

Navigating the 2025 AMCAS Application Cycle

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How does the AMCAS Application work?



Application Submitted

- Applicant completes & submits AMCAS application online
- Applicant pays submission fees (or uses valid Fee Assistance Program benefits)



Application Processed

- Applicant arranges for all required official transcripts to be sent to AMCAS program
- AMCAS program performs verification of coursework and calculates AMCAS GPAs

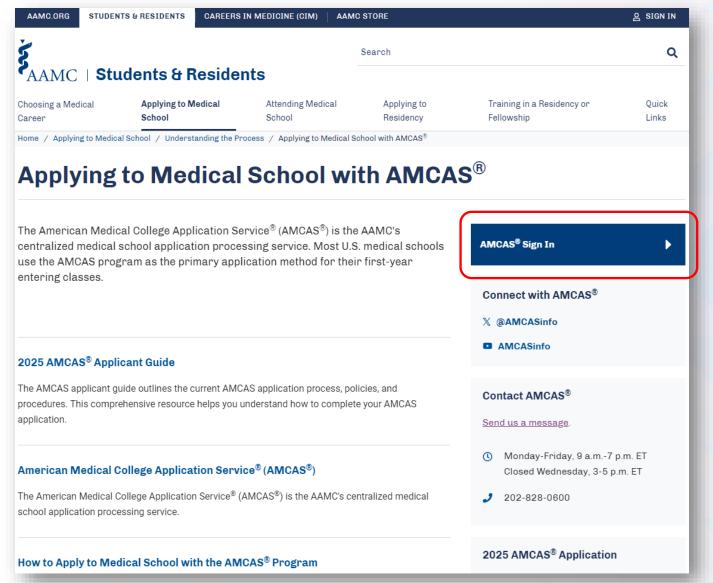


Application Delivered

- AMCAS program distributes verified application to designated med schools
- AMCAS program delivers letters to designated med schools as they are received



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2025 AMCAS Application Dates

Date	Event
April	2025 AMCAS resources available
May 1	AMCAS application opens
May 28	AMCAS application submission begins
June 28	Initial transmission of application data to medical schools
August 1	Early Decision Program deadline
SeptDec.	Application deadlines

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 <u>www.aamc.org/amcasdeadlines</u>



2025 AMCAS Participation

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157 Schools/Programs

Application

All MD granting schools in the United States with the

exception of MD programs at Texas public schools

AMCAS Letters

155 Schools/Programs

Criminal

Background Checks

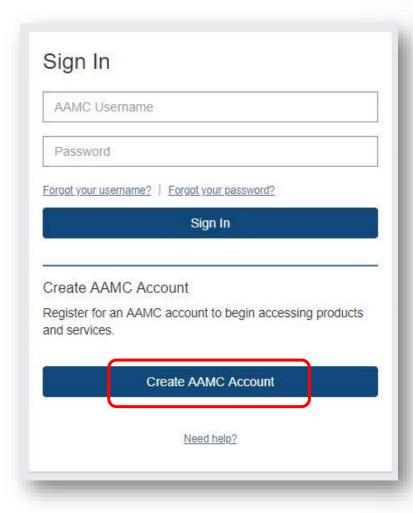
131 Schools/Programs

2025 AMCAS Application Fees:

- \$175 processing fee (includes one school designation)
- \$46 for each additional school

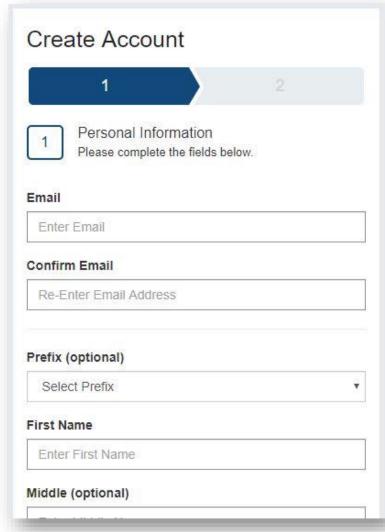


Accessing the Application





AAMC Registration

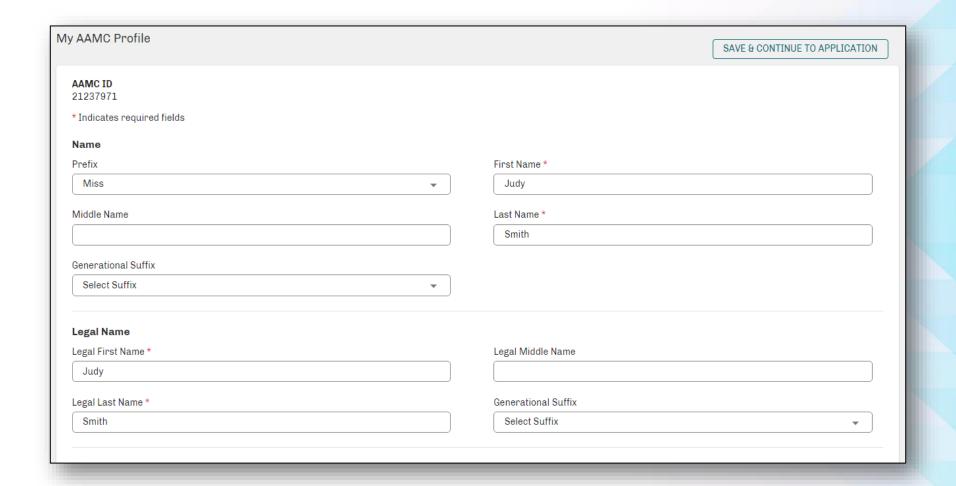




You should only complete registration if you do not have an AAMC ID.



