



APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR APPLICANTS FROM THE PHILIPPINES TO THE STANFORD PRE-COLLEGIATE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTES

Eligibility:

Students are selected for their academic talent, passion for learning and they must be proficient in English. Target age range is 14-17, and students must have completed grade 8 in the US system or its equivalent.

Regular Application Deadline: January 26, 2018

Late Application Deadline: March 14, 2018

Requirements:

1. Opus Application Form – Please fill out the online application form or by downloading the Application Form. [Download Application Form](#).
2. Non-refundable application fee of USD \$100.00.
3. School Report Cards/Transcripts of Current Year and Previous year
4. Recommendation Letter from a current academic teacher of the school that the student is currently attending. The letter should be emailed directly to us by the teacher.
5. Standardized Test Scores if applicable (photocopy accepted). Students who have been attending schools with English as the medium of instruction for less than 3 years must show evidence of their English proficiency by submitting results of any of the following test scores - SAT, SSAT, TOEFL, others.
6. Short Answer Questions (part of application form) outlining why you would like to attend the Stanford's Pre-Collegiate Institutes and how you will positively contribute to the summer program by specifically describing your interests and hobbies, your opinion on self-motivated learning and personal development, your attitude towards the life and culture of others and what you hope to gain from this two-week experience.
7. Photocopy of passport and US Visa.
8. Interview: All applicants will be invited to a face-to-face or online interview. Each applicant will be given a scheduled interview date and time which will take place in school.

Program Details:

Dates: Session I -June 25 to July 7, 2018

Session II- July 10-22, 2018

Fees: US\$6,500.00(non-refundable) The Fee includes:

- Housing and meals at Stanford University
- Airport Transportation by Stanford University
- Academic program (course materials and instructor fees) by Stanford University
- Field trips and activity costs arranged by Stanford University
- Chaperone's cost (As required by Stanford University, one (1) chaperone will be provided by Opus Academy for every twenty (20) students traveling as a group.)
- Two day non-residential preparation program in Manila prior to departure focusing on team building, cross-cultural communication, character & leadership development.

The Fee excludes:

Roundtrip airfares to and from the U.S., U.S. visa fee, medical/ travel insurance premiums and personal expenses.

Note: Prior to applying, please ensure that you currently have a valid visa or meet all the conditions of obtaining a visa to enter the United States, as application fees and program fees are non-refundable, and it is the responsibility of individual participants and their parents/guardians to obtain visas, if required.

***There will be no refund if participants decide to withdraw from the program.**

Steps:

1. Apply to the program through Opus Academy. Send all required documents by email to stanfordsummer@opusacademy.com
2. Opus Academy will evaluate all applications and set up an interview (face to face or online).
3. Once accepted, Stanford will send the Acceptance Letters.
Note: Students who have no current US tourist visa should apply early with the US Consulate for an interview appointment. The Acceptance letter may be used as supporting document for the application of a US tourist visa; however, Opus Academy & Stanford Pre-Collegiate International Institute cannot guarantee that the US visa will be granted. Link of US Consulate: <http://www.ustraveldocs.com/ph/ph-niv-visaapply.asp> and <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>
4. Students need to fill out the Stanford registration form, medical information and other required forms. As a condition of acceptance into the program, the Parent/Guardian and Student will be required to sign a waiver to acknowledge the risks of participating in the program and to release Opus Academy and Stanford Pre-Collegiate International Institute from liability regarding the program.
5. Students need to pay the tuition fee by the deadline date indicated in the Acceptance letter.

Application Checklist:

- _____ Completed application form
- _____ Personal Essay (part of application form)
- _____ Report cards of current & previous year (photocopy/scanned)
- _____ A recommendation letter from an Academic Teacher (emailed to us directly by the teacher)
- _____ Standardized test if applicable (photocopy allowed)
- _____ Application fee of US\$100.00 (scanned copy of payment made)
- _____ Photocopy of passport and U.S. Visa

Note: Please compile all required documents from application checklist above (except for the teacher's recommendation letter which will be emailed by your teacher directly) in a single PDF file attachment and kindly email it to stanfordsummer@opusacademy.com. We will only start processing when all items of the application requirements are complete. Spaces are limited and **selection process is competitive** so we encourage students to apply early and ensure that all items are submitted.

