

## Application Instructions and Check List

**The student application and all supporting recommendations, forms, and documents must be submitted online no later than May 31, 2021.**

The application must be completed online at this link: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4712204>. Late or partial applications will not be considered.

Whether you are applying for the Los Angeles or Orange County location, the chapter you choose on the online form will be Los Angeles. After you choose Los Angeles as the chapter, a second question will come up asking which site. This is where you will choose 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  
(An adult recommendation may include a teacher, principal, YMCA coordinator, coach, pastor, etc., as long as they are not related to you. Again, this should be someone who knows you and can talk to your strengths and assets.)
- ✓ 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 an academic recommendation. You will be asked to provide the 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 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 May 31, 2021.

## Important Program Information for Admitted Students

### Minds Matter Sessions

Minds Matter LA sessions are on **Saturdays from 8:30 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 are 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 2021/22 sophomore class is May 31, 2021.**

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](mailto:student@mindsmatterla.org).

### **Minds Matter of Los Angeles**

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