My AAMC Profile





Select "2025 Application Cycle"

Upcoming AMCAS Applications

2025 Application Cycle

This is the application cycle for applicants who intend to start medical school in the summer or fall of 2025.

COMING SOON - LAUNCHES MAY 1, 2024

Open AMCAS Applications

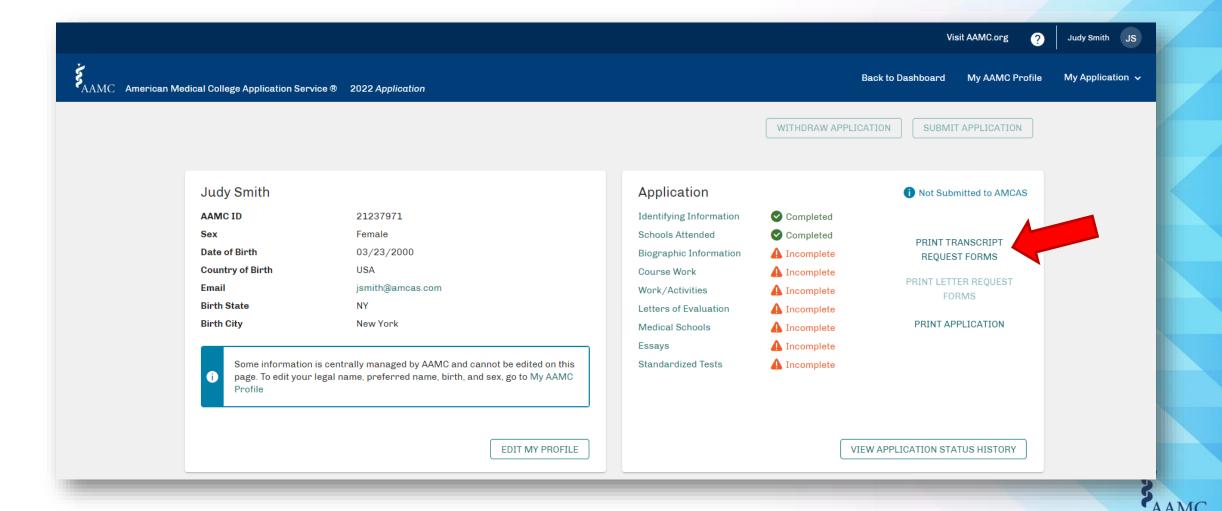
Application - Not Submitted to AMCAS

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

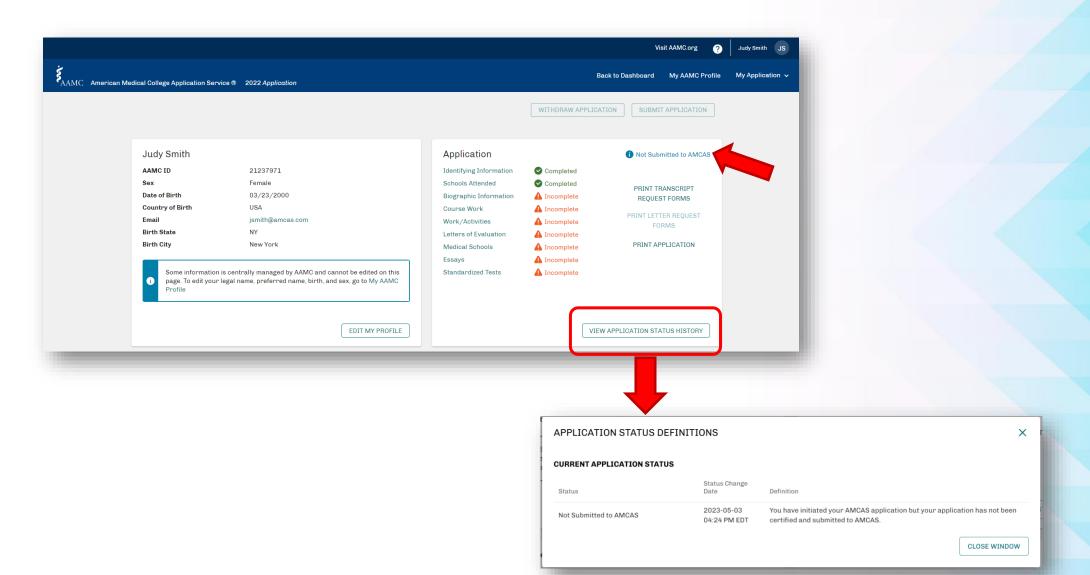
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Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR)

