

Supporting Applicants through the 2026 AMCAS® Application Cycle

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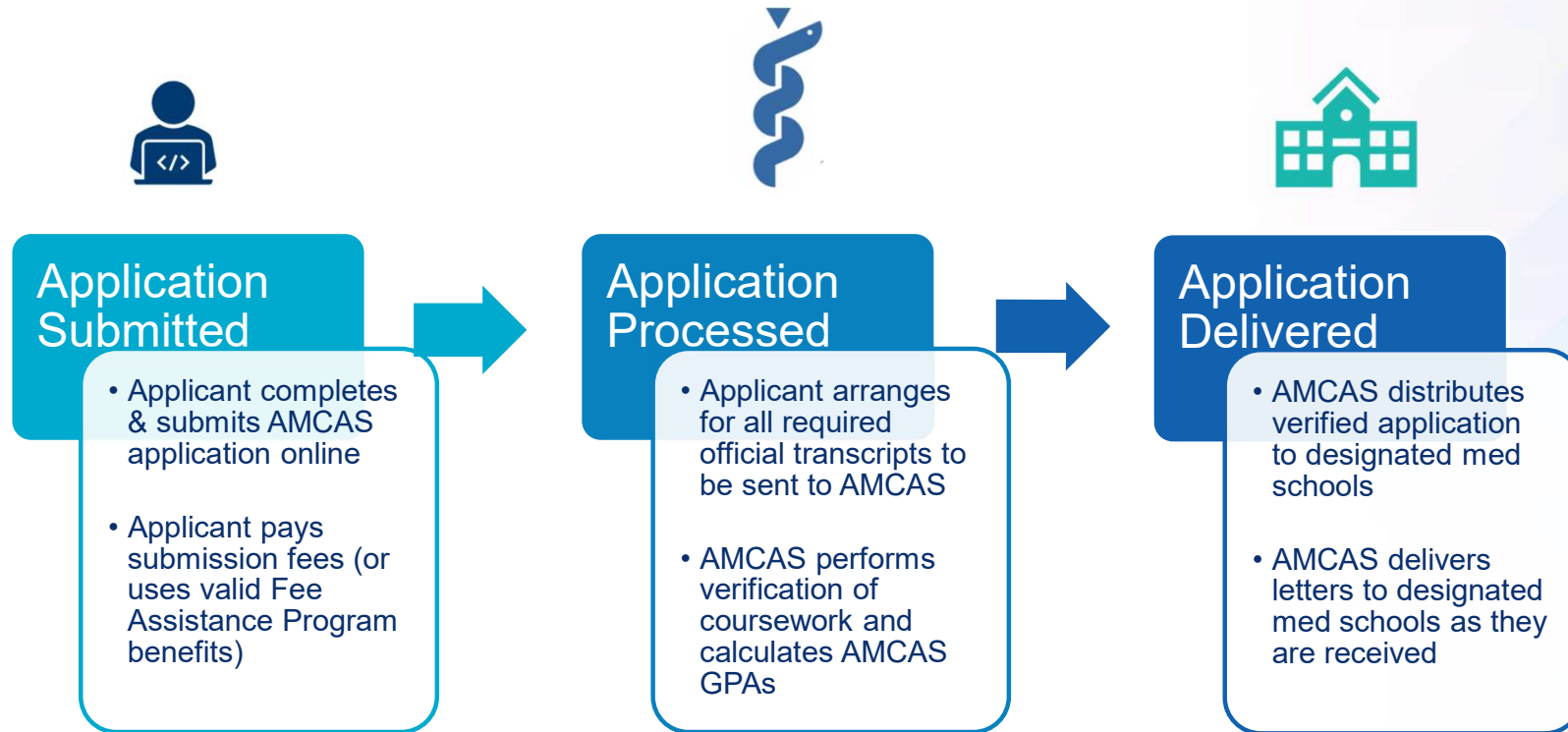
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The American Medical College
Application Service® (AMCAS®)
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Applying to Medical School with the AMCAS® Program

The American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®) is the AAMC's centralized medical school application processing service. Most U.S. medical schools use the AMCAS program as the primary application method for their first-year entering classes.

2026 AMCAS® Applicant Guide

The AMCAS applicant guide outlines the current AMCAS application process, policies, and procedures. This comprehensive resource helps you understand how to complete your AMCAS application.

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Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. ET
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202-828-0600



2026 Application Dates

Date	Event
April	2026 AMCAS resources available
May 1	AMCAS application opens
May 27	AMCAS application submission begins
June 27	Initial transmission of application data to medical schools
August 1	Early Decision Program deadline
Sept.-Dec.	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 www.aamc.org/amcasdeadlines

