

# Home School Admission Policy

Oberlin College has a rich diversity of students who bring educational experiences from both conventional and alternative schooling, and welcomes applications from home schooled students. When evaluating applications for admission to Oberlin College, the Admissions Committee seeks evidence of academic preparation and hopes to see proficiency in the following areas:

- 4 years of English
- 4 years of mathematics
- 3 years of the same foreign language
- 3 years of laboratory sciences
- 3 years of social studies including history

In order to properly evaluate the academic background of home schooled applicants, Oberlin College requires the following documents in addition to the standard application for admission:

- **Academic portfolio** – with a detailed syllabus that lists the subjects studied each year, the dates each subject was studied, a description of each course of study, major texts used or literature read, and evidence of science laboratory experiences;
- **Test scores** – from *either*
  - the SAT I and two SAT II subject exams,
  - or*
  - the ACT with writing exam;
- **Interview** – with an admissions counselor on campus, or a telephone interview with an admissions counselor;
- **Two recommendations** – from non-parent adults, although a parent may submit a teacher recommendation if s/he was the primary instructor. Non-parent adults include a private instructor, coach, clergy, mentor, employer, or sponsor of an extracurricular activity;
- Copy of a recently written **academic paper**. A copy of a recent scientific laboratory report is also welcomed as an example of an academic paper.

Home schooled applicants are eligible to receive Federal Student Aid funds if their secondary school education was in a home school that state law treats as a home or private school. Some states issue a secondary school completion credential to home schoolers. If this is the case in the state where the student was home schooled, they must obtain this credential in order to be eligible for Federal Student Aid funds. For further assistance please contact Oberlin's Office of Financial Aid at 1-800-693-3173.

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