Review AMCAS transcript processing timelines

My Document Statuses

Transcripts (0) You have no transcripts attached to your application

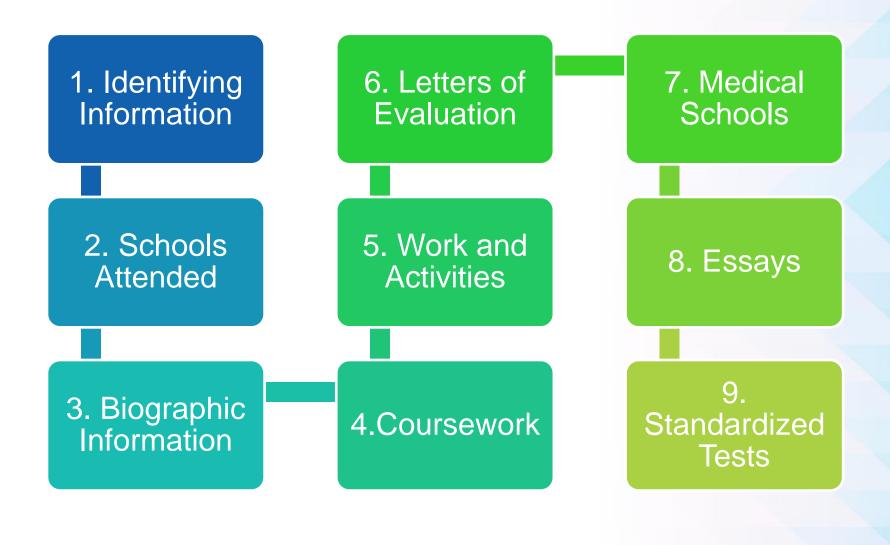
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The AMCAS Application



2025 AMCAS Application Changes



A new section dedicated to specifying Tribal affiliation.



An updated list indicating which schools participate in the PREview® professional readiness exam; schools not participating will not receive PREview scores.



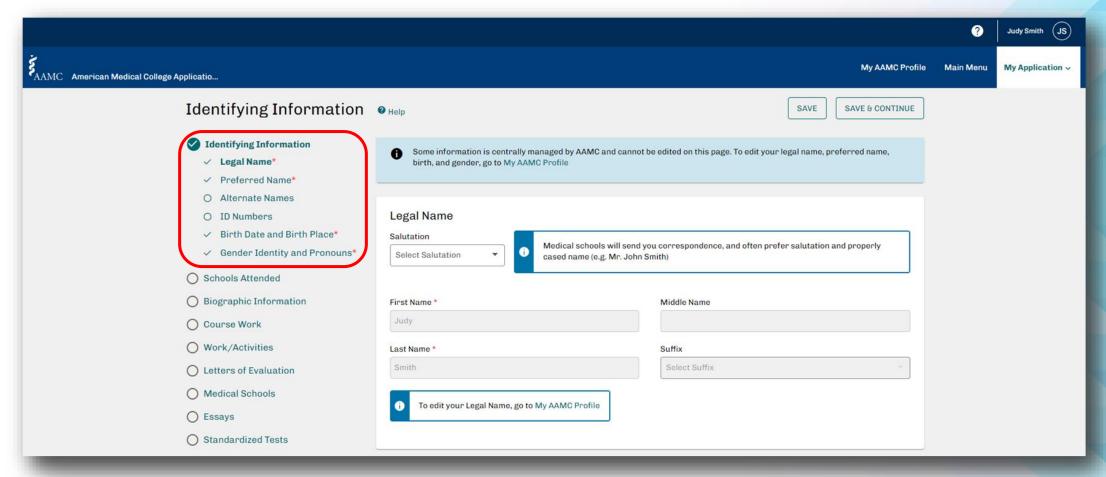
Additions to the race and ethnicity categories and subcategories for "Self-Identification."



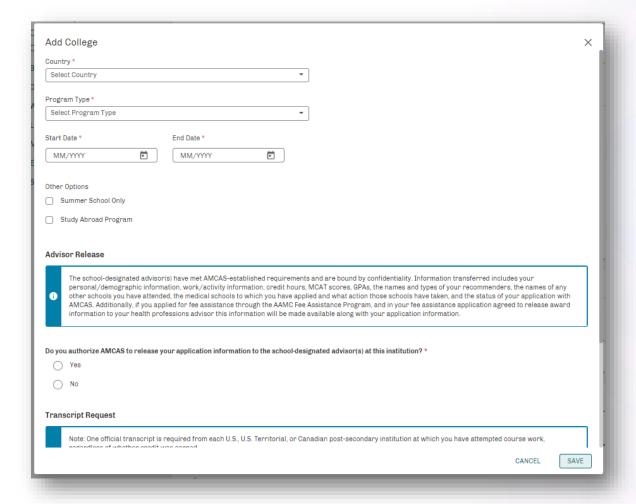
Mandatory sections will now be marked with a red asterisk (not just mandatory fields).



Identifying Information



Schools Attended





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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.

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.

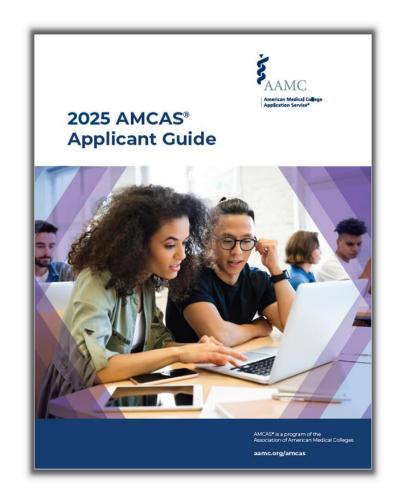
Does AMCAS require an official transcript from this school? Generally, a transcript is required. Please review this additional information if you need assistance in determining if a transcript is required.*

