



COMMON APPLICATION PREP

Wondering what to expect on the Common Application? We created this form as a reference sheet. Any questions that you may not know off the top of your head are included here so you can begin to gather your answers in advance. We encourage you to keep it handy while you fill out your application. **Remember, this is for your reference only. Do not mail this form to OU.**

PROFILE

Your legal name as it appears on official documents: _____

Email address: _____

Your social security number: _____

required for US citizens and Permanent Residents applying for financial aid via the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Your permanent home address

Number and street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ County: _____ Zip: _____

Your birthplace

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____

Citizenship status: _____

Non-US citizenships (if applicable): _____

Years lived in the US: _____ Years lived outside the US (if applicable): _____

Language proficiency

Language: _____ Speak Read Write First Language Spoken at Home

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If you are American Indian or Alaskan Native, what is your tribal enrollment number (if applicable)? _____

FAMILY

You will be asked to provide information about both parents, even if one or more is deceased or no longer has legal responsibilities toward you.

PARENT 1

Name: _____ Former last name(s): _____

Country of birth: _____

Email address: _____ Preferred telephone #: (_____) _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

College (if any): _____ Degree earned: _____ Year: _____

Graduate school (if any): _____ Degree earned: _____ Year: _____

FAMILY (cont.)

PARENT 2

Name: _____ Former last names: _____

Country of birth: _____

Email address: _____ Preferred telephone #: (_____) _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

College (if any): _____ Degree earned: _____ Year: _____

Graduate school (if any): _____ Degree earned: _____ Year: _____

Parent's divorce date, if applicable (mm/yyyy): _____

LEGAL GUARDIAN (if other than a parent)

Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Country of birth: _____

Email address: _____ Preferred telephone #: (_____) _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

College (if any): _____ Degree earned: _____ Year: _____

Graduate school (if any): _____ Degree earned: _____ Year: _____

Home address (if different from yours)

Number and street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ County: _____ Zip: _____

SIBLINGS (repeat for as many siblings as you have)

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade (pre-K through 12): _____

Relationship: _____

College attended (if any): _____ Degree earned or expected: _____

Dates of college attendance (mm/yyyy to mm/yyyy): _____

EDUCATION

Most recent high school attended: _____

Entry date (mm/yyyy): _____ **Graduation date or expected graduation date** (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

School type: Public Charter Independent Religious Home School

Class rank: _____ **Class size:** _____ **Weighted?** Yes No

GPA: _____ **Scale:** _____ **Weighted?** Yes No

School address

Number and street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____ Zip: _____

School counselor

Name: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

Other secondary schools attended *(including academic summer schools or enrichment programs hosted on a secondary school campus)*

Name: _____ Dates attended (mm/yyyy): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____ Zip: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____ Zip: _____

ACADEMIC HONORS On the Common Application, you will be asked to list **up to five** distinctions or honors received since the 9th grade, along with the grade level at which you received it and the highest level of recognition (school, state/regional, national, or international). Start preparing a list of the academic honors you plan to list.

You will also be asked to list the courses you are taking this academic year. You will want to fill in the information below for each class that you list. You may want to have a copy of your transcript or schedule handy for this section.

Course title: _____ Credit Value: _____

Course level: Accelerated Advanced Placement (AP) Honors International Baccalaureate (IB) Regents

Course schedule: Full Year 1st Semester 1st Trimester 2nd Semester 2nd Trimester 3rd Trimester

In addition, there will be a place for you to list any college classes you have taken, such as during concurrent enrollment. You will fill out the information below for each college course.

College: _____ From date (mm/yyyy): _____ To date (mm/yyyy): _____

Course details: Taught online Taught on college campus Taught on secondary/high school Transcript available
 College credit awarded Degree candidate campus (excluding AP/AB)

TESTING

Here, you will be asked to submit information about your class rank and GPA as well as detailed information about any ACT, SAT, AP, TOEFL, IELTS, and IB scores, if applicable. You may want to pull your score sheets in preparation as you will be asked to provide the dates that you took each test and will take future tests. You will also need to list your highest composite score as well as the highest individual scores you have earned so far, even if those scores are from different test dates. **Remember to also send your scores to us through ACT or The College Board.**

ACTIVITIES

EXTRACURRICULAR, VOLUNTEER & WORK ACTIVITIES You will be asked to list **up to 10** of your main extracurricular activities along with the grade level at which you participated, the time commitment in approximate hours per week and weeks per year, the positions held or honors won, and whether you intend to participate in college. You will also have the opportunity to share **up to 150 characters** of details and accomplishments for each item. You will list these in order of their importance to you, so begin considering what you will list and how you will rank them.

WRITING

There will be a few places on the Common Application where you will be asked to write. These are outlined below.

- You will be asked to write one essay **between 250 and 650 words**. You must stay within that word count. You will be asked to write a response to your choice of one of the five prompts listed below. This essay is designed to demonstrate your ability to write clearly and concisely and help you set your application apart.
 1. Some students have a background or story that is so central to their identity that they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
 2. Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what lessons did you learn?
 3. Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?
 4. Describe a place or environment where you are perfectly content. What do you do or experience there, and why is it meaningful to you?
 5. Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal, that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community, or family.
- There will be an “Additional Information” section in which you will have an opportunity to include any additional information of your choosing. Here, you might include/continue a discussion of something you could not elaborate on before (i.e. resume, list additional siblings). We recommend this information stays around **650 words or less**. This section should only be used for a reason. **It’s okay to leave this section blank.**
- In our supplemental scholarship section, you will be asked to answer the first two questions below. You may also be asked a third major-specific question depending on the academic preferences you list in your Common Application. While this supplement is optional, we recommend you fill it out regardless. **If you do not answer these questions, you will not be considered for OU leadership, community service and major-based scholarships.** Please answer all of these questions in **650 words or less**.
 1. The University of Oklahoma believes strongly in educating leaders of communities in Oklahoma, as well as across the country and the world. Please share your leadership experiences and why they are important to you.
 2. The University of Oklahoma is home to a vibrant, diverse and compassionate University community. Our President, David L. Boren, refers to our strong community as “the OU Family”. Please describe your cultural and community service activities and why you chose to participate in them.
 3. What is your career area of interest, and why do you have a desire to work in this particular field?
(This third, academic-based question is asked by certain academic departments. Therefore, it may or may not appear in your scholarship section depending on the academic preferences you list in your application.)