

Navigating the 2024 AMCAS Application Cycle

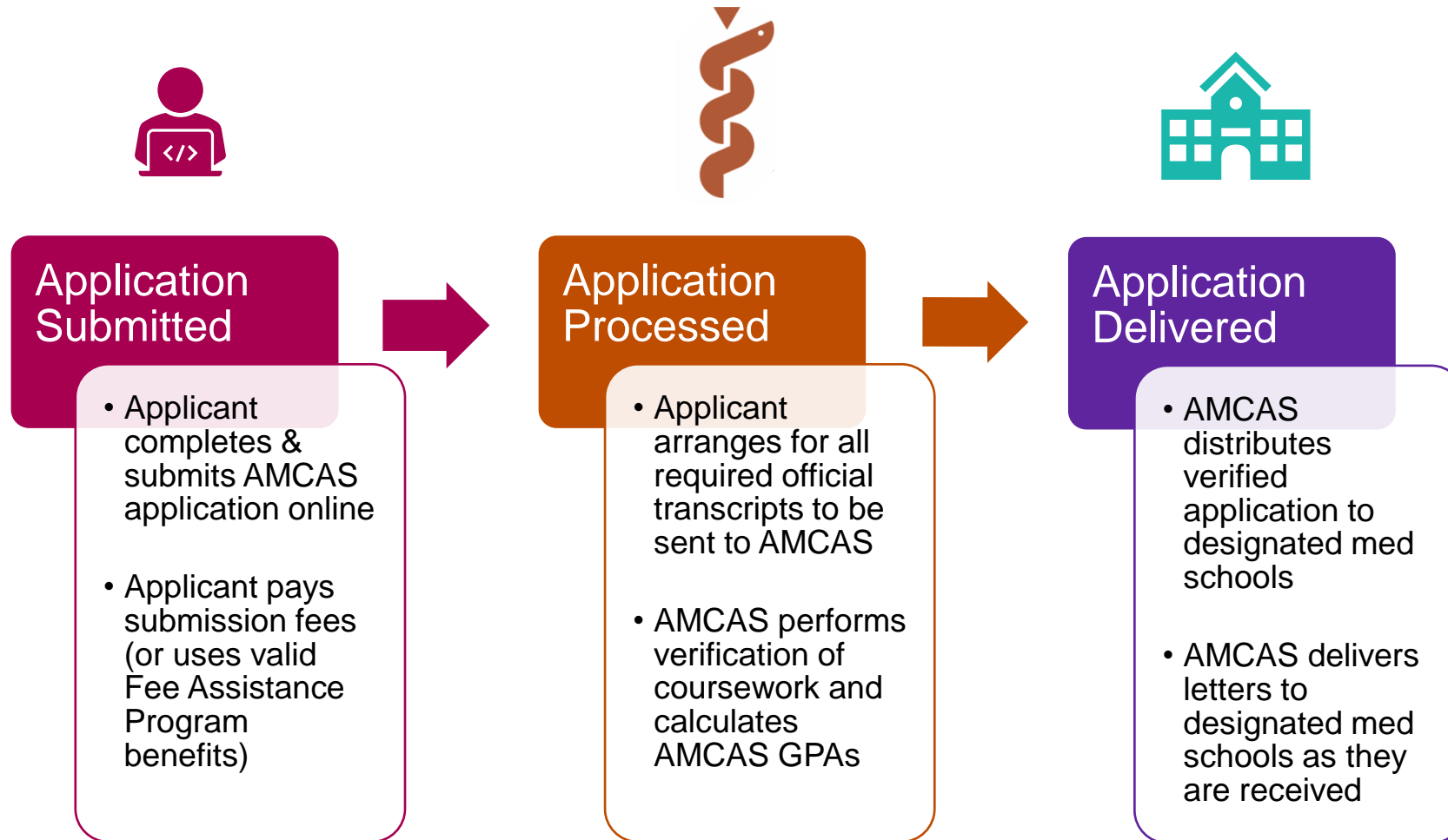
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Learn about what's new in the 2024 AMCAS application and the background to some of the application changes.

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2024 AMCAS® Application

2024 Application Dates

Date*	Event
April 3	2024 AMCAS resources available
May 2	AMCAS application opens
May 30	AMCAS application submission begins
June 30	Initial transmission of application data to medical schools
August 1	Early Decision Program deadline
Sept.-Dec.	Application deadlines

*Dates subject to change

Application Deadlines

- Application must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET of the deadline date
- Transcript deadlines must be received by AMCAS within 14 calendar days of the application deadline date
- Must be received by August 1 for early decision applicants
- Visit www.aamc.org/amcasdeadlines

2024 AMCAS Participation

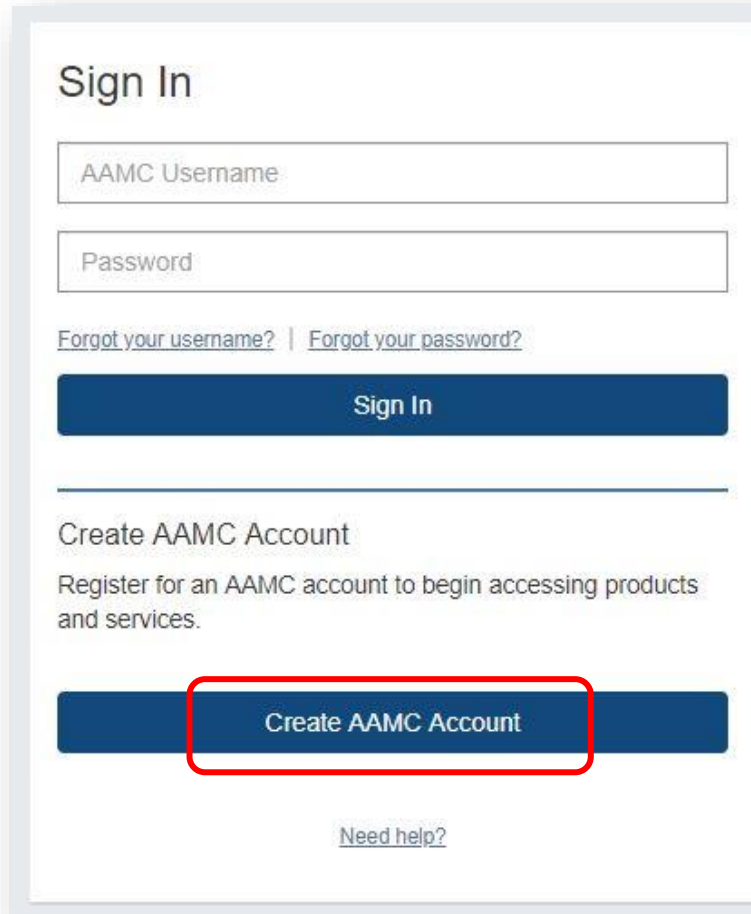
Tentative 2024 Participation	
Application	153 Schools/Programs
	All MD granting schools in the United States with the exception of MD programs at Texas public schools
AMCAS Letters	151 Schools/Programs
Criminal Background Checks	126 Schools/Programs

2024 AMCAS Application Fees:

- \$175 processing fee (includes one school designation)
- \$45 for each additional school

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Accessing the Application



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Create Account

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1 Personal Information
Please complete the fields below.

Email

Enter Email

Confirm Email

Re-Enter Email Address

Prefix (optional)

Select Prefix

First Name

Enter First Name

Middle (optional)



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complete registration if
they do not have an
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AAMC ID
21237971

* Indicates required fields

Name

Prefix

Miss

First Name *

Judy

Middle Name

Last Name *

Smith

Generational Suffix

Select Suffix

Legal Name

Legal First Name *

Judy

Legal Middle Name

Legal Last Name *

Smith

Generational Suffix

Select Suffix



Select “2024 Application Cycle”

Open AMCAS Applications

2024 Application Cycle [? Help](#)

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This is the application cycle for applicants who intend to start medical school in the summer or fall of 2024.

START THE 2024 APPLICATION IF YOU WANT TO START MEDICAL SCHOOL IN THE FALL OF 2024

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Judy Smith

AAMC ID21237971

SexFemale

Date of Birth03/23/2000

Country of BirthUSA

Emailjsmith@amcas.com

Birth StateNY

Birth CityNew York

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Application

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Identifying Information

✓ Completed

Schools Attended

✓ Completed

Biographic Information

⚠ Incomplete

Course Work

⚠ Incomplete

Work/Activities

⚠ Incomplete

Letters of Evaluation

⚠ Incomplete

Medical Schools

⚠ Incomplete

Essays

⚠ Incomplete

Standardized Tests


⚠ Incomplete


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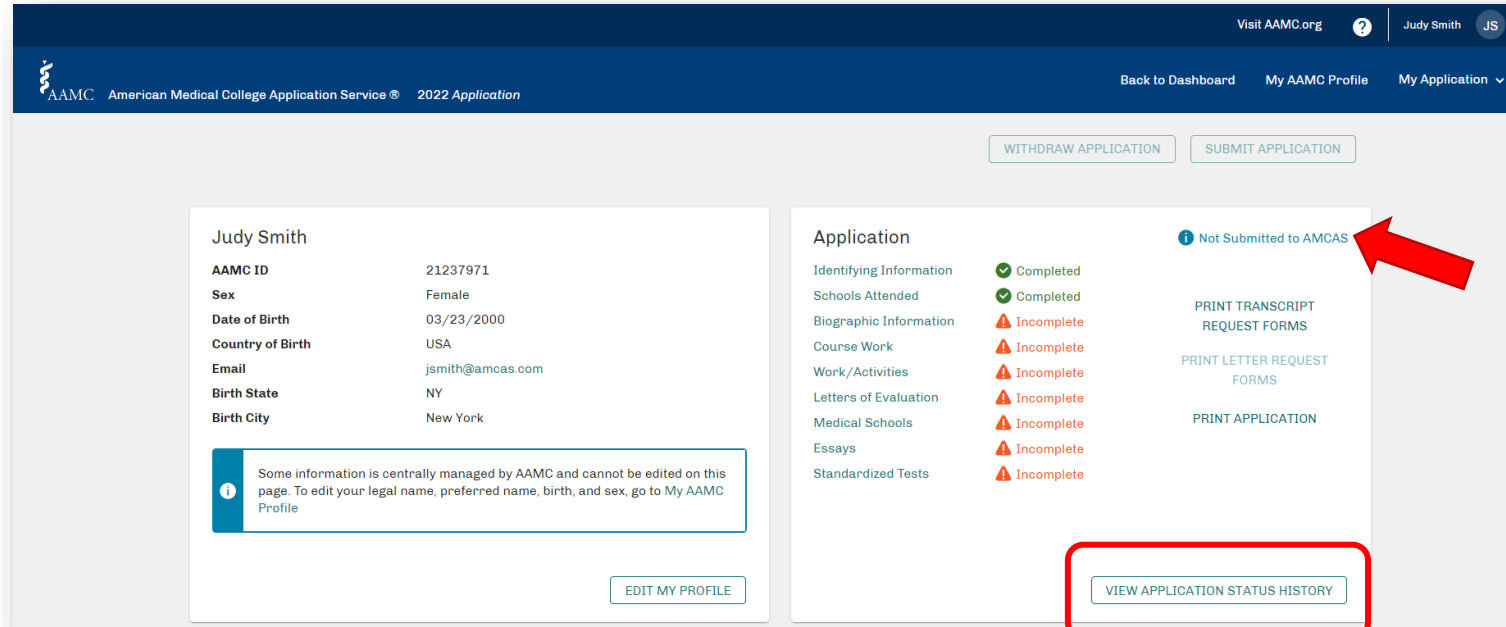
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AMCAS Main Menu