Yes

No



Schools Attended

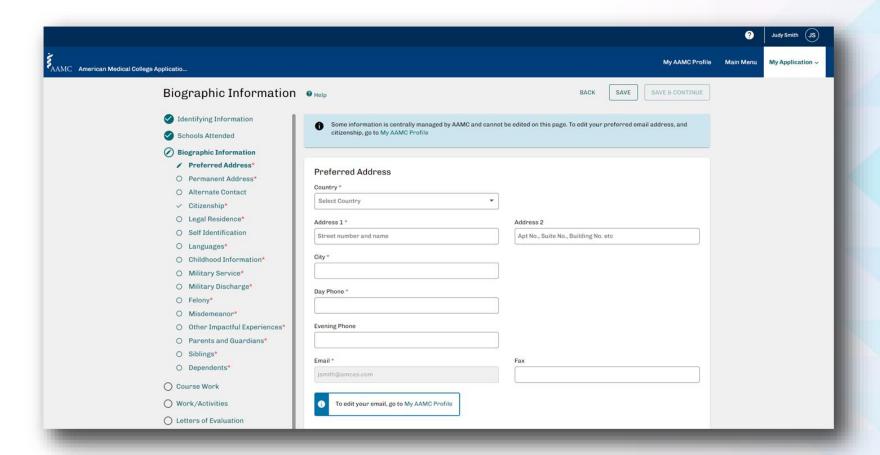








Biographic Information



Other Impactful Experiences

Biographic Information

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

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
- 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.

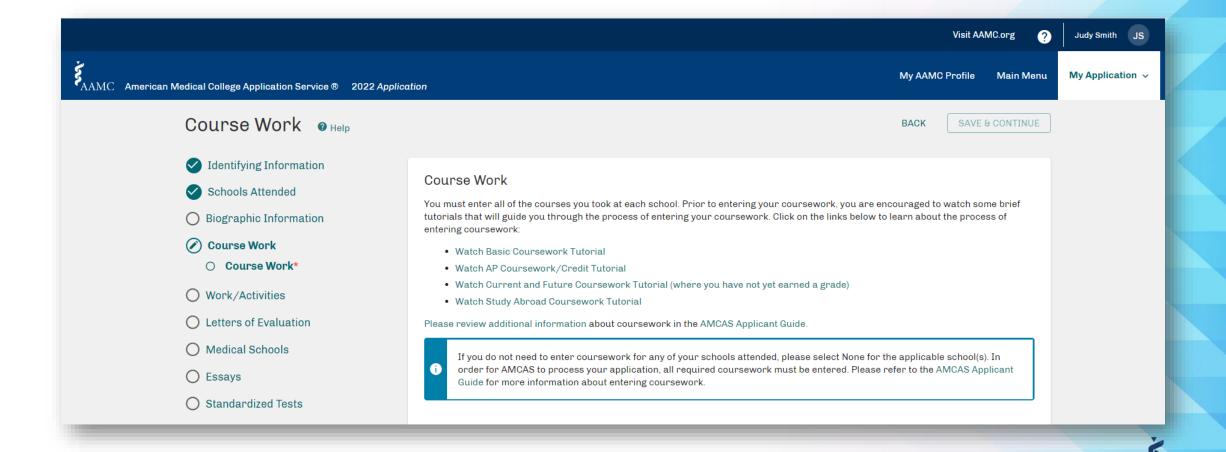
Writing Instructions

- · Select the most impactful experiences. Describe the challenge(s) or hardship(s) you consider most impactful in
- 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.

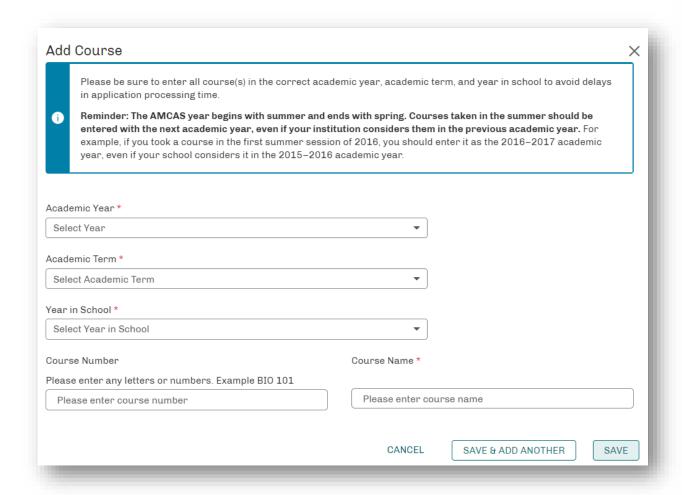
Other Impactful Experiences Description



Coursework



Coursework





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.

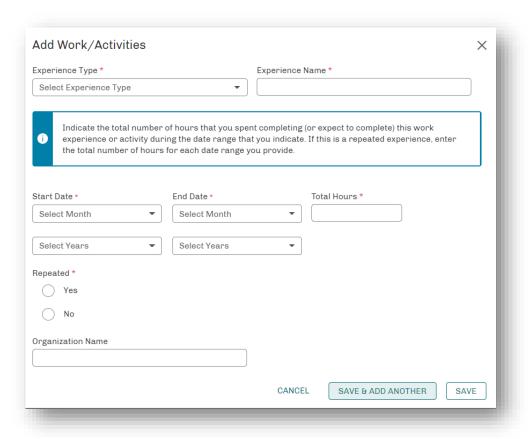


Coursework: Things to Avoid!

