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2021 AAMC Fee Assistance Program

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“The AAMC Fee Assistance Program provides financial assistance to individuals who, without this aid, would find it very difficult — if not impossible — to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), apply to medical schools that use the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS), and fulfill other application obligations.”



Fee Assistance Program



Benefits



Eligibility



Applying

Fee Assistance Program Benefits



Reduced registration fee
for MCAT® exams



Free MCAT Official Prep Online-Only
Bundle, including the practice exams
and flashcards



Free subscription to the MSAR®
online database for up to two years



Waived AMCAS® application fee
for one submission with up to 20
medical school designations



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Benefits are NOT Retroactive



\$2,000+

Potential savings if approved for Fee Assistance and utilize all the benefits

16,028

Fee Assistance Program applicants approved in 2020

New to the Program

What changes were made in 2020?

Adjusted income eligibility criteria

- 400 or less than the national poverty level for that family size (previously 300 percent or less)

Reconsideration process

- Applicants experiencing financial loss of income due to coronavirus can submit a reconsideration request

Program Benefit Calendar

How long can an applicant use these benefits?

Benefits begin on the date of approval and expire the next calendar year on Dec. 31st

Application Approved	Benefits Expire
Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2020	Dec. 31, 2021
Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2021	Dec. 31, 2022
Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2022	Dec. 31, 2023

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Program Eligibility

- U.S. citizen
- U.S. national
- Lawful permanent resident of the U.S. (also known as a green card holder)
- Granted refugee or asylee status by the U.S. government,
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipient
- Awaiting refugee or asylee status approval by the U.S. government and have a U.S. Employment Authorization Document (EAD card)



Program Eligibility cont'd

- Tied to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' poverty level guidelines
- **Requires** parental financial information and supporting tax documentation



Income Eligibility

Family Size	Income Guidelines		
	Contiguous States, District of Columbia & U.S. Territories	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$51,040	\$63,800	\$58,720
2	\$68,960	\$86,200	\$79,320
3	\$86,880	\$108,600	\$99,920
4	\$104,800	\$131,000	\$120,520
5	\$122,720	\$153,400	\$141,120
6	\$140,640	\$175,800	\$161,720
7	\$158,560	\$198,200	\$182,320
8	\$176,480	\$220,600	\$202,920
8+	\$4,480 for each additional person	\$5,600 for each additional person.	\$5,150 for each additional person

Parental Information Requirements

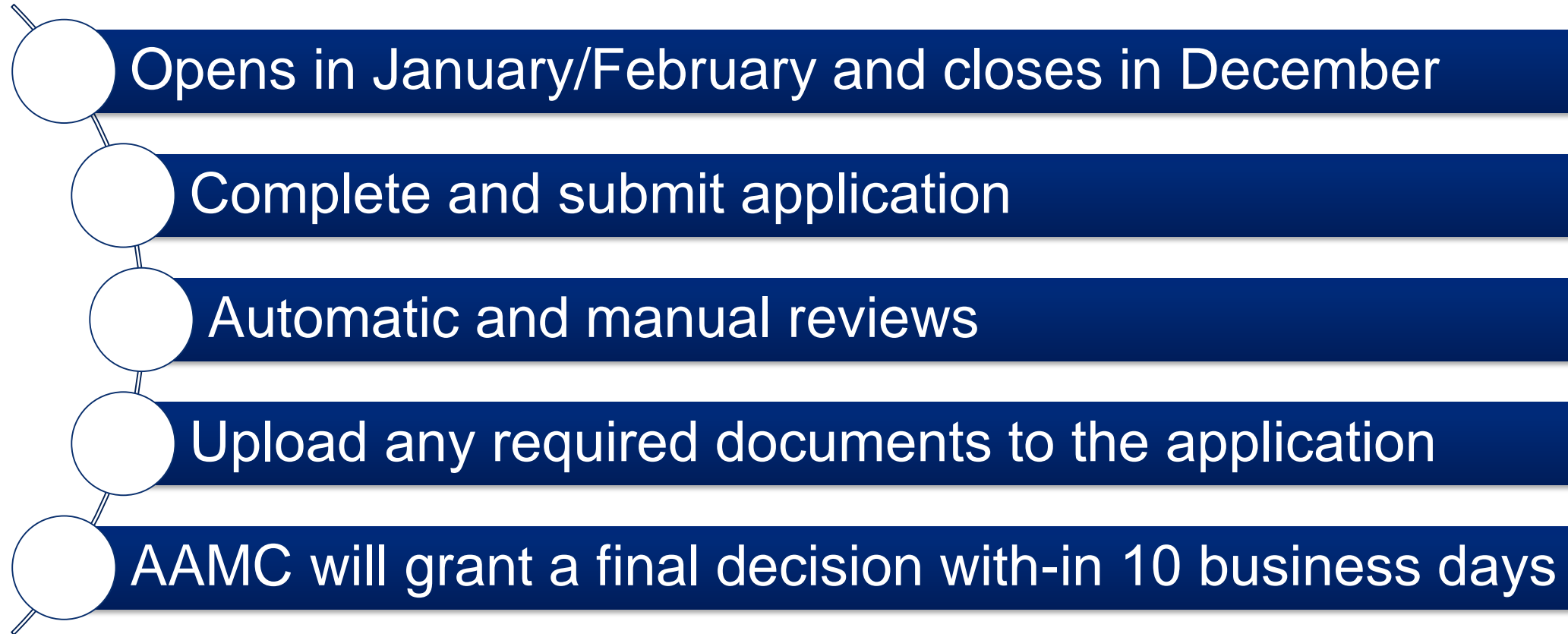
- The AAMC defines “parents” as biological parents, adoptive parents, and stepparents.
 - If you were adopted, you do not have to report biological parental information.
 - You are only required to submit information about a stepparent married to one of your biological or adoptive parents.
 - Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, aunts, uncles, and other relatives are not considered parents for the purposes of this application.