The screenshot shows the AMCAS main menu for a user named Judy Smith. The top navigation bar includes links to 'Visit AAMC.org', 'Judy Smith', and 'JS'. Below this, there are links for 'Back to Dashboard', 'My AAMC Profile', and 'My Application'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column displays the user's profile information, including AAMC ID, Sex, Date of Birth, Country of Birth, Email, Birth State, and Birth City. A note indicates that some information is centrally managed by AAMC and cannot be edited on this page. The right column displays the application status, with a red arrow pointing to the 'Not Submitted to AMCAS' status. Below the application status, there are links for 'PRINT TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORMS', 'PRINT LETTER REQUEST FORMS', and 'PRINT APPLICATION'. A red box highlights the 'VIEW APPLICATION STATUS HISTORY' button, with a red arrow pointing down to the 'APPLICATION STATUS DEFINITIONS' window.

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Application

Identifying Information Completed

Schools Attended Completed

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Course Work Incomplete

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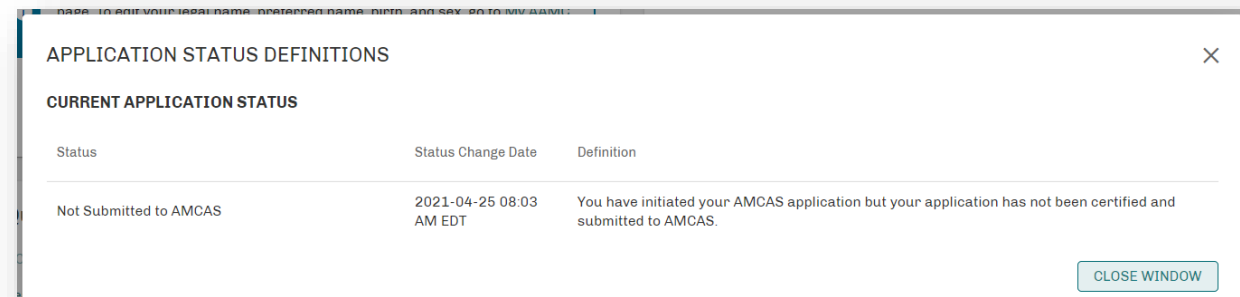
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Status	Status Change Date	Definition
Not Submitted to AMCAS	2021-04-25 08:03 AM EDT	You have initiated your AMCAS application but your application has not been certified and submitted to AMCAS.

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Transcripts (0)

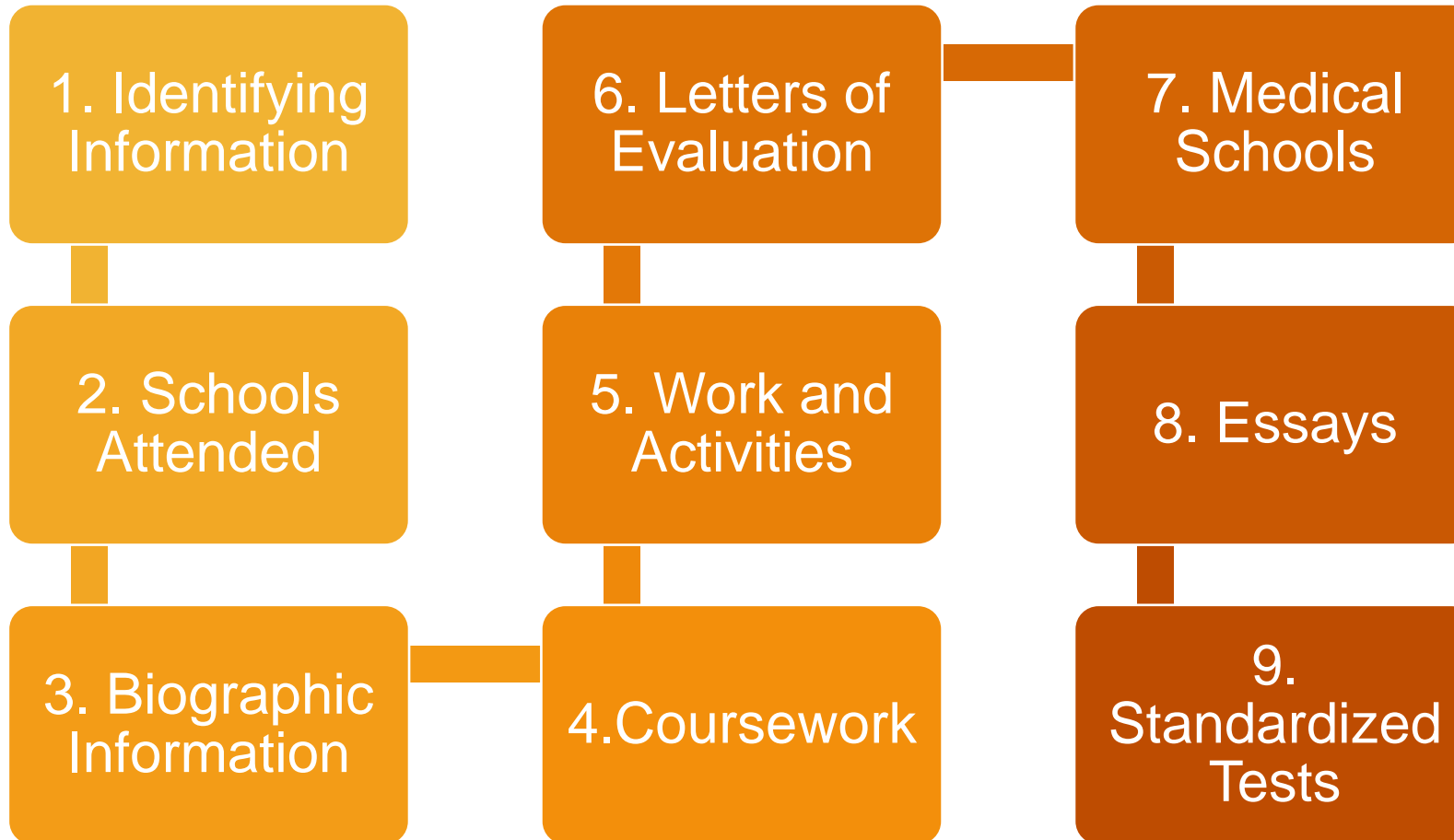
You have no transcripts attached to your application

Letters of Evaluation (0)

You have no letters attached to your application

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Application Sections



2024 AMCAS Application Changes



New Experience Type

“Social Justice/Advocacy” in the AMCAS Web App Work/Activities section



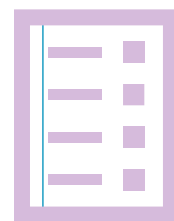
Biographic Information

“Other Impactful Experiences” is replacing the self-reported “Disadvantaged Status” question, including new help text



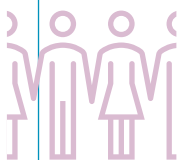
Institutional Actions

“Conduct” and/or “Academic” filters as a dropdown within the existing Institutional Action question



Preview™ Exam

An optional field to indicate an upcoming Preview™ exam and the date of the exam



Pronoun & Gender Identity


Update to the “Other” labels for Pronoun and Gender Identity



Help Texts

Update to Essay prompts and Certification statement

Identifying Information

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Identifying Information

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☒ Identifying Information

- ✓ Legal Name*
- ✓ Preferred Name*
- ☐ Alternate Names
- ☐ ID Numbers
- ✓ Birth Date and Birth Place*
- ✓ Gender Identity and Pronouns*


- ☐ Schools Attended
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Legal Name

Salutation

Select Salutation ▾

 Medical schools will send you correspondence, and often prefer salutation and properly cased name (e.g. Mr. John Smith)

First Name *

Judy


Middle Name


Last Name *

Smith

Suffix

Select Suffix ▾

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Schools Attended

Add College

Country *

Select Country

Program Type *

Select Program Type

Start Date *

MM/YYYY

End Date *

MM/YYYY

Other Options

☐ Summer School Only

☐ Study Abroad Program

Advisor Release

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The school-designated advisor(s) have met AMCAS-established requirements and are bound by confidentiality. Information transferred includes your personal/demographic information, work/activity information, credit hours, MCAT scores, GPAs, the names and types of your recommenders, the names of any other schools you have attended, the medical schools to which you have applied and what action those schools have taken, and the status of your application with AMCAS. Additionally, if you applied for fee assistance through the AAMC Fee Assistance Program, and in your fee assistance application agreed to release award information to your health professions advisor this information will be made available along with your application information.

Do you authorize AMCAS to release your application information to the school-designated advisor(s) at this institution? *

☐ Yes


☐ No

Transcript Request

Note: One official transcript is required from each U.S., U.S. Territorial, or Canadian post-secondary institution at which you have attempted course work, regardless of whether credit was earned.