- 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



- 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: 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 2025.

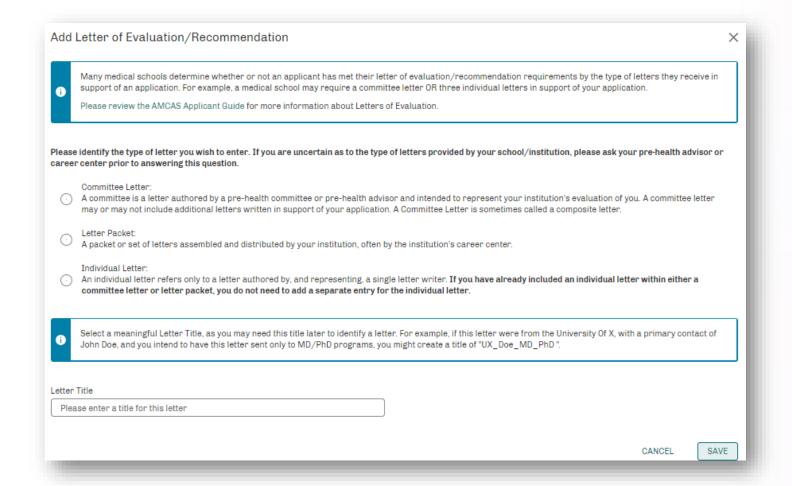


Work/Activities: Things to think about

- 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

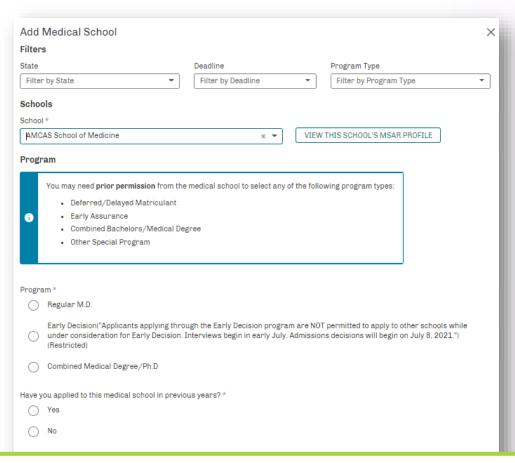




You can submit your application before AMCAS receives your letters.



Medical Schools



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



Essay

Personal Comments Essay

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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). Significant Research Hours Please state your reasons for wishing to pursue the combined MD/PhD degree.* Please enter your total hours of prior research experience. * Your response will only be forwarded to your designated MD/PhD program(s). 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). 10000 characters left of 10000

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

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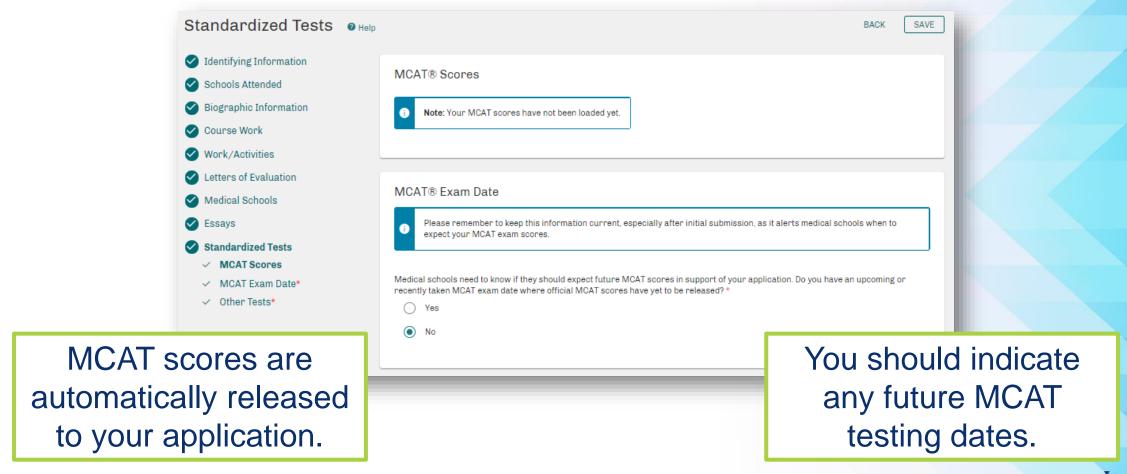
- Make sure your statement addresses your reason(s) for wanting to pursue medicine
- Have a lot of people review it friends, colleagues, mentors, letter writers
- Be mindful that "all" medical schools will receive the same AMCAS application
- Check and re-check for grammatical and spelling issues your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



Standardized Tests



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MCAT Scores



Notes

¹Test scores, like other measurements, are not perfectly precise. The confidence bands around test scores mark the ranges in which the test taker's true scores probably lie. The diamond shapes and shading show that the test taker's true scores are more likely to be their reported scores (in the second column) than the other scores in the confidence bands.