Timeline of Events	
Dec 2017- January 26, 2018	Opening and closing of online application
February 5-9, 2018	Face to face interview or Skype interview
March 9, 2018	Release of Letters to accepted students/waitlisted students
March 23, 2018	Program form and program fees due
April 7, 2018	Parent informational meeting/Student team building and leadership seminar
April 9-25, 2018	Parents to apply for U.S. Visas, DSWD, book airline tickets and medical insurance*
May 21, 2018	Students complete Stanford online enrollment forms
June 9, 2018	Pre-departure orientation
June 25-July 7,2018; July 10-22, 2018	Session 1 of the Stanford Pre-Collegiate International Institutes Session 2 of the Stanford Pre-Collegiate International Institutes

***Please be advised that this schedule may be subject to change**

***U.S. Visa (Tourist B2 visa)** ○ Students without a U.S. tourist b-2 visa are to apply immediately once they are accepted into the program

- Please refer to the following site on how to apply for visa
<http://www.ustraveldocs.com/ph/applyforvisa.html> and <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>
- Letter of invitation from both Stanford University and Opus Academy may be used as supporting document for the application of a US tourist visa; however, Opus Academy & Stanford PreCollegiate International Institute cannot guarantee that the US visa will be granted.

***DSWD Requirements**

- Duly filled-up and signed application form (Will be provided once accepted) ○ Xerox of student's school ID
- Two (2) Phil-passport sized photos (white background)
- Original and photocopy of NSO birth certificate (If late registration of the birth cert, need orig copy of the baptismal certificate)
- Original and photocopy of NSO marriage certificate or CENOMAR of mother (If not married) ○ NOTARIZED affidavit of support and consent to be signed by BOTH. If not married it needs to be signed by the mother and needs to be notarized.
- Original Letter of Invitation from Stanford & Opus
- Letter listing the names of all the participants from Opus Academy (Will be provided)
- Clear photocopies of the valid passports of a) STUDENT, b) BOTH PARENTS with signature, c) TRAVELING COMPANION
- The release of the travel clearance can take 2-3 days. The fee is P300.00 and valid for 1 year.

Booking Airline tickets:

Each student has to book for his/her own airline ticket through their own travel agency or through the travel agency who will be handling the Philippine delegation's group booking.

Medical and Travel Insurance:

It is mandatory for the student to purchase his/her own travel insurance coverage. Since medical costs are very high in especially in United States, we strongly encourage students to get a sufficient amount of coverage.

Stanford International Institute Program Forms (given by Stanford):

- Medical Treatment Information -Past medical history - Vaccines
- Medical Release Form
- Permission to Treat and Administer Medications
- Parent Emergency Contact Information

Payment Options:

1. Application Fee (non-refundable) of **US\$100.00** should be submitted along with the application by the following method:
 - a. Bank draft or money order made payable to Opus Academy and forwarded to our office address: 5635 Dunbar St. Vancouver, B.C. V6N 1W5 Canada
 - b. Wire transfer to our bank (see bank details below). **Please ensure that remittance is NET of fees. Please remember to add USD\$20.00 to cover for bank wire transfer service fee.**
 - c. Credit card online payment. Click [here](#)

2. The full Program Fee of **US\$6,500.00** should also be submitted before the deadline March 23, 2018 once accepted to the program. Method of payment:
 - a. Payment must be made by international bank draft made payable to Opus Academy and forwarded to our office address: 5635 Dunbar St. Vancouver, B.C. V6N 1W5 b. Wire transfer to our bank:

Bank Name: Royal Bank of Canada
Kerrisdale Branch
2208 West 41st Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6M 1Z8 Canada
Transit Number: 06800
Institution Number: 003
Account Number: 4008587
RBC Swift BIC: ROYCCAT2
Canadian Sort Code: CC000306800
Amount: \$ 6,500 for the program fee and \$20.00 for the bank wire transfer service fee
Please remember to add extra funds of USD\$20.00 to cover the bank service fee in order that we receive the full amount.
Recipient: Opus Academy Inc.
5635 Dunbar St., Vancouver, B.C. V6N 1W5 Canada

For further questions, please contact stanfordsummer@opusacademy.com .