

Application Instructions and Check List

The student application and all supporting recommendations, forms, and documents must be submitted online no later than May 30, 2022.

When you open the application, we are the Southern California chapter of Minds Matter. After choosing the chapter, you will then choose the site you want to apply to - Los Angeles or Orange County.

You will be asked during the online application process to provide names and email addresses for nominated recommenders and your parents. An email is sent from Minds Matter to counselors, teachers, and parents when you submit your application.

✓ **One Academic Recommendation**

Guidance counselor or favorite teacher. Someone who knows you well and can talk about your academics, passion for learning, etc. This person will also be asked to upload your high school transcript.

✓ **One Additional Adult Recommendation (Optional)**

An adult recommendation may include a teacher, principal, YMCA coordinator, coach, pastor, etc., as long as they are not related to you. This should be someone who really knows you and can talk to your strengths and assets.

✓ **Parent/Guardian Form** Parents/Guardian will also upload taxes/proof of income.

As part of the overall application, the following are needed:

✓ **High School Transcript**

The required letter of recommendation must be from a current academic (teacher, guidance counselor, etc). This person will need access to your transcript to upload but be sure it is someone who knows your academic strengths and can talk to them in the recommendation letter. You will be asked to provide the academic recommender's email address in the online application. Once you complete and submit your application form, an email will be sent from Minds Matter to the recommender you have chosen. They will complete their recommendation and upload your transcript.

✓ **2021 Federal Tax Return**

(IRS Form 1040 including W2 form and all Schedules), and/or proof of government assistance. You will give one of your parents'/guardians' email in the application for them to complete the parent/guardian form. As part of this form, your parent/guardian will also need to upload their 2021 Federal Tax Return or other proof of income or assistance.

Along with your completed application, you must have ALL of the recommendations and supporting information submitted online on your behalf on or before May 30, 2022.

Important Program Information for Admitted Students

Minds Matter Sessions

Minds Matter sessions are on **Saturdays from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm**, during the school year between September and May. We meet near downtown LA, which is easy to reach by major freeways and public transportation. Sessions will be held in Santa Ana for the Orange County location.

Weekday Time Commitments

Minds Matter is a rigorous program, and **students are required to do homework**. The typical student spends approximately 4 to 5 hours a week on Minds Matter (essay writing, test preparation revision, assignments, etc.).

Computer and Internet Access

Each student must have or be able to obtain **regular access to a computer and the internet**, as weekly assignments and other relevant correspondence is via email.

Application Deadline

The application deadline for the 2022/23 sophomore class is May 30, 2022.

All application materials must be submitted online by this date.

More Information

If you have any questions or need more information, please email us at student@mindsmatterla.org.