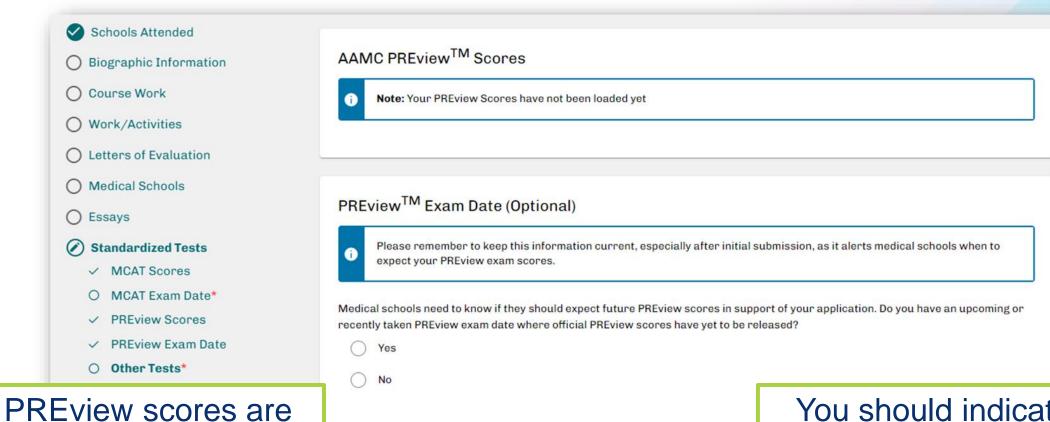
²The percentile ranks of scores are the percentages of test takers who received the same scores or lower scores. The percentile ranks are updated on May 1 every year to reflect the results from the three most recent previous calendar years.

⁹For the four sections, non-overlapping confidence bands show a test taker's likely strengths and weaknesses. Overlapping confidence bands suggest that there are not meaningful differences in performance between sections.

Score breakdowns and confidence bands will appear in the application.



Standardized Tests



You should indicate any future PREview testing dates.



automatically released

to your application.

AAMC PREview® Exam

 The AAMC PREview® professional readiness exam is a standardized exam that presents a series of hypothetical scenarios students may encounter in medical school and asks examinees to evaluate the effectiveness of a series of behavioral responses to each scenario.

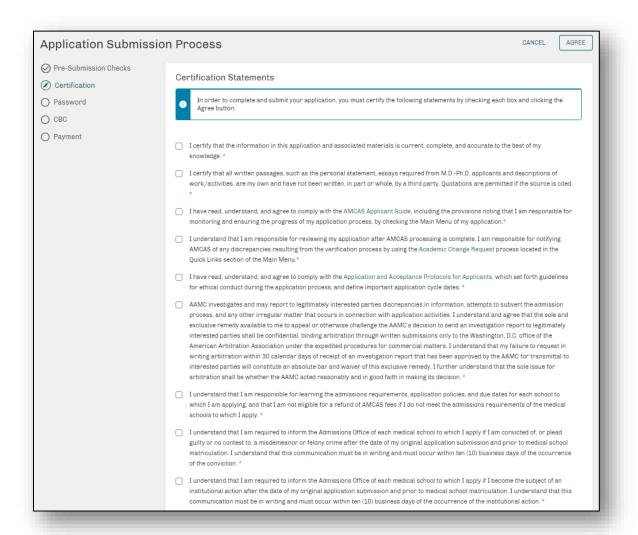
 Several U.S. medical schools will accept AAMC PREview professional readiness exam scores for the AMCAS 2025 cycle.







Certification Statements



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



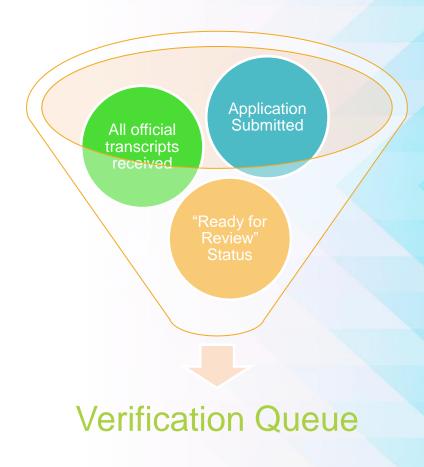
AMCAS Application Verification Process

Transcripts

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

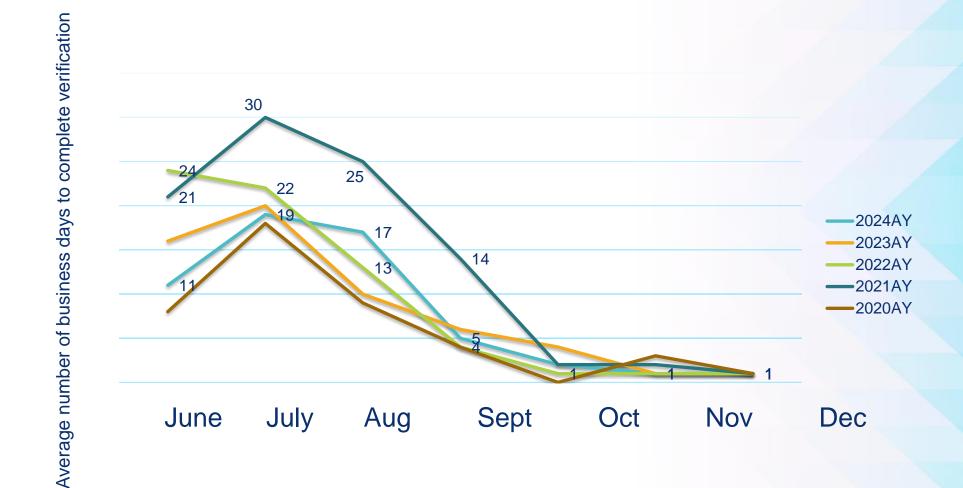
Processing

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





AMCAS Application Verification





Application Reminders

- Criminal Background Checks
- Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants





