

2008–2009

COMMON APPLICATION
SUPPLEMENT

SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION

Application Instructions and Deadlines

How to Apply

St. Olaf is a Common Application member institution and the Common Application is the St. Olaf Application for Admission. You can complete a single application (found online at www.commonapp.org) for use at many colleges and universities. Enclosed is our supplement, which you will also need to send us to complete the application process.

We encourage you to complete the application and the supplement online. Submitting a paper application requires a \$40 application fee.

A completed application must include:

- The 2008–09 Common Application
- The St. Olaf College Common Application Supplement
- Official College Entrance Exam Results (ACT or SAT)

Official results may be submitted directly to St. Olaf from the appropriate testing agency or appear on an official high school transcript.

- Common Application School Report and Official High School Transcript

The School Report should be completed by the high school guidance office and submitted with an official high school transcript.

- Teacher Recommendation

One letter of recommendation must be from a teacher, preferably from a class taught in grades 10–12 in an academic subject: English, foreign language, history, social studies, mathematics or the natural sciences.

- Academic Recommendation

A second letter is also required, and may come from a teacher, guidance counselor or music teacher.

- Other Recommendations

While no other recommendations are required, students are welcome to submit additional letters, which could include letters from pastors or other worship leaders, coaches, employers, or others who know them well.

Music, transfer and international students should review the information on the inside back cover for more details about specific requirements for those application processes.

Application Deadlines

Students applying to St. Olaf may choose from three application options:

Early Decision

Early Decision is designed for students who have determined that St. Olaf is their first choice. Students may not submit Early Decision applications to other institutions and must withdraw all other applications if they are accepted. Early Decision students must commit to attend St. Olaf upon admission. If St. Olaf is your first choice, this is a wonderful way of completing your college search in an efficient manner.

Early Decision 1

Application deadline: November 15, 2008

Notification: December 15, 2008

Early Decision 2

Application deadline: January 15, 2009

Notification: February 15, 2009

Regular Decision

Students considering a number of different college opportunities should apply under our Regular Decision process.

Application deadline: January 15, 2009

Notification: March 20, 2009



Common Application Supplement and Scholarship Application

I am applying for admission as a(n):

- First-year student for the term beginning September 2009.
- Transfer student for the term beginning September 2009.
- International student: Degree-seeking Exchange

You may submit the supplement online at www.commonapp.org, or complete this form and mail it to: Office of Admissions, St. Olaf College, 1520 St. Olaf Avenue, Northfield, MN 55057.

Please check the appropriate box:

TYPE OF APPLICATION	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION	NOTIFICATION	ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT DUE
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Decision 1	November 15, 2008	December 15, 2008	January 1, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Decision 2	January 15, 2009	February 15, 2009	March 1, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Decision	January 15, 2009	March 20, 2009	May 1, 2009

NAME: FIRST/PROPER _____ MIDDLE _____ LAST/FAMILY _____ NICKNAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP/POSTAL CODE _____ COUNTRY _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____
 Female Male

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:

Have you visited St. Olaf College? Yes No If so, when? _____

Type of visit: Individual Group Church Junior Preview Day
 Athlete Music MPCW 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.)

If your parents or other family members attended St. Olaf College, please list each person's name, class year and relationship to you:

Religious affiliation (optional): _____ (e.g. Lutheran, Catholic, etc.)

If Lutheran: ELCA Missouri Synod WELS Other _____

St. Olaf Supplement Essay (200 to 500 words)

In addition to the essay you are asked to write for the Common Application, we require a second essay. You needn't conduct any research for this essay. Rather, it offers you a chance to give a voice and tone to your application.

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.

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 you to enclose one with this supplement.

St. Olaf Merit Scholarships

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

St. Olaf Academic Scholarships (\$4,000 to \$14,000/year)

Eligibility for a St. Olaf academic scholarship is based primarily on superior academic achievement in high school. Students applying for an academic scholarship must complete the essay on the following page and submit it to the Office of Admissions by **January 15, 2009**.

St. Olaf Service Leadership Scholarships (\$6,000/year)

Students who wish to be considered for a 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 **January 15, 2009**. 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, submitted to the Office of Admissions via mail, or e-mailed to scholarships@stolaf.edu, and should be clearly labeled for the service leadership scholarship.

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

Students who wish to be considered for a TRiO scholarship must submit a complete application for admission by **January 15, 2009**. 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). In addition to completing the St. Olaf application, TRiO scholarship candidates must also answer the following question on a separate sheet of paper (250–500 words) and submit it to the Office of Admissions by **January 15, 2009**.

What does a college education mean to you?

Music Scholarships (\$4,000 to \$10,000/year)

Music Scholarships are available to both music majors and non-majors. To apply for a music scholarship, students must complete the music scholarship application, including a recording, by **December 15, 2008**. They must also complete the application for admission by **January 15, 2009**. Write to music@stolaf.edu with questions, and find more information on the application process at www.stolaf.edu/depts/music/admissions.

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 *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 statement to which you are responding.

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.”**

I am a: National Merit® Semifinalist National Achievement® Scholar National Hispanic Scholar

NAME

HIGH SCHOOL

Additional Instructions

Students applying to St. Olaf as a music student, transfer student or international student should review the following information:

Music Candidates

St. Olaf has one of the most prestigious liberal arts music programs in the country. Please note that the audition process for music majors and scholarship candidates runs concurrently with the admissions process.

Students who intend to major in music or who wish to apply for a St. Olaf music scholarship must submit the music scholarship application form, audition CD, music résumé and letter of recommendation to the Music Admissions Office by December 15, 2008. Students who are applying as music majors must also complete the online music skills test by December 15, 2008. All students must also complete their college application for admission by January 15, 2009.

More information can be found online at www.stolaf.edu/depts/music or by contacting Mary Hakes, assistant dean of admissions and coordinator of music admissions, at 507-786-3297 or music@stolaf.edu.

Transfer Candidates

To receive full consideration for admission for September 2009, transfer students must complete the application for admission by March 1, 2009. We will evaluate applications completed after that date on a rolling and space-available basis.

Transfer students should submit the Common Application for Transfers, the St. Olaf College Common Application Supplement and the College Official's Form. Students should also submit an official final high school transcript and official college transcripts showing all completed college coursework.

The St. Olaf Registrar will provide transfer students with an evaluation of their transcripts for transfer of course credits. Credit granted for transferred work is provisional and subject to the completion of one year of satisfactory study at St. Olaf College.

More information can be found online at www.stolaf.edu/admissions/applying/transfer.html or by contacting Angelique Dietz, assistant dean of admissions, at 507-786-3025 or dietza@stolaf.edu.

International Candidates

Students who are neither a U.S. citizen nor a permanent resident of the United States are considered international students at St. Olaf College. International students may apply under the Early Decision or Regular Decision processes.

International students are required to submit official results of the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), IELTS (International English Language Testing System), ACT or SAT. If English is not the official language of your country or the primary language of instruction, the TOEFL or IELTS is required.

More information can be found online at www.stolaf.edu/admissions/applying/international.html or by contacting Jenny Howenstine, associate dean of admissions, at 507-786-3025 or howensti@stolaf.edu.

St. Olaf College admits students of any race, color or national or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national and ethnic origin, sexual orientation or handicap in administration of its educational policies, financial aid program, athletics and all other programs.