Parental Information Requirements

If one of the following circumstances applies that prohibits you from obtaining a parent's financial information, contact program staff **before** submitting your application:

- You were legally emancipated
- Do not know if a parent is living, or do not have a relationship and do not communicate with a parent
- Have a parent who is incarcerated or institutionalized or who is permanently incapacitated or hospitalized
- Were in foster care or in the care of a legal guardian at the time you reached the age of majority
- Another circumstance prohibits you from obtaining a parent's financial information

The Application Process

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- 1 Opens in January/February and closes in December
 - 2 Complete and submit application
 - 3 Automatic and manual reviews
 - 4 Upload any required documents to the application
 - 5 AAMC will grant a final decision with-in 10 business days

Application Sections

- Applicant Information
- Applicant Financial Information
- Parental Information
- Parents' Financial Information
- Application Summary
- Submission and Certification Statement



Tips for Completing the Application

- Some personal information will transfer from an applicant's AAMC profile.
 - Applicants can edit any incorrect information before submitting.
- Fields marked with an asterisk are required fields.
- Enter income and other dollar amounts in whole dollars.
 - Round to the nearest dollar if necessary.
- If documentation that includes sensitive personal information is required (e.g., Social Security Number, Social Insurance Number, or other government ID numbers), redact or mask that information before uploading.
- Review the Application Summary carefully.
 - Select "Edit" to revise answers before submitting.

Supporting Documentation

Previous tax year

- Copy of Federal Income Tax Forms (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, etc.)
- Copy of W-2 or 1099
- Social Security Documentation
- Welfare Documentation
- Alimony/Child Support

Financial Aid Award Letters

- Fall and Spring Academic Years



Common Errors

Unacceptable to determine eligibility

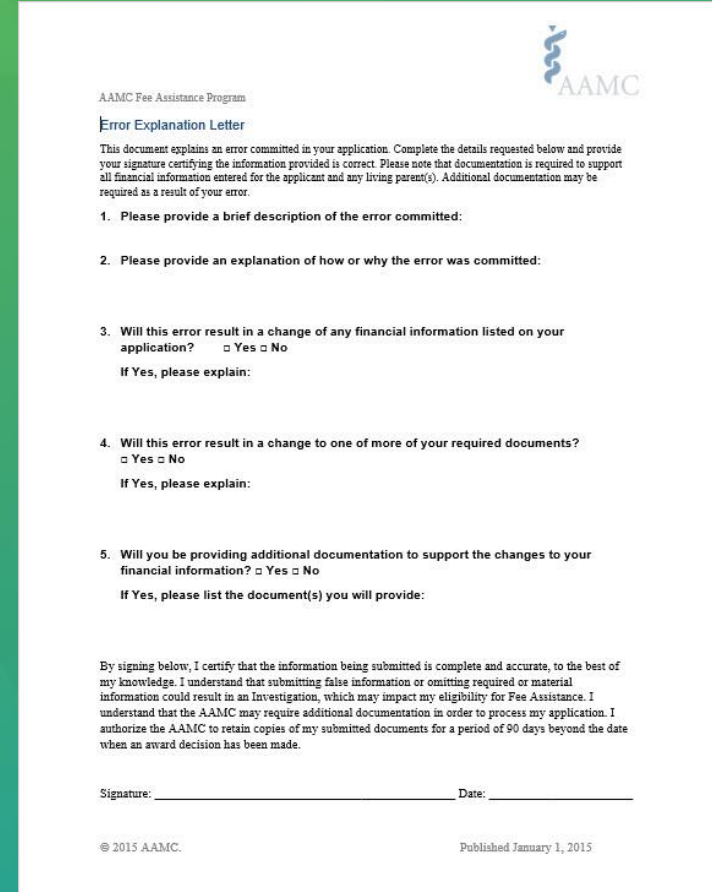
- FAFSA Form
- 1098-T Tax Form
- Loan Statement
- Semester Bill

