

Occidental College

Supplement to Common Application for First-Year Admission

If you have not already done so, please submit the non-refundable \$60 application fee payable to Occidental College or an appropriate fee waiver with this form.

APPLICATION TYPE:

Early Decision I (due November 15) Early Decision II (due January 2) Regular Decision (due January 10)

Have you applied to Occidental College in the past? Yes No If so, for what semester and year? _____

If you were admitted, please share the reasons you did not attend on a separate page.

TO THE APPLICANT:

As an applicant to Occidental College, we respect you as an individual and pledge to evaluate your application with an open mind. To that end, we ask you to complete the following supplemental questions. Be yourself—don't feel obligated to write what you think would impress us. We appreciate honesty, clarity, and passion!

Teacher recommendations: Please select two teachers who have taught you between tenth and twelfth grades in core academic subjects (English, social studies, science, mathematics, or foreign language). Additional recommendations may be submitted; however, they are not substitutes for the required academic recommendations.

Arts submissions: If you plan to continue your study of music, theater, or art, we welcome you to submit a fine arts resume with your admission application. The theater and music departments also welcome CD/DVD submissions. The following guidelines are suggested for musicians: vocalists and instrumentalists should present at least two works of contrasting style or historical period; composers should present recordings of two contrasting compositions; and jazz musicians should present a slow jazz ballad and an up-tempo jazz standard. Visual artists are welcome to submit 8" x 10" prints rather than slides or CDs. Resumes and prints will be included with your admission application and reviewed by members of the admission staff. Submissions of any kind cannot be returned.

PERSONAL DATA:

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

Mailing address: _____
Number/Street/Apartment *City or Town* *State* *Country* *Zip code or Postal code*

Social Security number (optional): _____ Birthdate: _____

Permanent home phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____
Area Code *Phone Number*

BE ADVISED: we rely on email to communicate with you regarding the status of your application. Please check the above email address regularly.

High School: _____
Name *City or Town* *State* *Country* *Zip code or Postal code*

If there are any Occidental alumni or staff in your family, please list the name, relationship, and class or department of each. Note: If your parent is employed by Occidental and you've already indicated this in the Common Application, you do not need to do so again here. Attach a separate sheet if additional space is needed.

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Please respond to the following questions.

1. If you've had the opportunity to visit campus, please indicate when and in what capacity, and briefly describe your visit experience.

2. There are thousands of colleges and universities. Why are you applying to Occidental? In your opinion, what distinguishes it from your other choices?

3. Choose a book you have read—at any point in your life—that most affected you and clarify its effect.

4. While we realize your interests may change in college, what are your current academic and intellectual curiosities?

5. Identify and describe a personal habit or idiosyncrasy—of any nature—that helps define you.

Thank you for applying to Occidental College. We look forward to learning more about you.