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Schools Attended

Transcript Request

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If you click Yes, you must have an official transcript sent to AMCAS by the Registrar's Office of the institution.

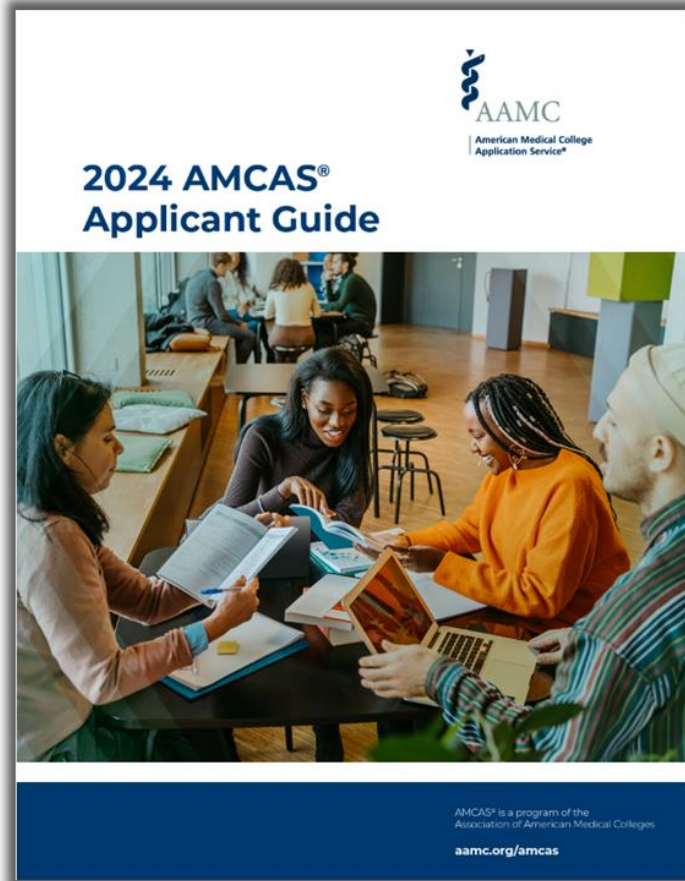
If you click No, this means that you are submitting a Transcript Exception Request and does not preclude you from transcript requirements. AMCAS will review your request and notify you if your Transcript Exception is not granted. This may result in delays for processing your application.

Does AMCAS require an official transcript from this school? Generally, a transcript is required. [Please review this additional information](#) if you need assistance in determining if a transcript is required.*

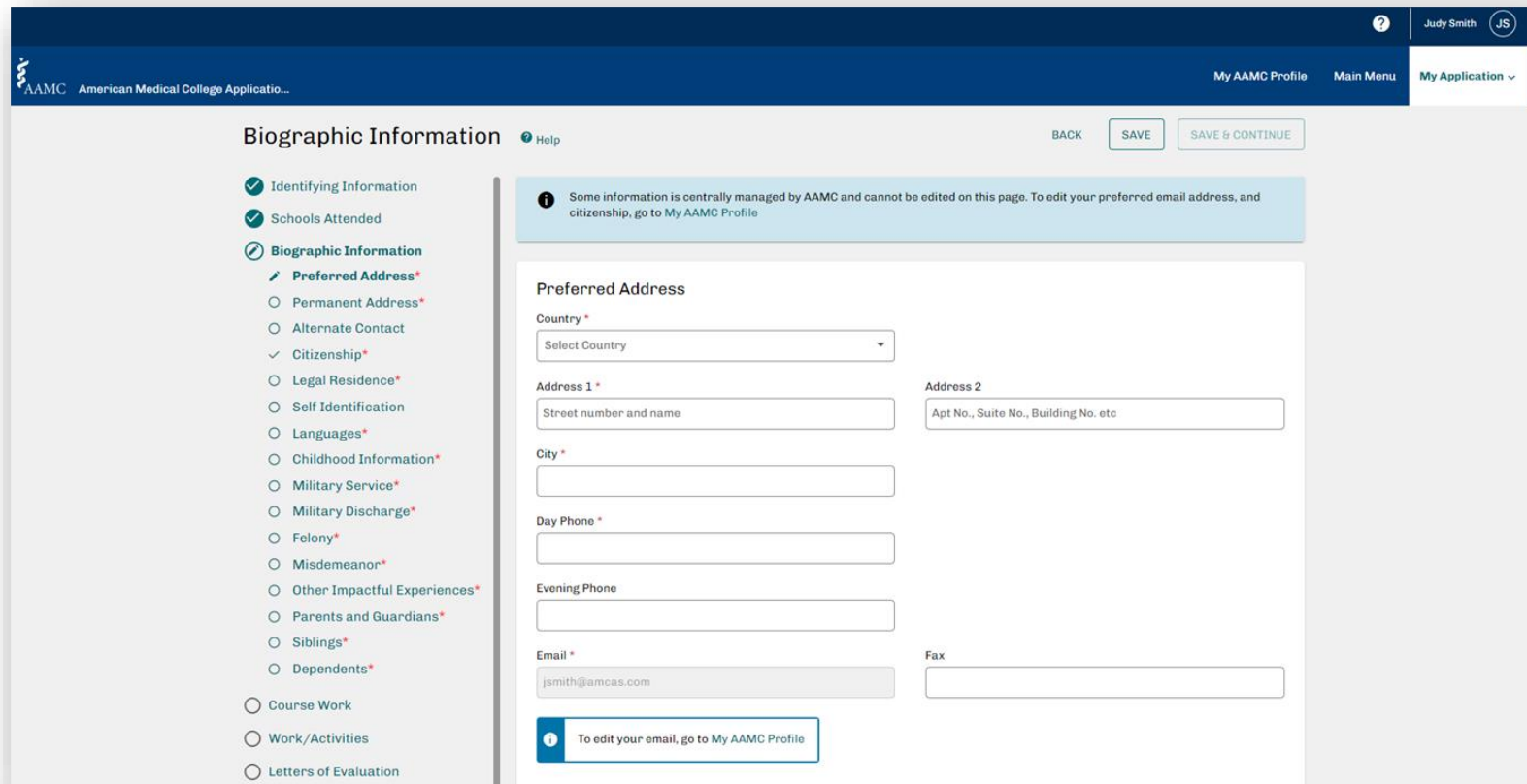
☐ Yes

☐ No

Schools Attended



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Preferred Address

Country *
Select Country

Address 1 *
Street number and name

Address 2
Apt No., Suite No., Building No. etc

City *

Day Phone *

Evening Phone

Email *
jsmith@amcas.com

Fax

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Identifying Information

☒ Identifying Information

☒ Schools Attended

☒ **Biographic Information**

☒ Preferred Address*

☐ Permanent Address*

☐ Alternate Contact

☒ Citizenship*

☐ Legal Residence*

☐ Self Identification

☐ Languages*

☐ Childhood Information*

☐ Military Service*

☐ Military Discharge*

☐ Felony*

☐ Misdemeanor*

☐ Other Impactful Experiences*

☐ Parents and Guardians*

☐ Siblings*

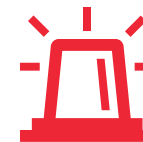
☐ Dependents*

☐ Course Work

☐ Work/Activities

☐ Letters of Evaluation

Other Impactful Experiences



Biographic Information

- ☒ Preferred Address*
- ☐ Permanent Address*
- ☐ Alternate Contact
- ☒ Citizenship*
- ☐ Legal Residence*
- ☐ Self Identification
- ☐ Languages*
- ☐ Childhood Information*
- ☐ Military Service*
- ☐ Military Discharge*
- ☐ Felony*
- ☐ Misdemeanor*
- ☒ Other Impactful Experiences*
- ☐ Parents and Guardians*
- ☐ Siblings*

Other Impactful Experiences

To provide some additional context around each individual's application, admissions committees are interested in learning more about the challenges applicants may have overcome in life. The following question is designed to give you the opportunity to provide additional information about yourself that is not easily captured in the rest of the application.

Please consider whether this question applies to you. Medical schools do not expect all applicants to answer "yes" to this question. This question is intended for applicants who have overcome major challenges or obstacles. Some applicants may not have experiences that are relevant to this question. Other applicants may not feel comfortable sharing personal information in their application.

Have you overcome challenges or obstacles in your life that you would like to describe in more detail? This could include lived experiences related to your family background, financial background, community setting, educational experiences, and/or other life circumstances.*

How should I know if I should answer "Yes" to this question?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Other Impactful Experiences Description

The following examples can help you decide whether you should respond "yes" to the question, and if so, what kinds of experiences you could share. Please keep in mind that this is not a fully inclusive list and any experiences you choose to write about should be ones that directly impacted your life opportunities.

Example Experiences

- **Family background:** serving as a caretaker of a family member (e.g., siblings, parent/guardian), first generation to college.
- **Community setting:** rural area, food scarcity, high poverty or crime rate, lack of access to regular healthcare (e.g., primarily used urgent care clinics or emergency room, no primary care physician).
- **Financial background:** low-income family, worked to support family growing up, work-study to pay for college, federal or state financial support.
- **Educational experience:** limited educational opportunities, limited access to advisors or counselors who were knowledgeable/supportive of higher education requirements.
- **Other general life circumstances** that were beyond your control and impacted your life and/or presented barriers.


Writing Instructions

- **Select the most impactful experiences.** Describe the challenge(s) or hardship(s) you consider most impactful in your life.
- **Write about how experiences impacted your life.** Write about any topics you deem important to discuss, including information that might be mentioned elsewhere in your application (e.g., your personal statement). You can use the space provided in this question to further elaborate on those topics, if desired.
- **Use a narrative style format.** Describe your impactful experience(s) in a narrative format to help admissions committees understand your story, but be mindful of the 1,325 character limit.

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Coursework

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☒ Course Work

☐ Course Work*

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Course Work

You must enter all of the courses you took at each school. Prior to entering your coursework, you are encouraged to watch some brief tutorials that will guide you through the process of entering your coursework. Click on the links below to learn about the process of entering coursework:

- Watch Basic Coursework Tutorial
- Watch AP Coursework/Credit Tutorial
- Watch Current and Future Coursework Tutorial (where you have not yet earned a grade)
- Watch Study Abroad Coursework Tutorial

Please review additional information about coursework in the AMCAS Applicant Guide.