Do **NOT** withdraw application to make corrections


- Error Explanation Letter

Signature(s) Required

- Handwritten or a digital signature (DocuSign or Adobe Signature)



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Error Explanation Letter

This document explains an error committed in your application. Complete the details requested below and provide your signature certifying the information provided is correct. Please note that documentation is required to support all financial information entered for the applicant and any living parent(s). Additional documentation may be required as a result of your error.

1. Please provide a brief description of the error committed:
2. Please provide an explanation of how or why the error was committed:
3. Will this error result in a change of any financial information listed on your application? Yes No
If Yes, please explain:
4. Will this error result in a change to one of more of your required documents? Yes No
If Yes, please explain:
5. Will you be providing additional documentation to support the changes to your financial information? Yes No
If Yes, please list the document(s) you will provide:

By signing below, I certify that the information being submitted is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submitting false information or omitting required or material information could result in an investigation, which may impact my eligibility for Fee Assistance. I understand that the AAMC may require additional documentation in order to process my application. I authorize the AAMC to retain copies of my submitted documents for a period of 90 days beyond the date when an award decision has been made.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Required Documentation

All required supporting documentation must be accompanied by a signed Consent and Certification Form

Date: 03-04-2021

Fee Assistance Program
Association of American Medical Colleges
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Applicant Name: Marie Jones
Email Address: mjones9709019@gmail.com
Date of Birth: 04-29-1986

2021 Fee Assistance Program Applicant Financial Certification Form

Instructions for Applicant

- A signed copy of this Applicant Financial Certification Form must be submitted to the AAMC Fee Assistance Program (FAP) along with your supporting documents.
- The Financial Certification Form may be hand-signed or have an electronic signature applied. Electronic signatures need to have an audit trail, such as DocuSign or Adobe Signature.
- All required documents, including this form, may be scanned and uploaded to your application after the application status is "Submitted & On Hold".
- If you are unable to upload your documents, they may be faxed to 202-828-1120. [Please allow additional time for processing faxed documents.]

Required Documentation

Below is a summary of the applicant income documents required to be submitted in support of your application for Fee Assistance. If you are providing a copy of a 1040 Tax Form, please do not include any Schedules or supplemental forms. The AAMC only requires the 1040 Form itself. For more information about the required document types and for templates for some documents, visit the FAP website at www.aamc.org/fap.

Financial Information Documents Required for Tax Year 2020

- W-2 and/or 1099 forms
- Signed Financial Certification Form

Certification Statement

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Marie Jones's Signature

Date

We're here to help

- We will be in contact if documentation provided is insufficient to process an application.
- If an applicant has extenuating circumstances and able to provide official documentation of emancipation. We will accept it in lieu of parent(s) information.



Application Status

Eligible

- Status is submitted and on hold
- Instructions for supporting documents

Automatic Denial

- Applicant income/parental income does not meet the poverty guideline
- Received fee assistance five times
- Previous Fee Assistance Program application under investigation



Application Verification

- 10 business days
- Email indicating approval
- Benefits in application
- MCAT preparation benefits
 - Elect to receive
 - Email on how to access



How the AAMC Fee Assistance Program Helped

- Secondary fees
- Scholarships
- Interview expenses

Samantha Steinhall
I truthfully would not have been able to apply to medical school when I did if it weren't for AAMC's Fee Assistance Program and therefore, I wouldn't be enjoying my first term of med school like I am now.

Elizabeth Juarez Diaz
The journey to medical school is costly. Coming from a low-income household made it difficult to apply to all of the programs that I wanted to apply to, but after receiving the AAMC Fee assistance benefits, I could do just that.

William Benjamin Smith
I'm truly grateful for this program enabling me to focus on becoming a better applicant and essentially giving me the chance to matriculate to the special institution I now call home.

Ilana Zago
These benefits opened the door for me to apply to medical school and fulfill my dream of being accepted. I cannot express enough gratitude for this program and the opportunities it provided.

