



Application Instructions and Check List

The student application and all supporting recommendations, forms, and documents must be submitted online during the application period.

Links will be available on the [Minds Matter Los Angeles website](#) during the application period. Check our website in March 2021. Late or partial applications will not be considered.

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 Guidance Counselor Recommendation**
(Guidance Counselor will also upload your high school transcript)
- ✓ **One Teacher or Other Adult Recommendation**
(An adult recommendation may include a teacher, principal, YMCA coordinator, or pastor, etc., as long as they are not related to you.)
- ✓ **Parent/Guardian Form** (parents will also upload taxes/proof of income)

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

- ✓ **High School Transcript**
One of the two letters of recommendation has to be from a guidance counselor. You will be asked to provide the counselor'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 guidance counselor you have chosen. They will complete their recommendation and also upload your transcript)
- ✓ **2020 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 2020 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 the close of the application period.

Important Program Information for Admitted Students

Minds Matter Sessions

Minds Matter Los Angeles sessions are on **Saturdays from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm**, during the school year between September and May. **Please note - we are holding sessions virtually until it is safe to meet in person.**

We meet near downtown LA, which is easy to reach by major freeways and public transportation. Sessions will be held in Santa Ana for our new Orange County chapter.

Weekday Time Commitments

Minds Matter is a rigorous program, and **students are required to do homework**. The typical student spends approximately eight 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 2021/22 school year will be [published on our website](#).

Check our website in March. 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.