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If you do not need to enter coursework for any of your schools attended, please select None for the applicable school(s). In order for AMCAS to process your application, all required coursework must be entered. Please refer to the AMCAS Applicant Guide for more information about entering coursework.

Coursework

Add Course

Please be sure to enter all course(s) in the correct academic year, academic term, and year in school to avoid delays in application processing time.

Reminder: The AMCAS year begins with summer and ends with spring. Courses taken in the summer should be entered with the next academic year, even if your institution considers them in the previous academic year. For example, if you took a course in the first summer session of 2016, you should enter it as the 2016–2017 academic year, even if your school considers it in the 2015–2016 academic year.

Academic Year *

Select Year

Academic Term *

Select Academic Term

Year in School *

Select Year in School

Course Number

Please enter any letters or numbers. Example BIO 101

Please enter course number

Course Name *

Please enter course name

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You should use a personal copy of your official transcript to complete this section.

Coursework Tips

- Include plus or minus grades.
- The AMCAS academic year begins with the summer term.
- Include your Physical Education courses.
- Have course descriptions available when entering course classifications and review the course classification chart thoroughly.
- If you applied in a previous year, update your final grades.
- Include your original alpha grade for all attempts of a repeated course.

Coursework: Things to Avoid!

- If your transcript shows letter grades **do not** enter numeric grades or quality points in the grade field.
- Do not enter the course number as the course name.
 - For example: *BIO 101 Intro to Biology* should be entered as **Course Name: Intro to Biology** and **Course Name: BIO 101** **NOT** ~~Course Name "BIO" Course Number "101"~~.
- Do not enter special symbols or characters when entering the courses name and course number.
- Do not enter your summer courses in the wrong year.
 - For example: If your course was taken in the **summer of 2020** it goes in **AY 2020-2021** in the AMCAS application.

Coursework: Things to Avoid!

- **Do not** classify Physics classes as ~~Natural Physical Science~~. The classification for Physics courses is as **Physics (PHYS)**.
- If any course has both a lecture and a lab component, **do not** list both grades in a single entry.
 - For example: Biology Lecture B+ Biology Lab C+ **do not enter** Biology B+/C+
- Do not omit withdrawals or repeated courses.
- Do not forget to add Advanced Placement courses.
- If your application is returned for 10+ missing courses, do not omit any courses when you resubmit.

Work/Activities

Add Work/Activities

Experience Type *

Select Experience Type

Experience Name *

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Indicate the total number of hours that you spent completing (or expect to complete) this work experience or activity during the date range that you indicate. If this is a repeated experience, enter the total number of hours for each date range you provide.

Start Date *

Select Month

Select Years

End Date *

Select Month

Select Years

Total Hours *

Repeated *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Organization Name

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- Maximum of 15 entries
 - You can enter additional date ranges for repeated activities
 - You can enter anticipated hours
- Maximum of 3 “Most Meaningful”

Most Meaningful Experience Summary*

This is your opportunity to summarize why you have selected this experience as one of your most meaningful. In your remarks, you might consider the transformative nature of the experience; the impact you made while engaging in the experience and the personal growth you experienced as a result of your participation.

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Work/Activities

Add Work/Activities

Experience Type *

Select Experience Type

Paid Employment - Not Medical/Clinical

Physician Shadowing/Clinical Observation

Presentations/Posters

Publications

Research/Lab

Social Justice/Advocacy

Teaching/Tutoring/Teaching Assistant

Experience Name *

ted. Please enter the date range and hours completed
activity on multiple occasions, please select "Yes" to
s and hours. Note: the start date must be the current
you can select is the current month and year.
e enter May 2022 as the Start and End Dates and enter

Start Date *

Select Month

Select Years

End Date *

Select Month

Select Years

Completed Hours *

Repeated *

☐ Yes

☐ No

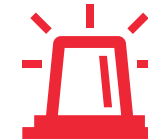
Anticipated Hours

This section enables you to let schools know if you anticipate any additional hours for this experience.

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Work/Activities: Tips

- Work and activities will appear on your application in chronological order and you cannot rearrange them.
- When writing your response for your “Most Meaningful”, you might want to consider the transformative nature of the experience, the impact you made while engaging in the activity, and the personal growth you experienced as a result of your participation.
- You can indicate anticipated hours if you will complete any additional hours for an experience. The start date must be the current month and year or later, and the latest end date you can select is August 2024.

Work/Activities: Things to think about

- How does this experience impact my future profession in medicine?
- Be mindful that medical schools are trying to determine how you have tested out your decision of pursuing medicine.
- Enter only significant experiences.
- Include clinical and non-clinical activities – especially activities where you have led projects and/or people.
- Some schools have required experiences.

Letters of Evaluation

Add Letter of Evaluation/Recommendation

Many medical schools determine whether or not an applicant has met their letter of evaluation/recommendation requirements by the type of letters they receive in support of an application. For example, a medical school may require a committee letter OR three individual letters in support of your application.
Please review the AMCAS Applicant Guide for more information about Letters of Evaluation.

Please identify the type of letter you wish to enter. If you are uncertain as to the type of letters provided by your school/institution, please ask your pre-health advisor or career center prior to answering this question.

☐ Committee Letter:
A committee is a letter authored by a pre-health committee or pre-health advisor and intended to represent your institution's evaluation of you. A committee letter may or may not include additional letters written in support of your application. A Committee Letter is sometimes called a composite letter.

☐ Letter Packet:
A packet or set of letters assembled and distributed by your institution, often by the institution's career center.

☐ Individual Letter:
An individual letter refers only to a letter authored by, and representing, a single letter writer. **If you have already included an individual letter within either a committee letter or letter packet, you do not need to add a separate entry for the individual letter.**

Select a meaningful Letter Title, as you may need this title later to identify a letter. For example, if this letter were from the University Of X, with a primary contact of John Doe, and you intend to have this letter sent only to MD/PhD programs, you might create a title of "UX_Doe_MD_PhD".


Letter Title

Please enter a title for this letter

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You can submit
your application
before AMCAS
receives your
letters.



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Medical Schools

Add Medical School

Filters

State: Filter by State | Deadline: Filter by Deadline | Program Type: Filter by Program Type

Schools

School *: x [VIEW THIS SCHOOL'S MSAR PROFILE](#)

Program

i You may need **prior permission** from the medical school to select any of the following program types:

- Deferred/Delayed Matriculant
- Early Assurance
- Combined Bachelors/Medical Degree
- Other Special Program

Program *

☐ Regular M.D.

☐ Early Decision ("Applicants applying through the Early Decision program are NOT permitted to apply to other schools while under consideration for Early Decision. Interviews begin in early July. Admissions decisions will begin on July 8, 2021.") (Restricted)

☐ Combined Medical Degree/Ph.D

Have you applied to this medical school in previous years? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

You should be sure to select the correct program type and be mindful of program and transcript deadlines.

Essay

Personal Comments Essay

Some questions you may want to consider while drafting this essay are:

- Why have you selected the field of medicine?
- What motivates you to learn more about medicine?
- What do you want medical schools to know about you that hasn't been disclosed in another section of the application?

In addition, you may wish to include information such as:

- Special hardships, challenges or obstacles that may have influenced your educational pursuits
- Commentary on significant fluctuations in your academic record which are not explained elsewhere in your application

OK

Personal Comments Essay



Consider and write your Personal Comments carefully; many admissions committees place significant weight on this section. Make sure you proofread carefully because no changes may be made after you submit your application. What information should I consider including in my personal comments?

Use the space provided to explain why you want to go to medical school. *

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Essay

MD/PhD Essay



Your response will only be forwarded to your designated MD/PhD program(s).

Please state your reasons for wishing to pursue the combined MD/PhD degree. *

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Significant Research Hours

Please enter your total hours of prior research experience. *

Significant Research Essay



Your response will only be forwarded to your designated MD/PhD program(s).

If your research resulted in a publication on which you were an author, please provide the full citation in the Work/Activities section of your application.

Please describe your significant research experiences. In your statement, please specify your research supervisor's name and affiliation, the duration of the experience, the nature of the problem studied, and your contributions to the project. *

Your response will only be forwarded to your designated MD/PhD program(s).

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Essay: Things to think about

- By the end of reading your statement, the reader should understand why you want to be a physician.
- Admissions officers want to learn something about you that they can't find in any other part of your application.
- When you consider what to write, think about the series of events in your life that have led up to the point where you are applying to medical school.

Essay Quick Tips

- Proofread your essay
- Check for spelling errors
- Read it BACKWARDS
- Read it “Out Loud”
- Have mentors and loved ones review it
- Make sure that it’s your statement – though others might have suggestions, the final document is yours and must reflect your reason(s) for pursuing medicine

Essay Do's and Don'ts

DO

- Make sure your statement addresses your reason(s) for wanting to pursue medicine
- Have a lot of people review it – friends, colleagues, mentors, letter writers
- Be mindful that “all” medical schools will receive the same AMCAS application
- Check and re-check for grammatical and spelling issues – your application is your first impression

DON'T

- Speak in generalities
- Be informal
- Include/restate everything in your activities section in your personal statement
- Make your statement “too personal” – you should be able to talk about the personal statement contents in an interview

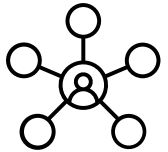
Will the upcoming Supreme Court decisions on race-conscious admissions impact what I can share about myself in the medical school application essays?



The Harvard and UNC cases both involve challenges to what **colleges and universities** may consider in making admissions decisions; neither case challenges what an *applicant* may share about themselves



Each individual **medical school is the authoritative source** on what that school is looking for in its applicants



Medical schools seek to understand who you are as an individual, including your **identities, communities, and experiences**, and how these relate to your motivation for pursuing a career in medicine and your career goals.