Criminal Background Checks

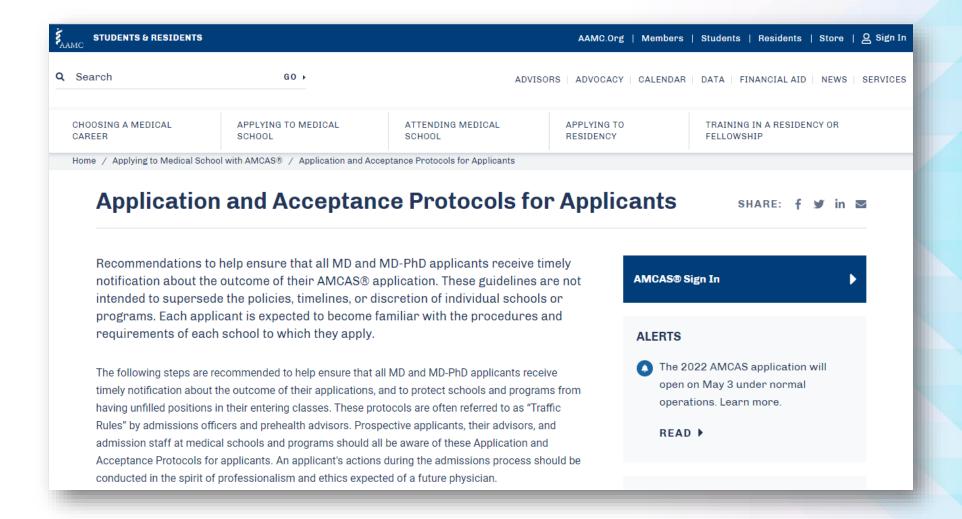
- Participating schools have checks run on accepted or waitlisted applicants
- Certiphi Screening, Inc. will notify applicants when the CBC has been initiated
- Applicants have 10 calendar days to review their report
- No additional charge to the applicant for this service

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



AMCAS Tools

- AMCAS Applicant Guide
- AMCAS Application Workbook
- Application and Acceptance Protocols
- Video Tutorials
- X, formerly known as Twitter
 - @AMCASinfo





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Letters of Evaluation

Submission Methods:

- AMCAS Letter Writer Application
- Interfolio

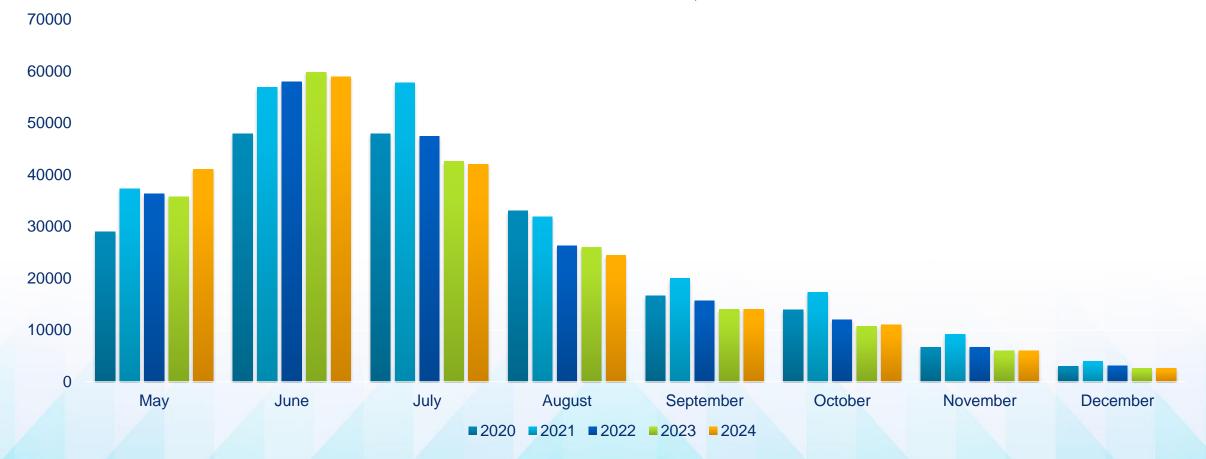
Medical schools receive letters electronically, on a rolling basis after an application is verified





Letters of Evaluation

Letters of Evaluation Received, 2020AY – 2024AY





AMCAS Letter Writer Application



Letter Writer Application

Welcome to the AMCAS Letter Writer Application

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



Login Forgot Password?

-OR-

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.

About AAMC User Accounts

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.



Letter Writer Guidelines



Guidelines for Writing a Letter of Evaluation for a Medical School Applicant

Thank you for agreeing to write a letter of evaluation for a medical school applicant!

The guidelines are intended to enhance the letter-writing process by providing a general framework of best practices and relevant content for letter writers to follow. They are optional and can be applied to both individual and committee letters.

Guidelines

- 1. Provide an accurate assessment of the applicant's suitability for medical school rather than advocate for the applicant.
- 2. Briefly explain your relationship with the applicant:
 - How long have you known the applicant?
 - In what capacity have you interacted (e.g., faculty, premedical advisor, supervisor)?
 - Are your observations of the applicant direct or indirect?
- 3. Quality of information is more important than letter length. Focus on the applicant rather than details of the lab, course, assignment, job, or institution.
- 4. Only include information on grades, GPA, or MCAT scores if you also provide context to help interpret them. Grades, GPA, and MCAT scores are available within the application.

