant on this form, that it is a true and accurate statement, and that the funds are available and will be provided as indicated.</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align:right">Signature of Bank Official</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Name of Bank _____</p> <p>Address of Bank _____</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Parent's signature is required (see certification statement above).</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align:right">Signature of Parent</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Sponsor's signature is required (see certification statement above).</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align:right">Signature of Sponsor</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Relationship of Sponsor to Student _____</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>10. What is the present exchange rate of your country's currency to the US dollar (for example, 3100 pesos = \$1)?</p> <p>_____ = \$1</p> <p>11. Does your government currently impose restrictions on exchange and release of funds for study in the U.S.? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, describe restrictions.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>12. How will you pay for your transportation to the U.S.? _____</p> <p>_____</p>				
<p>13. A Certificate of Eligibility (Form 1-20) will not be authorized until this form is completed and returned to the institution to which you are applying. Both the form and certificate must be shown to the U.S. Consul to obtain a visa.</p> <p>I certify that the information on this form is true, correct, and complete. I understand that any misrepresentation may be cause for refusing or revoking admission.</p> <p>Signature of Student _____ Date _____</p>				
<p>For Office Use Only: This is to certify that I have reviewed the declaration, and attached documents if appropriate, and approve issuance of a Certificate of Eligibility.</p> <p>Signature of College Official _____ Title _____ Date _____</p>				

Occidental College Reactivation Application for Admission



To be completed by applicants who have previously applied to Occidental College, either as a high school senior or as a transfer student, within the past three years.

Please be sure to submit the \$60 application fee payable to Occidental College or an appropriate fee waiver with this form.

APPLICATION TYPE TRANSFER Fall Semester (due March 15) Spring Semester (due October 15)

FIRST YEAR Fall Semester (due January 10)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT Transfer – Fall Semester only (due March 15) First-year (due January 10)

UPDATED PERSONAL DATA

Legal name: _____
Last/Family First Middle (complete) Jr., etc. Gender

Prefer to be called: _____ Marital status: _____

1ST LETTER
OF LAST
NAME

Former last names(s) if any: _____ Birthdate: _____

Permanent address: _____
Number/Street/Apartment

_____ City or Town State Country Zip code or Postal code

Permanent Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Mailing address (if different from above): _____
Number/Street/Apartment

_____ City or Town State Country Zip code or Postal code Use until: _____ Date

Telephone at mailing address: _____

REACTIVATION QUESTIONS

1. In my previous application for admission to Occidental, I applied as: (Please check all boxes that apply)

Student Status: _____ **First-year** _____ **Transfer**
Academic term: _____ **Fall** _____ **Spring**
Academic year: _____

2. If previously admitted, please state reasons why you did not attend.

3. Please state reasons you are reactivating your application at this time.

4. Have you attended another higher education institution since your previous application to Occidental? Yes No

5. Do you plan to live on campus? Yes No *First year students are required to live on campus.*

UPDATED EDUCATIONAL DATA

List any colleges or universities you have attended since the time of your last application to Occidental.

College/University	Dates Attending	Full/Part-time	Reason for Leaving
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Please list those courses in which you are currently enrolled (include number of credits/units per course). Transcripts should reflect this information.

Please indicate intended major or general academic interest. **Please note: Transfer students entering as juniors will be required to declare their major during their first semester. Transfer students entering as sophomores need to declare by the second semester of that year.**

If you took a break between educational programs, for example, a gap year between high school and college, please share your reasons, how you spent your time and its impact on you.

UPDATED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Starting with the most recent, please list, in chronological order, all your activities since your last application for admission to Occidental. Include time at other institutions, work (full and part-time), volunteer opportunities, special programs, and travel.

Activity	approximate dates	hours per week	Do you plan to continue at Occidental?
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

UPDATED FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Will you be a candidate for financial aid? Yes No If yes, the appropriate forms will be filed on : _____

PROFILE FAFSA

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS REQUIRED: In addition to completing this reactivation form, the following materials must be submitted in order to complete your reactivation application: Final high school transcript; Statement of Good Standing (*see page 13*); Instructor Recommendation (*see page 15*); Official College Transcript; Personal Statement (*see page 2*); and Writing Sample (*see page 11*). For further instruction, refer to page 2.

REACTIVATION AGREEMENT

I understand that I am applying as a full-time student to Occidental College. I understand that full-time means enrolling in four courses per semester. My signature below indicates that all information contained in my application is factual and honestly presented.

Signature _____ Date _____

Occidental College is an Equal Opportunity employer, and does not discriminate against employees or applicants because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, age, gender, marital status, pregnancy, sexual orientation, or disability. This nondiscrimination policy also covers student access to College programs, including but not limited to academic admissions, financial aid, educational services, and employment.

Admission and Financial Aid Dates to Remember

CSS PROFILE deadline for fall semester applicants	March 15, 2009
FAFSA deadline for fall semester applicants	March 15, 2009
GPA Verification Form submission deadline (For CA residents only)	March 2, 2009
Postmark deadline for fall semester 2009 applicants	March 15, 2009
Postmark deadline for all international applicants	March 15, 2009
Postmark deadline for spring semester 2009	October 15, 2008
CSS PROFILE deadline for spring semester applicants	October 15, 2008
FAFSA deadline for spring semester transfer applicants	November 1, 2008

Spring Semester 2009 Applicants

PROFILE deadline for spring semester applicants	October 15, 2008
Postmark deadline for submitting complete application	October 15, 2008
FAFSA deadline for spring semester applicants	November 1, 2008
Admission Decisions mailed by	December 15, 2008
Reply date to offer of admission	January 1, 2009

Fall Semester 2009 Applicants

FAFSA deadline for fall semester applicants	March 15, 2009
PROFILE deadline for fall semester applicants	March 15, 2009
GPA Verification Form deadline (CA Residents only)	March 2, 2009
Postmark deadline for submitting complete application	March 15, 2009
Admission decisions are mailed on a rolling basis beginning in May through June 15	
Replies to offers of admission are due two weeks after receipt of offer	

Spring Semester 2010 Applicants

PROFILE deadline for spring semester applicants	October 15, 2009
Postmark deadline for submitting complete application	October 15, 2009
FAFSA deadline for spring semester applicants	November 1, 2009
Admission Decisions mailed by	December 15, 2009
Reply date to offer of admission	January 1, 2010

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