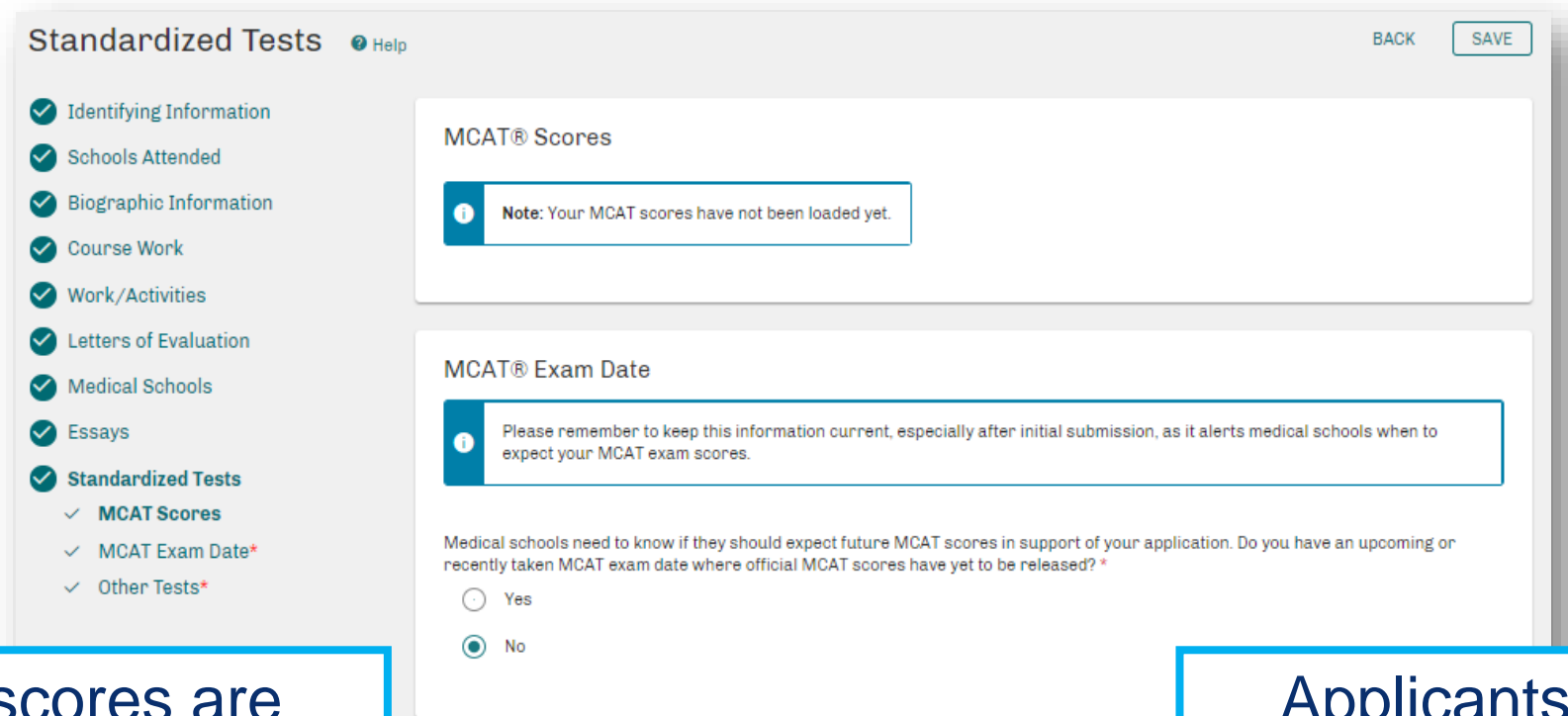


Admissions officers tend to look for candidates with experiences, attributes, and metrics, and personal statements that **align with the school's mission**.



Take the time to **reflect on your personal journey** and motivations for pursuing medicine

Standardized Tests



The screenshot shows the 'Standardized Tests' section of a medical school application portal. On the left is a sidebar with a list of sections, each preceded by a checkmark: 'Identifying Information', 'Schools Attended', 'Biographic Information', 'Course Work', 'Work/Activities', 'Letters of Evaluation', 'Medical Schools', 'Essays', and 'Standardized Tests'. Under 'Standardized Tests', there are three sub-items: 'MCAT Scores', 'MCAT Exam Date*', and 'Other Tests*'. The 'MCAT Scores' section is currently active and displays a note: 'Note: Your MCAT scores have not been loaded yet.' Below this is the 'MCAT® Exam Date' section, which contains a reminder to keep the information current and a question: 'Medical schools need to know if they should expect future MCAT scores in support of your application. Do you have an upcoming or recently taken MCAT exam date where official MCAT scores have yet to be released? *'. There are two radio button options: 'Yes' and 'No', with 'No' being selected.

Standardized Tests [Help](#) BACK SAVE

- ✓ Identifying Information
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 - ✓ Other Tests*

MCAT® Scores

Note: Your MCAT scores have not been loaded yet.

MCAT® Exam Date

Please remember to keep this information current, especially after initial submission, as it alerts medical schools when to expect your MCAT exam scores.

Medical schools need to know if they should expect future MCAT scores in support of your application. Do you have an upcoming or recently taken MCAT exam date where official MCAT scores have yet to be released? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

MCAT scores are automatically released to your application.

Applicants should indicate any future MCAT testing dates.



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MCAT Scores



Score breakdowns and confidence bands will appear in the application.

Standardized Tests

- ☒ Schools Attended
- ☐ Biographic Information
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- ☐ Letters of Evaluation
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- ☐ Essays
- ☒ **Standardized Tests**
 - ✓ MCAT Scores
 - ☐ MCAT Exam Date*
 - ✓ PREview Scores
 - ✓ PREview Exam Date
 - ☐ **Other Tests***

AAMC PREview™ Scores



Note: Your PREview Scores have not been loaded yet

PREview™ Exam Date (Optional)



Please remember to keep this information current, especially after initial submission, as it alerts medical schools when to expect your PREview exam scores.

Medical schools need to know if they should expect future PREview scores in support of your application. Do you have an upcoming or recently taken PREview exam date where official PREview scores have yet to be released?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

AAMC PREview™ Exam

- The AAMC PREview™ professional readiness exam is formerly the AAMC Situational Judgment Test
- Several U.S. medical schools will accept AAMC PREview™ professional readiness exam scores for the AMCAS 2024 cycle
- **Registration is OPEN!**
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Certification Statements

Application Submission Process

CANCEL

AGREE

☒ Pre-Submission Checks

☒ Certification

☐ Password

☐ CBC

☐ Payment

Certification Statements

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In order to complete and submit your application, you must certify the following statements by checking each box and clicking the Agree button.

☐ I certify that the information in this application and associated materials is current, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. *

☐ I certify that all written passages, such as the personal statement, essays required from M.D.-Ph.D. applicants and descriptions of work/activities, are my own and have not been written, in part or whole, by a third party. Quotations are permitted if the source is cited. *

☐ I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the AMCAS Applicant Guide, including the provisions noting that I am responsible for monitoring and ensuring the progress of my application process, by checking the Main Menu of my application. *

☐ I understand that I am responsible for reviewing my application after AMCAS processing is complete. I am responsible for notifying AMCAS of any discrepancies resulting from the verification process by using the Academic Change Request process located in the Quick Links section of the Main Menu. *

☐ I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants, which set forth guidelines for ethical conduct during the application process, and define important application cycle dates. *

☐ AAMC investigates and may report to legitimately interested parties discrepancies in information, attempts to subvert the admission process, and any other irregular matter that occurs in connection with application activities. I understand and agree that the sole and exclusive remedy available to me to appeal or otherwise challenge the AAMC's decision to send an investigation report to legitimately interested parties shall be confidential, binding arbitration through written submissions only to the Washington, D.C. office of the American Arbitration Association under the expedited procedures for commercial matters. I understand that my failure to request in writing arbitration within 30 calendar days of receipt of an investigation report that has been approved by the AAMC for transmittal to interested parties will constitute an absolute bar and waiver of this exclusive remedy. I further understand that the sole issue for arbitration shall be whether the AAMC acted reasonably and in good faith in making its decision. *

☐ I understand that I am responsible for learning the admissions requirements, application policies, and due dates for each school to which I am applying, and that I am not eligible for a refund of AMCAS fees if I do not meet the admissions requirements of the medical schools to which I apply. *

☐ I understand that I am required to inform the Admissions Office of each medical school to which I apply if I am convicted of, or plead guilty or no contest to, a misdemeanor or felony crime after the date of my original application submission and prior to medical school matriculation. I understand that this communication must be in writing and must occur within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of the conviction. *

☐ I understand that I am required to inform the Admissions Office of each medical school to which I apply if I become the subject of an institutional action after the date of my original application submission and prior to medical school matriculation. I understand that this communication must be in writing and must occur within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of the institutional action. *

Last step of application: certify data is accurate, submit, and pay processing fee.

