



Soka University of America

Freshman Profile and Admission Information

2009-2010

Fall 2009 Entering Freshman Class

New Freshman	141
Global Merit recipients (full-ride)	4
Soka Opportunity Scholarships (Free tuition)	68

Gender

Male	37%
Female	63%

Race/Ethnicity

African American	4%
Latino/Hispanic	16%
Asian/Asian American	26%
Caucasian	16%
International (student visa holders)	35%
Not indicated	3%

Public Schools Most Represented in Class

Centennial HS; Compton, CA
 LACES HS; Los Angeles, CA
 Laguna Hills HS; Laguna Hills, CA
 Segerstrom HS; Santa Ana, CA
 Troy HS; Fullerton, CA

Independent/Private Schools Most Represented

Bellarmino; San Jose, CA
 Bronx School of Performing Arts; Bronx, NY
 East Bay Waldorf HS; El Sobrante, CA
 Preuss School; La Jolla, CA
 Punahou School; Honolulu, HI

Top non-California States and Countries

<u>U.S. States</u>	<u>Outside U.S.</u>
Hawaii	Canada
Idaho	Hong Kong
Kansas	India
South Carolina	Japan
Texas	United Kingdom

Success after Soka: Where are our graduates our going for graduate school:

Boston University
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Columbia University
 Cornell University
 Harvard University
 London School of Economics
 New York University
 Stanford University
 Yale University

...just to name a few.

Fall Freshman Statistics

Applicants	549
Admits	188 (34% admit rate)
Matriculated	141 (75% yield rate)

Average GPA (weighted) 3.80

Average SAT Critical Reading	567
Average SAT Math	598
Average SAT Writing	572
Average SAT Essay	9
Average ACT Composite	26
Average ACT Essay	9

Cost and Financial Aid

Meeting the costs of an education represents a significant investment for most families. At Soka University of America, however; we are committed to providing comprehensive merit and need-based financial aid programs that make it possible for admitted students who meet specific requirements and deadlines to attend Soka University.

In 2008 over 90% of Soka's students, both domestic and international, received financial aid totaling over 8 million dollars; which included nearly 5 million dollars in need-based grants and 3 million dollars in merit-based scholarships. So as you can see Soka is committed to investing its resources to insure the success of our students.

Also, in an effort to promote greater diversity and access to higher education for both domestic and international students, Soka University has implemented a new tuition policy. Beginning the 2008-2009 academic year, all admitted students to the BA in Liberal Arts program whose annual earned family income is \$60,000, or less, and who have neither graduated from college nor completed more than 3/4 of their required coursework towards their first undergraduate degree (e.g., BA/BS) at the time of application to SUA, will receive free tuition (room and board fees will still apply).

Although federal and state aid may only be available to U.S. citizens and permanent residents, international students are eligible to apply for Soka merit and need-based scholarships and loans.

Information Used to Determine Soka Aid Eligibility

- FAFSA or International Application
- 2009 parents' and student tax returns
- Parents' and student bank statements
- Other specific information may be required, depending upon a family's situation.

2010-2011 Student Cost of Attendance

Tuition	\$25,344
Room and board	\$ 9,460
Books and supplies	\$ 1,000
Transportation	\$ 500
Health Insurance Fee	\$ 766
<u>Personal Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 734</u>
Annual Total	\$37,984

2010 Freshman Application Process

Soka offers both an Early Action and Regular Admission application period.

Required Application Materials

- Application fee (\$30 electronic/\$45 paper)
- Completed application (electronic or paper)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Two personal essays
- SAT and/or ACT examination scores
- Transcripts
- List of extracurricular activities

Important Dates and Deadlines

- October 15th
 - Early Action application deadline
- October 31st
 - Early Action document deadline
- December 1st
 - Early Action decisions announced
- January 15th
 - Regular Admission application deadline
- January 28th
 - Regular Admission document deadline
- March 2nd
 - Financial Aid application deadline
- March 15th
 - Regular Admission decisions announced
- May 1st
 - Financial Aid document deadline
 - Admission deposit deadline