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



AAMC Fee Assistance Program

MCAT Exam Benefit

- Reduced registration fees
- Access to all 15 online AAMC MCAT Official Prep Products
- Stipend for updated evaluation for accommodations

AMCAS Application Benefit

AMCAS application submission fee waiver for up to 20 schools

MSAR Benefit

Complimentary access to the Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR) website

Benefits are NOT Retroactive

AAMC PREview Exam Benefit

Waiver for AAMC PREview® professional readiness exam registration fees

ERAS Application Benefit

60% fee discount on up to 50 ERAS applications



AAMC Fee Assistance 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
- Must be preparing to apply to medical school

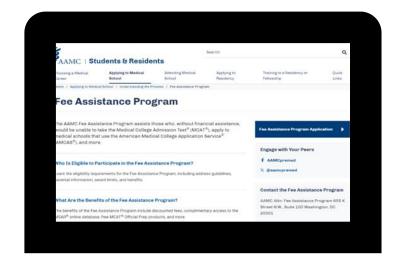




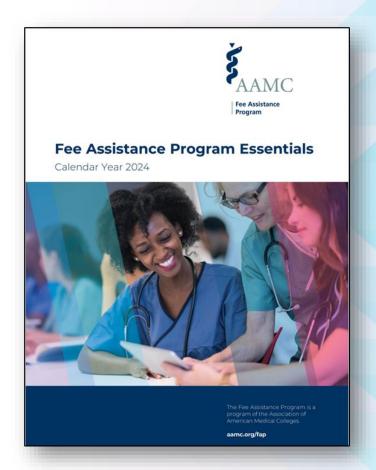
AAMC Fee Assistance Program Income Eligibility

	Income Guidelines		
Family Size	Contiguous States, District of Columbia & U.S. Territories	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$58,320	\$72,840	\$67,080
2	\$78,880	\$98,560	\$90,720
3	\$99,440	\$124,280	\$114,360
4	\$120,000	\$150,000	\$138,000
5	\$140,560	\$175,720	\$161,640
6	\$161,120	\$201,440	\$185,280
7	\$181,680	\$227,160	\$208,920
8	\$202,240	\$252,880	\$232,560
8+	\$5,140 for each additional person	\$6,430 for each additional person.	\$5,910 for each additional person

2024 Fee Assistance Program



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AAMC Fee Assistance Program

- What You Need to Apply
- 2024 Fee Assistance Program Essentials
- Fee Assistance Program FAQ's



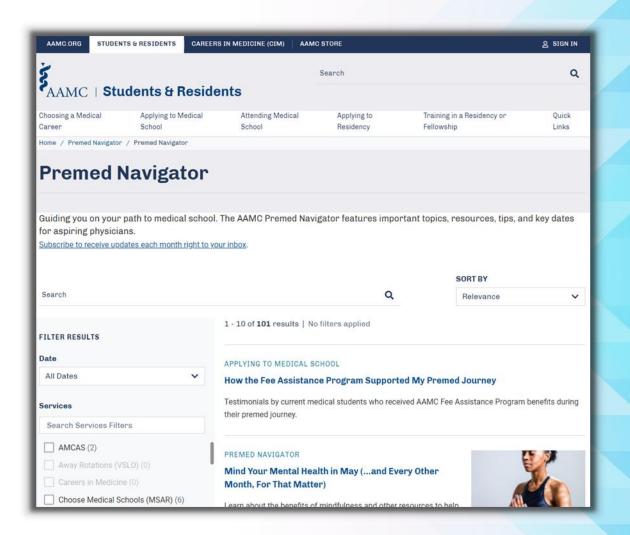






AAMC Premed Navigator Monthly e-newsletter for applicants and

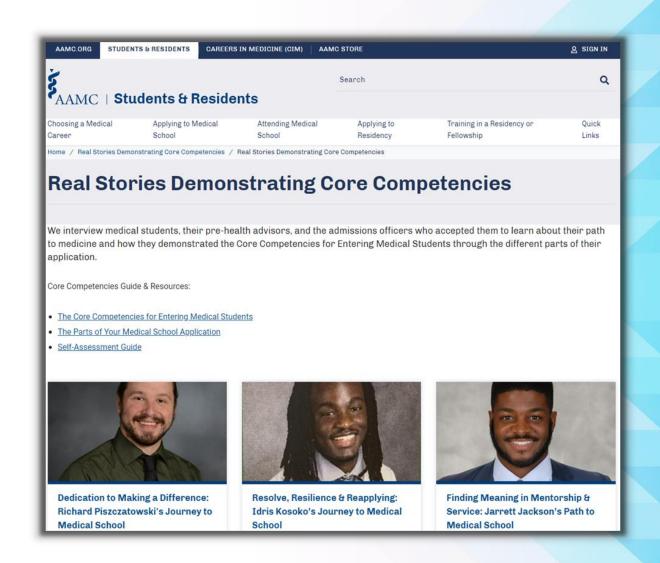
helpful web content.





Anatomy of an Applicant • Core Competencies

- **Student Profiles**



Contact Us











Good luck!



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