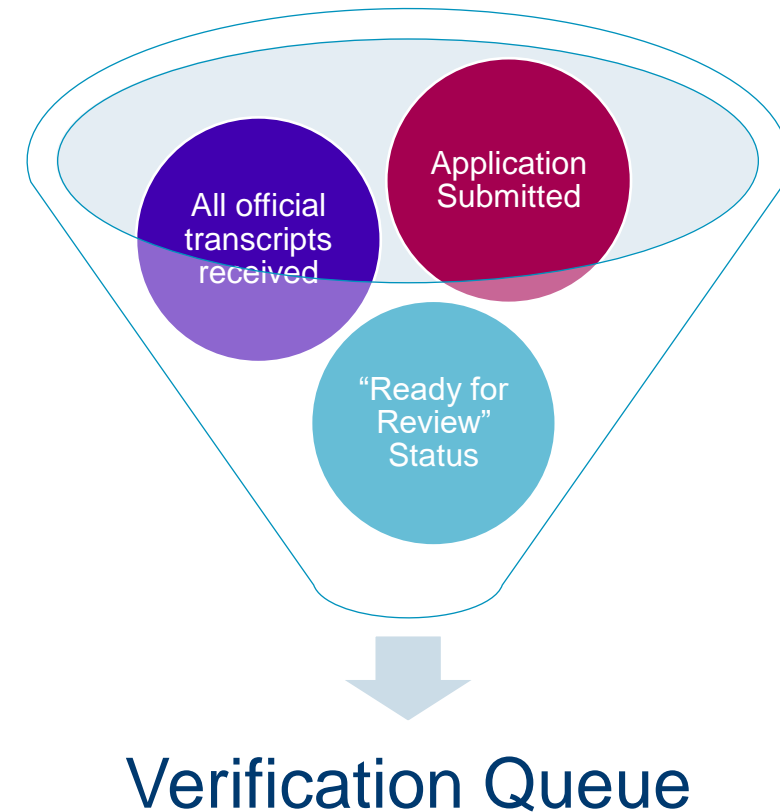
AMCAS Verification Process

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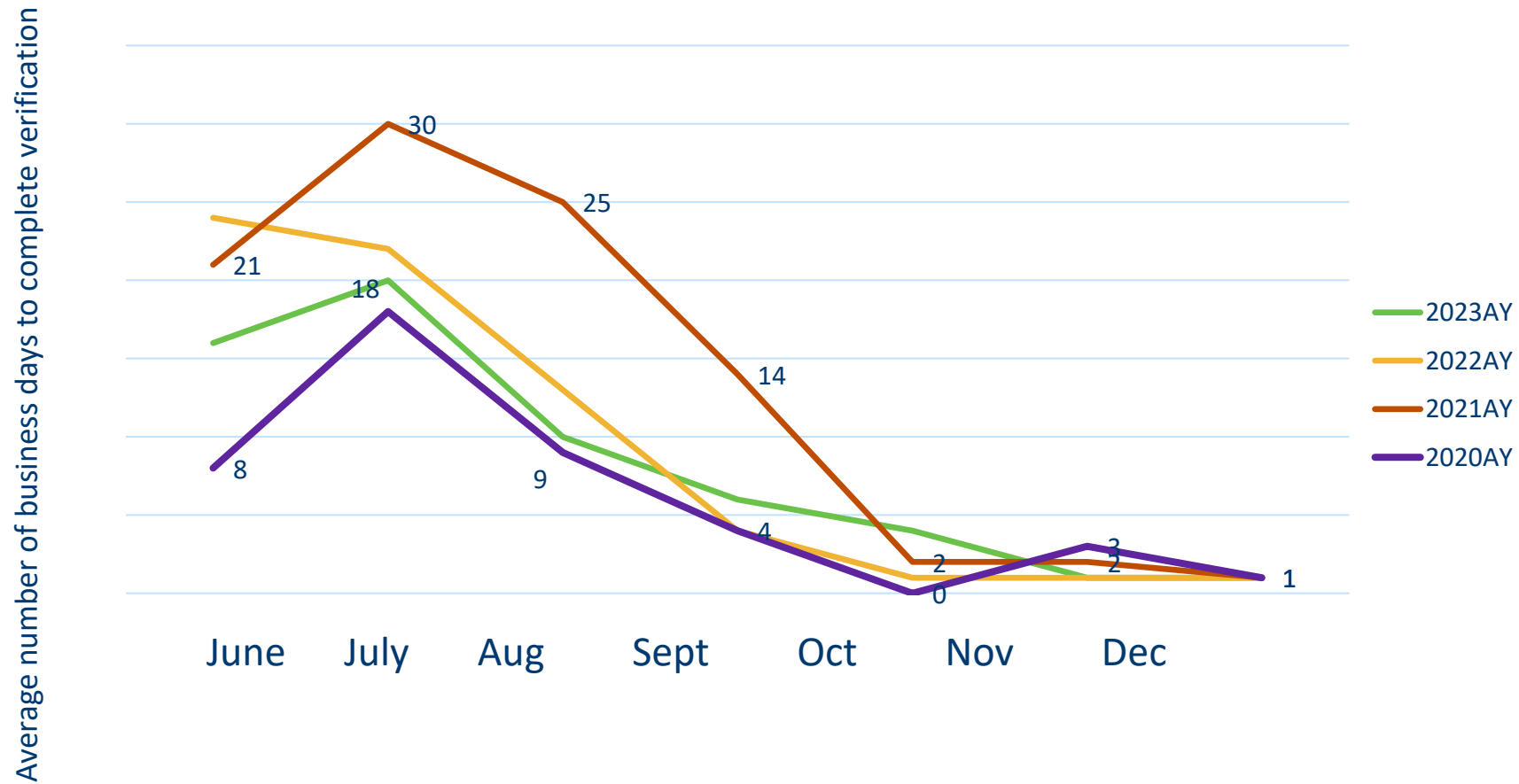
- All required official transcripts must be received before an application can join the verification queue
 - AMCAS accepts PDF eTranscripts from approved senders

Processing

- From date of **“Ready to Review”** application status, about 6 weeks
- Find processing on the AMCAS application sign in page



AMCAS Verification



Application Reminders

- Criminal Background Checks
- *Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants*



Criminal Background Checks

- Participating schools have checks run on accepted or waitlisted applicants
- Certiphi Screening, Inc. will notify applicants when the CBC has been initiated
- Applicants have 10 calendar days to review their report
- No additional charge to the applicant for this service

CBC Schedule

Application Status	CBC Procured
Accepted, Early Decision Program	Upon Acceptance
Accepted, Regular	After January 1
Alternate List	After May 15, by school's request only

Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants

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Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants

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Recommendations to help ensure that all MD and MD-PhD applicants receive timely notification about the outcome of their AMCAS® application. These guidelines are not intended to supersede the policies, timelines, or discretion of individual schools or programs. Each applicant is expected to become familiar with the procedures and requirements of each school to which they apply.

The following steps are recommended to help ensure that all MD and MD-PhD applicants receive timely notification about the outcome of their applications, and to protect schools and programs from having unfilled positions in their entering classes. These protocols are often referred to as "Traffic Rules" by admissions officers and prehealth advisors. Prospective applicants, their advisors, and admission staff at medical schools and programs should all be aware of these Application and Acceptance Protocols for applicants. An applicant's actions during the admissions process should be conducted in the spirit of professionalism and ethics expected of a future physician.

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ALERTS

The 2022 AMCAS application will open on May 3 under normal operations. [Learn more.](#)

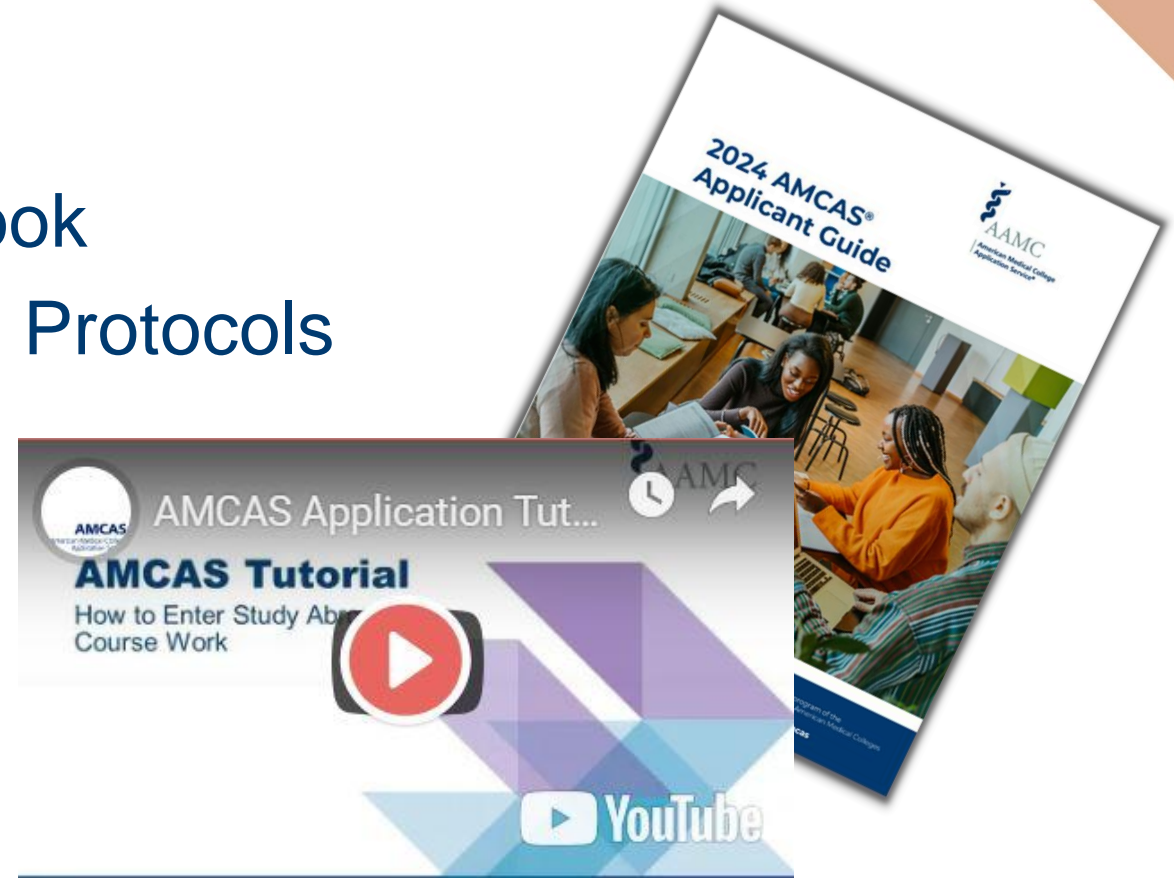
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AMCAS Tools

- AMCAS Applicant Guide
- AMCAS Application Workbook
- Application and Acceptance Protocols
- Video Tutorials
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 - The Letter Writer Application
 - Letter Guidelines
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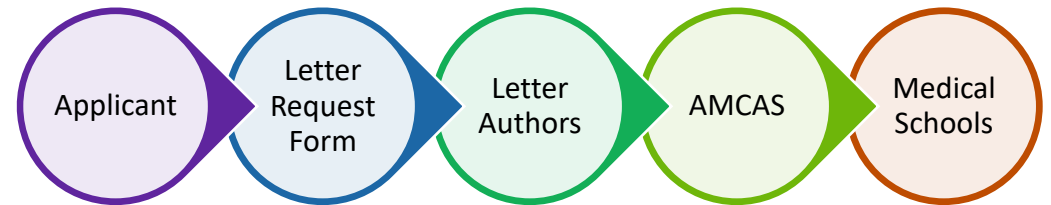


Letters of Evaluation



Submission Methods:

- AMCAS Letter Writer Application
- Interfolio

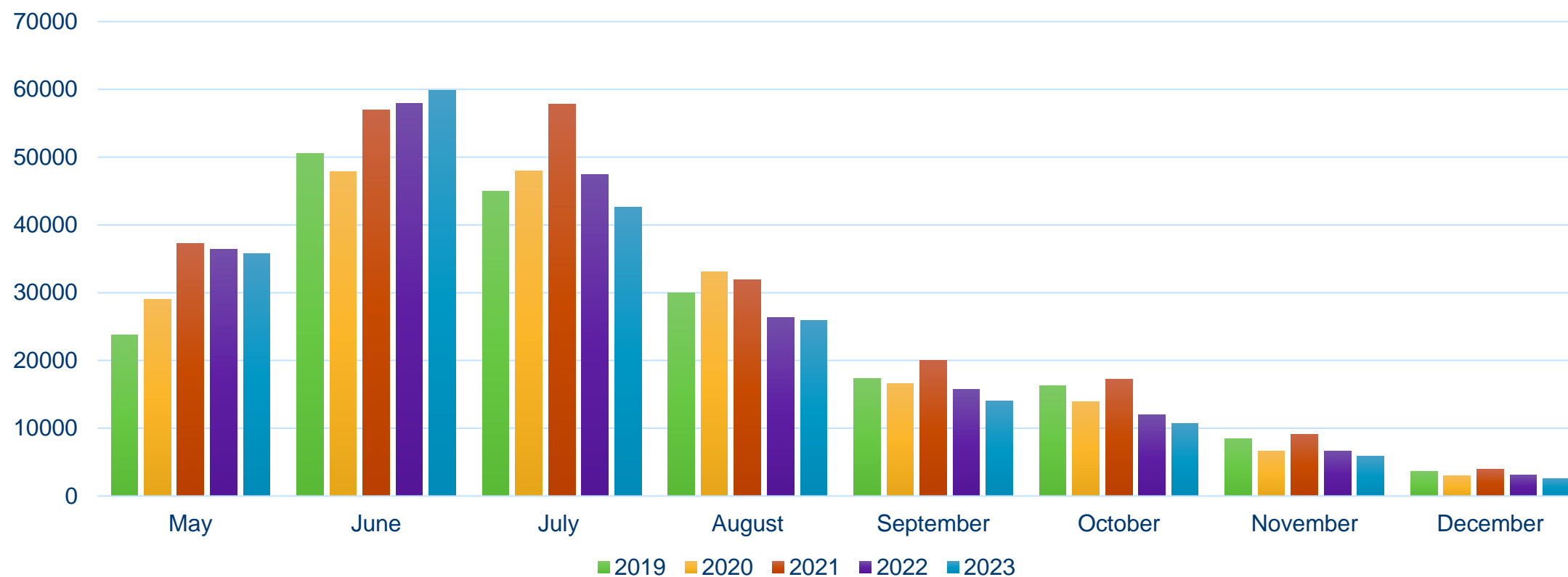


Medical schools receive letters electronically, on a rolling basis after an application is verified

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Letters of Evaluation

Letters of Evaluation Received, 2019AY – 2023AY



AMCAS Letter Writer Application

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Letter Writer Application

Welcome to the AMCAS Letter Writer Application

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If you have an AAMC account, please click the "Login" button below.

Login [Forgot Password?](#)

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Register For a New Account

If you do not have an account, click the "Register" button below to proceed.

Register

About the AMCAS Letter Writer Application

The Letter Writer Application enables letter writers to upload PDF documents to AMCAS rather than send letters via the mail. Once the PDF document is uploaded to the Letter Writer Application and after the processing of the AMCAS application the documents are made available to the medical schools designated by the applicant. Please click 'Help' after logging into the Letter Writer Application for instructions on uploading letters, or click [HERE](#) for a link to our public site which also contains detailed instructions.

The AAMC has established a centralized set of guidelines for letter writers. Please be sure to review these guidelines at www.aamc.org/amcasletters when writing letters of recommendation for applicants to medical schools.

Need Help?

[Watch the Letter Writer Application video tutorial](#) to get started. [Send us an e-mail](#) using our online form.

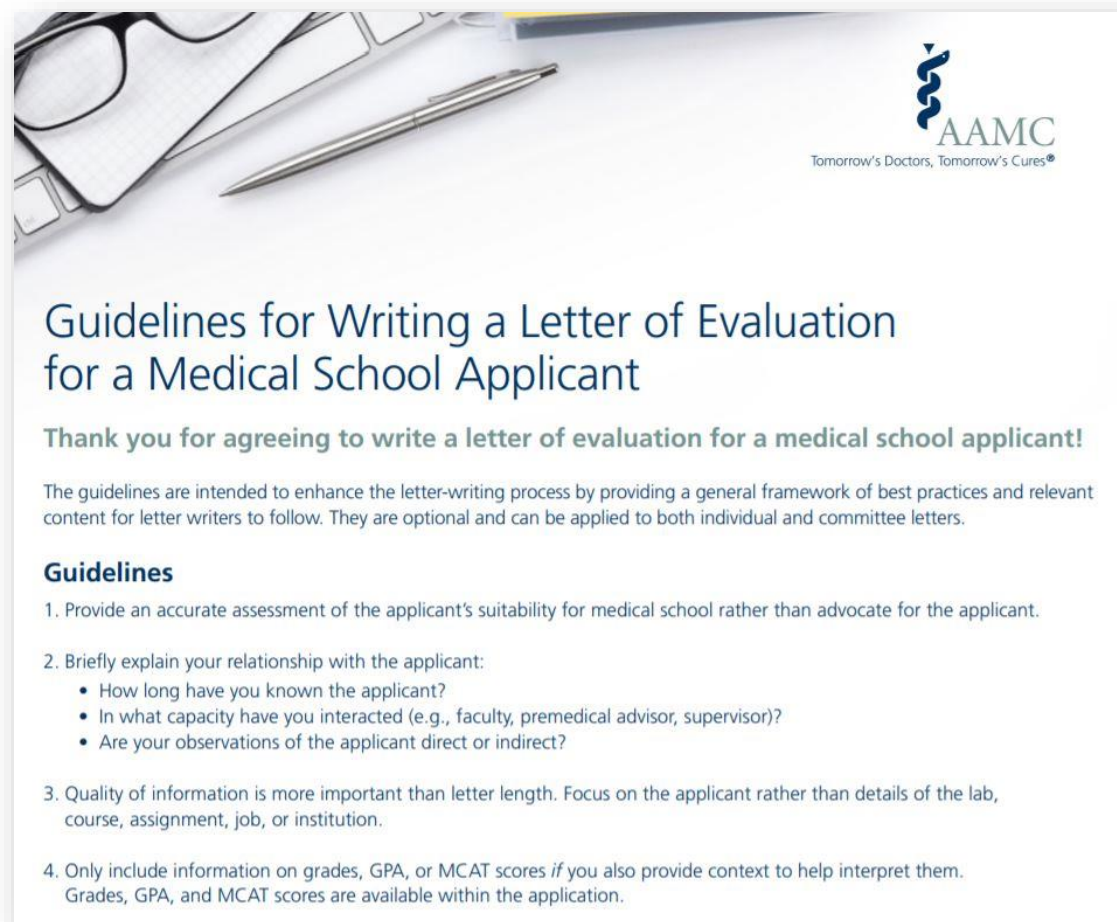
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All major AAMC applications, such as AIS, AMCAS, MCAT THx, and the Fee Assistance Program use the same usernames and passwords. If you have used one of these systems please enter that username and password in the boxes to the left. **Each user needs a separate AAMC account and you will need to register if you are uploading for an AMCAS applicant as you cannot use your applicant's/student's AAMC ID and password to upload documents.**

Note: Medical schools may require your letters to be on official letterhead and include your signature.

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Letter Writer Guidelines



Ask your letter writer to visit aamc.org/advisors to access the Guidelines for Writing a Letter of Evaluation for a Medical School Applicant

AAMC Fee Assistance Program



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- MCAT Benefit
 - Reduced registration fees
 - Access to all 15 online AAMC MCAT Official Prep Products
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- AMCAS Benefit
 - AMCAS application submission fee waiver for up to 20 schools
- MSAR Benefit
 - Complimentary access to the Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR) website
- AAMC PREview™ Benefit
 - Waiver for AAMC PREview™ professional readiness exam registration fees

Benefits are NOT Retroactive



Program Eligibility


- U.S.-based home address
- Tied to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' poverty level guidelines
- Requires parental financial information and supporting tax documentation for applicants under 26



Income Eligibility

Family Size	Contiguous States, District of Columbia & U.S. Territories	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$54,360	\$64,360	\$62,520
2	\$73,240	\$91,560	\$84,240
3	\$92,120	\$115,160	\$105,960
4	\$111,000	\$138,760	\$127,680
5	\$129,880	\$162,360	\$149,400
6	\$148,760	\$185,960	\$171,120
7	\$167,640	\$209,560	\$192,840
8	\$186,520	\$233,160	\$214,560
8+	\$4,720 for each additional person	\$5,900 for each additional person.	\$5,430 for each additional person

How the Fee Assistance Program Helped

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Samantha Steinhall

I truthfully would not have been able to apply to medical school when I did if it weren't for AAMC's FAP and therefore, I wouldn't be enjoying my first term of med school like I am now. As such, I am immensely grateful for the enormous opportunity and privilege this program has afforded me.


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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.


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William Benjamin Smith


Receiving AAMC Fee Assistance benefits turned my dream into a practical enterprise. The AMCAS fees, secondary fees, and MCAT prep would have put an inordinate strain on me and my family's finances otherwise. I'm truly grateful for this program enabling me to focus on becoming a better applicant a...