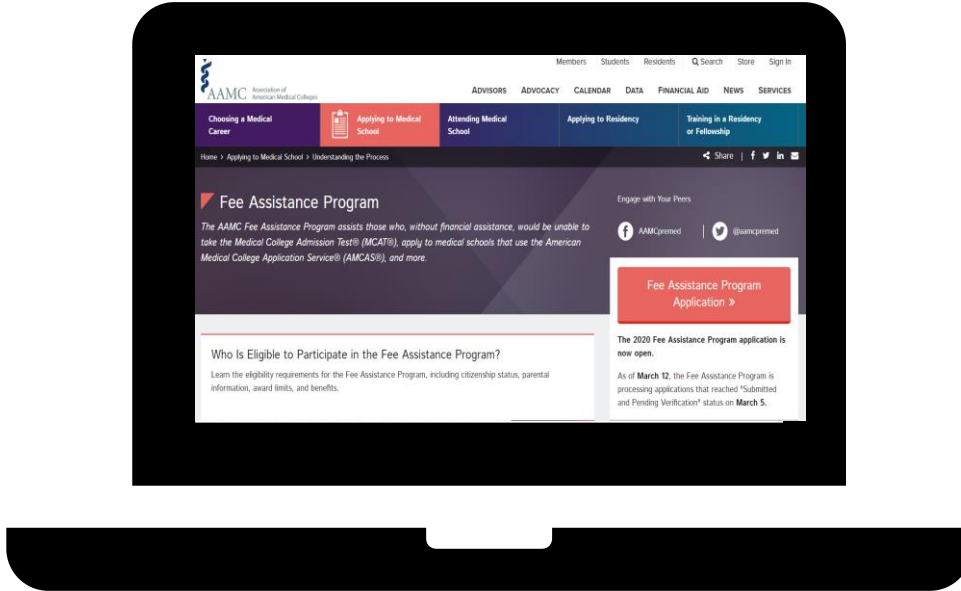
Ramsey Sha Potter
Without the help of the AAMC Fee Assistance benefits program I would not have been able to pursue a career in medicine. This program changed the cost of the medical school application process from an insurmountable barrier to a problem that could be overcome.

Hanel Watkins
The Fee Assistance Program helped me stay out of debt when applying to schools, and I was able to apply more broadly without having to worry about the cost. Although I applied a bit late, I'm so glad I did!

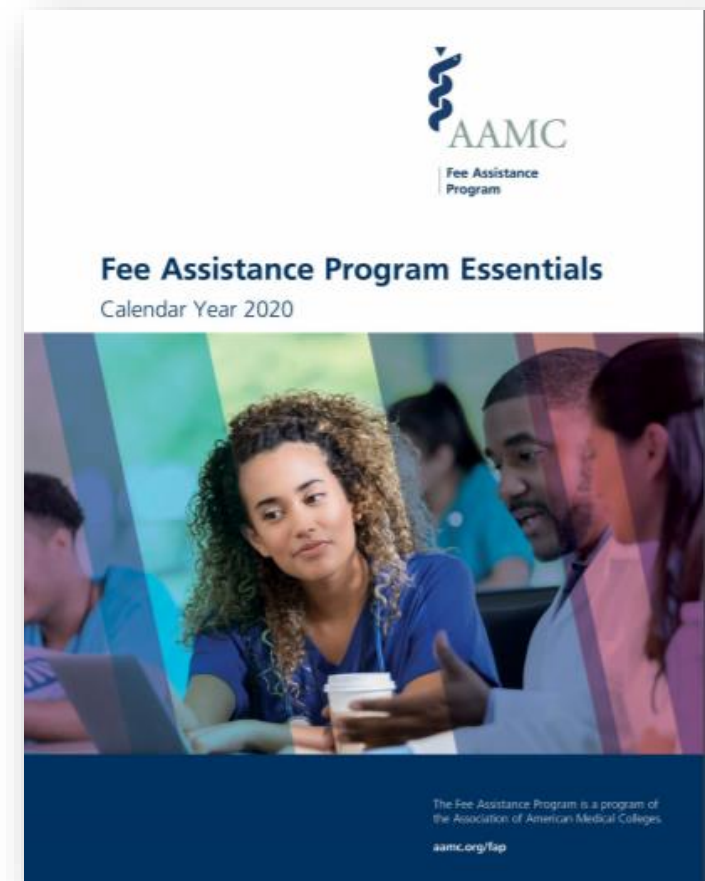
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Where to Apply for the Fee Assistance Program?



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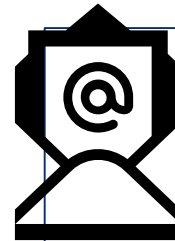


For Assistance

The AAMC Services Contact Center can assist and answer questions about Fee Assistance program applications.



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