

## Q&A WITH SUA

*This week, we start a new Q-and-A series for prospective SUA students and their families. Send in your questions, and we'll share the answers!*

### **Question:**

When I see the cost to attend Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo (\$16,500 tuition, \$7,500 room and board), I know that my parents cannot afford to send me there. I don't want to cause them worry, but I don't want to give up my dream of attending SUA either. What can I do?

### **Answer:**

You have a great attitude! Please don't give up your dream just because of cost—apply to SUA anyway. Ninety percent of all students at American colleges and universities receive financial aid. That will be true at SUA, also—for both U.S. and international students. SUA's financial aid will be awarded based on need. Our determination at SUA is that no student whom we have accepted will have to say no because of cost. We have created the SUA Millennium Scholarship Endowment Fund, and we're gathering donations from around the world. Because so many SGI members are showing such a sincere spirit for helping future SUA students, we are moving well toward our goal.

When you apply to SUA, we will evaluate your application without considering your financial ability. If you are accepted for the first class in 2001, our financial aid coordinator will sit down with you and your parents or guardian and construct a financial aid package that meets your demonstrated need. A typical package might include a combination of on-campus work-study, loans and SUA scholarships. Quite often, students applying to college find they qualify for significantly more financial aid than they thought they would. So if you really want to go to SUA, please apply, and let us work with you.

### **Question:**

I have heard that SUA has received many applications already. For example, I heard that 800 applications have been received from Japan alone. It discourages me to think that my application has so much competition. Are these stories true?

### **Answer:**

As with many rumors, these stories are not true. It is true that we have received many requests for information about SUA, but it is very early in the application process. SUA expects to receive a number of applications just prior to Oct. 15, the deadline for early admission applications. The majority of our applications will probably come just before Jan. 15, 2001, the deadline for regular admission applications. Please don't be discouraged by rumors. If you want to go to SUA, get your application in, and give it your best try!

*If you have questions of any kind about SUA, please send them to SUA at either [admission@soka.edu](mailto:admission@soka.edu) or [info@soka.edu](mailto:info@soka.edu). We will use this World Tribune column to share our answers with others who might have the same questions.*