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Ilana Zago

I knew early on that paying for medical school applications was going to be a tremendous barrier for me. I chose to set that worry aside to focus on studying for the MCAT and refining my personal



Prisha Shashikant Patel

I always heard my fellow friends and classmates complain about financial burden from taking the MCAT and applying to multiple schools. I applied to almost 20 schools for free; most of my



Ramsey Sha Potter

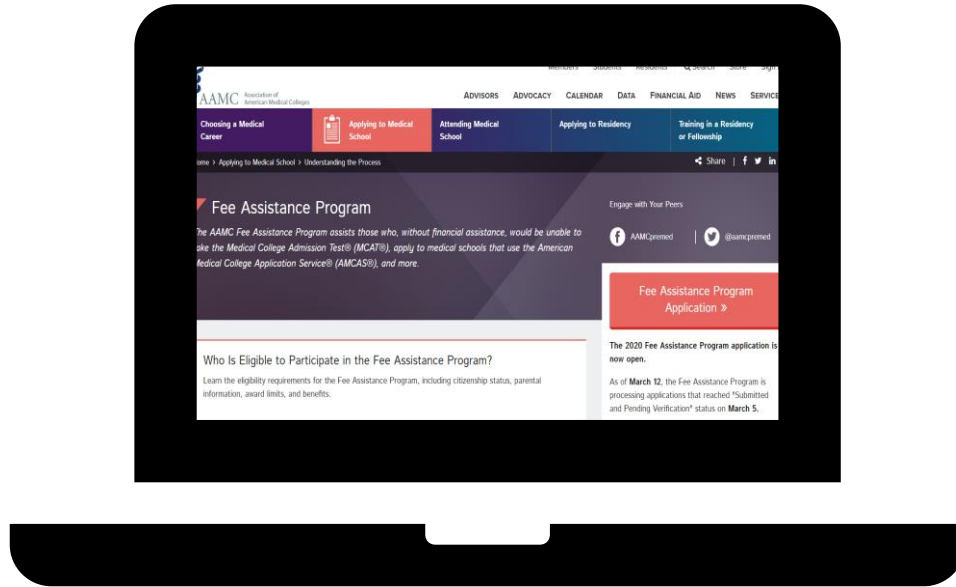
Without the help of the AAMC Fee Assistance benefits program I would not have been able to pursue a career in medicine. This program changed the cost of the medical school application process



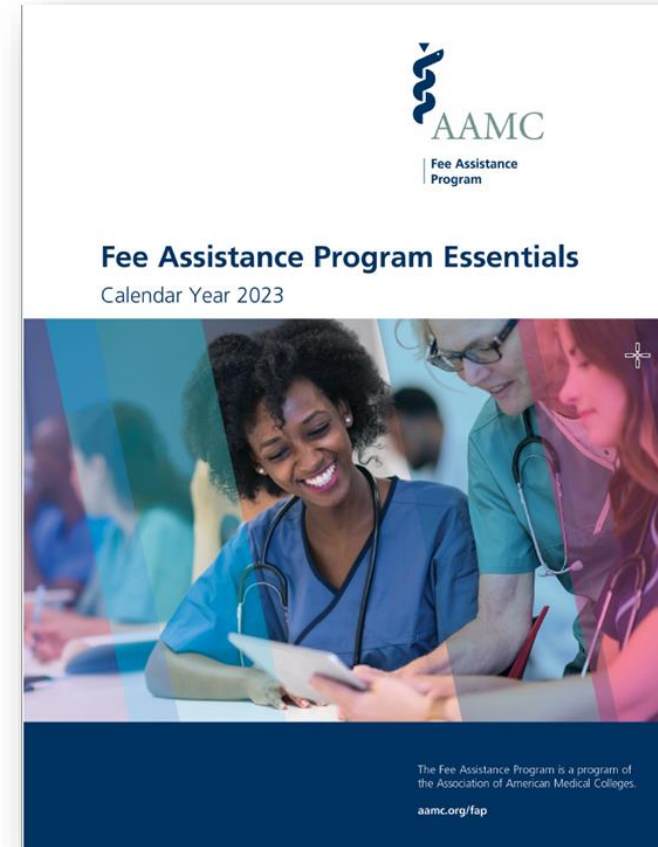
- Waived secondary fees
 - Scholarships
- Interview expenses

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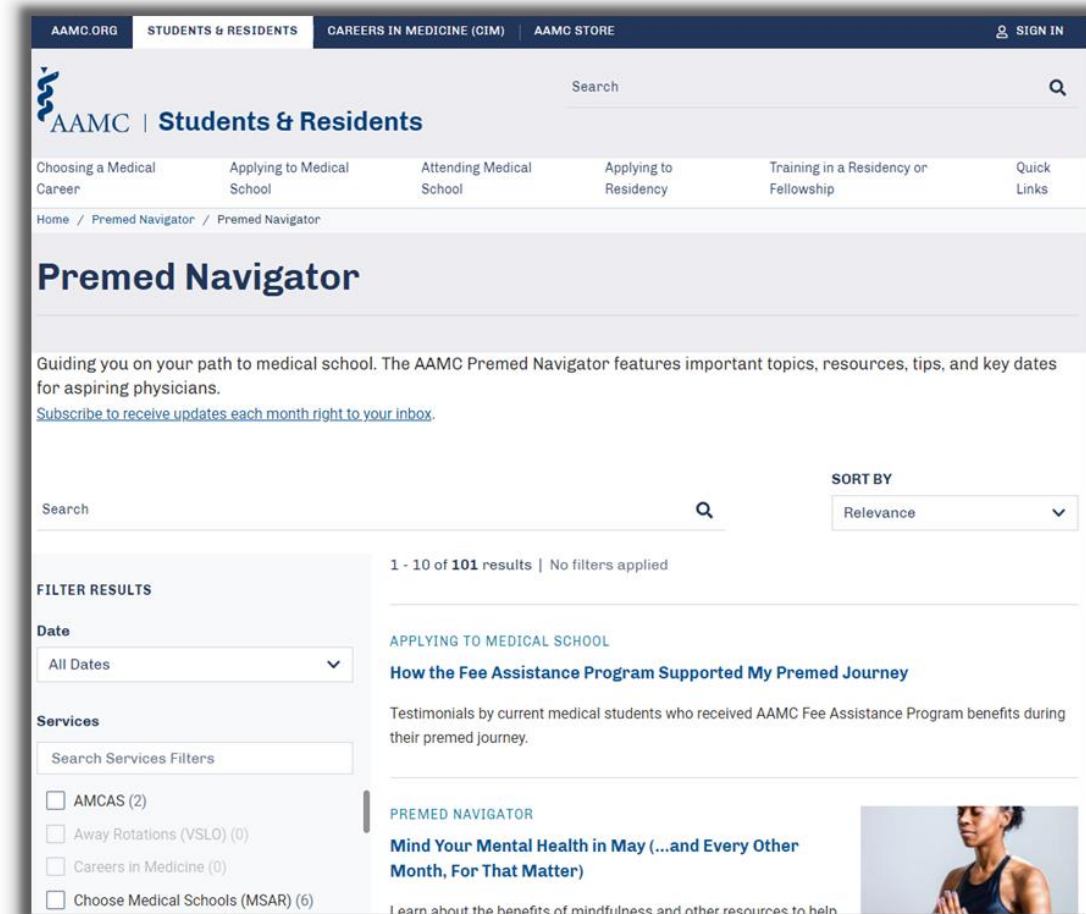
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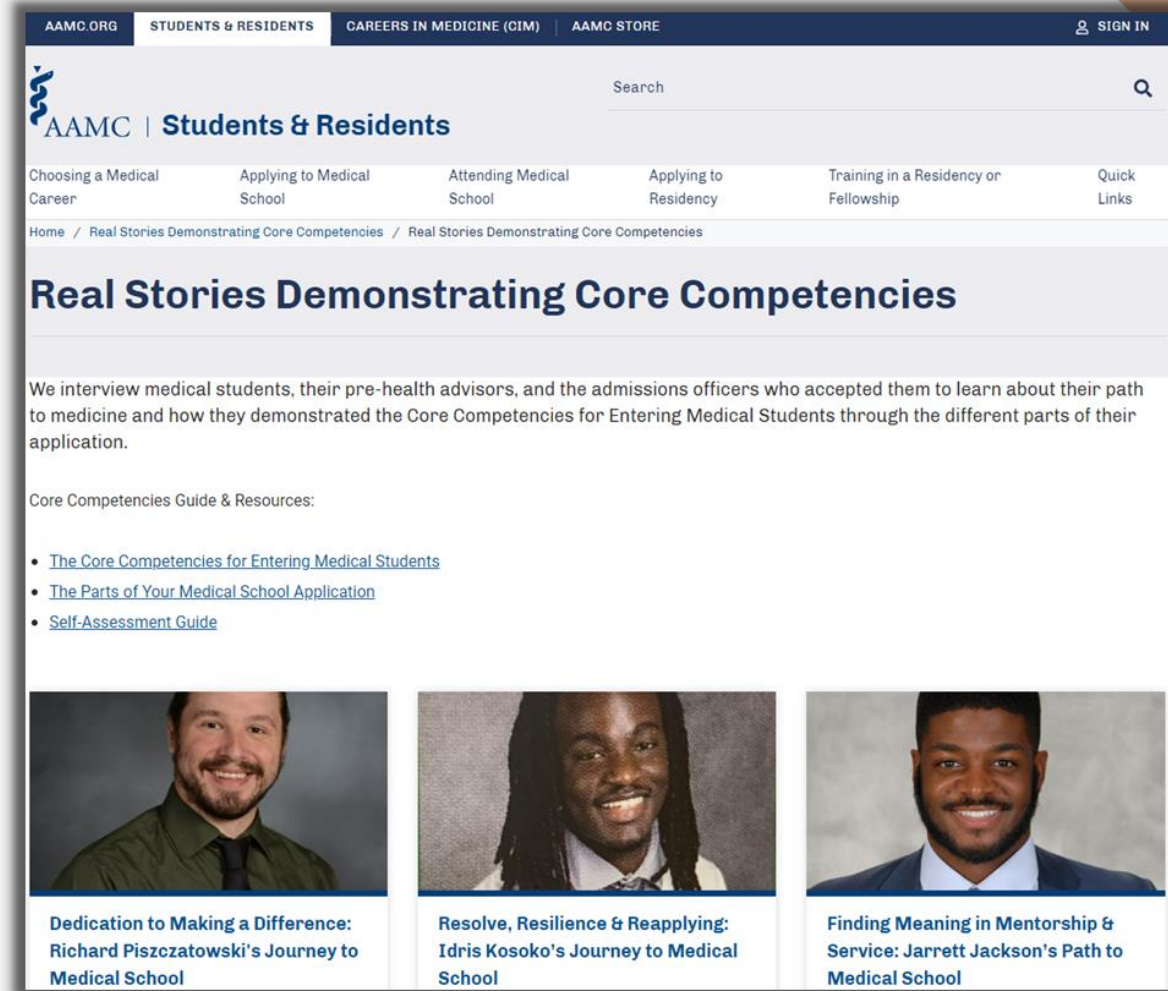
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