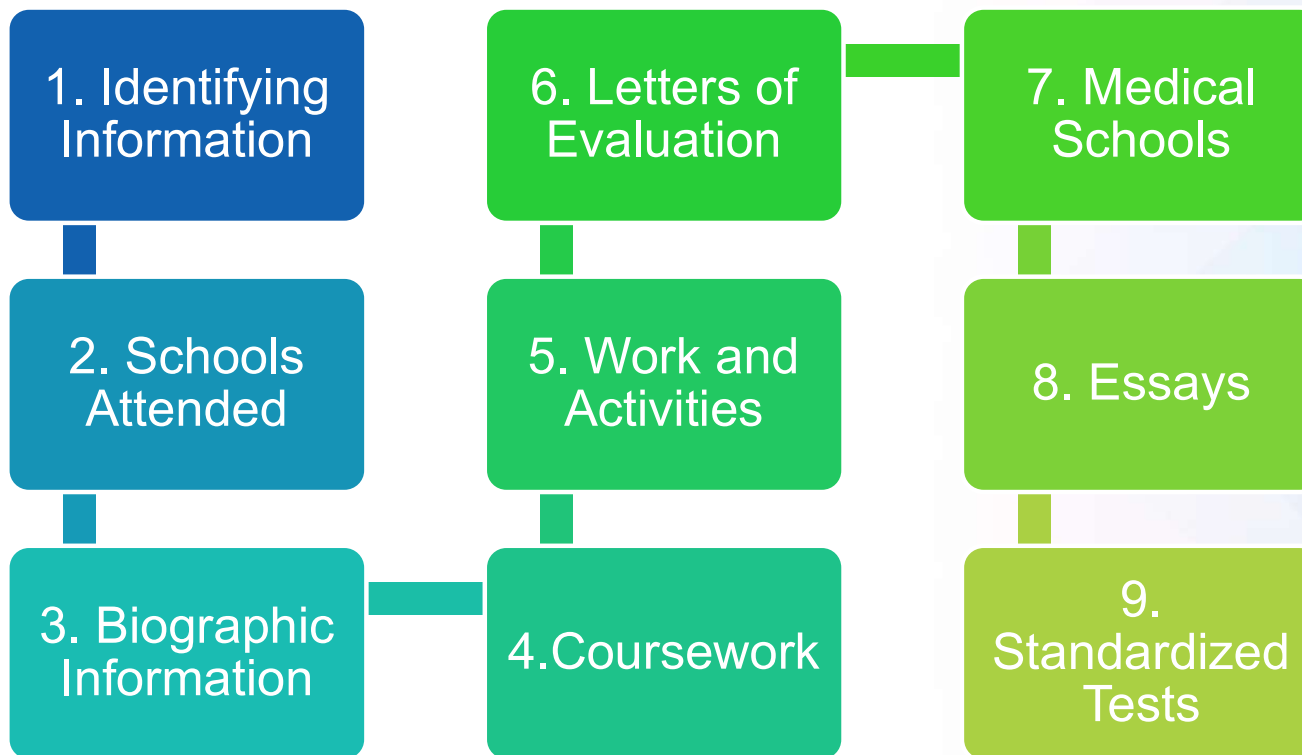
2026 AMCAS Participation

Tentative 2026 Participation	
Application	155 Schools/Programs
	All MD granting schools in the United States with the exception of MD programs at Texas public schools
AMCAS Letters	153 Schools/Programs
Criminal Background Checks	133 Schools/Programs

2026 AMCAS Application Fees:

- \$175 processing fee (includes one school designation)
- \$47 for each additional school

The AMCAS Application



2026 AMCAS Application Changes



AAMC Letter Writer Portal integration: Screens for creating new Letter of Evaluation requests have been updated, including a new email feature for contacting letter authors.



Reapplicant data will roll over for the Military Discharge, Misdemeanors, Felonies, and Institutional Actions sections.

Accessing the Application

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Sign In

Create AAMC Account

Register for an AAMC account to begin accessing products and services.

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AAMC Registration

Create Account

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Personal Information
Please complete the fields below.

Email

Confirm Email

Prefix (optional)

First Name

Middle (optional)



Applicants should only complete registration if they do not have an AAMC ID

My AAMC Profile

My AAMC Profile

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AAMC ID
21237971

* Indicates required fields

Name

Prefix
Miss

Middle Name

Generational Suffix
Select Suffix

First Name *
Judy

Last Name *
Smith

Legal Name

Legal First Name *
Judy

Legal Last Name *
Smith

Legal Middle Name

Generational Suffix
Select Suffix

Application Walk-through



AMCAS Application Main Menu

Jordan Smith

AAMC ID 21567835
Gender Woman
Date of Birth 01/15/1992
Country of Birth USA
Email amcasevents@aamc.org
Birth State CA
Birth City Los Angeles

Some information is centrally managed by the AAMC and cannot be edited on this page. To edit your preferred email address and citizenship, go to [My AAMC Profile](#).

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Application Not Submitted to the AMCAS Program

Identifying Information Completed
Schools Attended Completed
Biographic Information Completed
Course Work Incomplete
Work/Activities Incomplete
Letters of Evaluation Completed
Medical Schools Completed
Essays Incomplete
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CURRENT APPLICATION STATUS

Status	Status Change Date	Definition
Not Submitted to the AMCAS Program	Mar 17, 2025 4:16 PM EDT	Not Submitted to the AMCAS Program

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My Document Statuses

Transcripts (0)

You have no transcripts attached to your application

Letters of Evaluation (0)

You have no letters attached to your application

[VIEW ALL DOCUMENT STATUSES](#)

The screenshot displays the AAMC My Application profile page. The navigation bar at the top includes a help icon, the user's name 'Judy Smith', and a dropdown menu with options: 'My AAMC Profile', 'Main Menu', and 'My Application'. The 'My Application' section is currently selected, showing a form for editing the user's profile information. The form includes input fields for 'Legal Name', 'Preferred Name', and 'Salutation', each followed by a 'SAVE' button. A 'SAVE & CONTINUE' button is also present. The background of the page features a blue geometric pattern.

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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

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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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

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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 answering this question.

Have you overcome challenges or obstacles in your life that you would like to share with the admissions committee?

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.

OK

Coursework

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☐ Standardized Tests

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.

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Coursework



Applicants should
use an official
transcript to complete
this section.

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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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

End Date *

Select Month

Total Hours *

Select Years

Select Years

Repeated *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Organization Name

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- Maximum of 15 entries
 - Applicants can enter 3 additional date ranges for repeated activities
 - Applicants 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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Letters of Evaluation



Applicants can submit their application **before** AMCAS receives their letters.

*Indicates required field

Letters of Evaluation/Recommendation *

Your letter authors must send your letters through the AMCAS Program if you are applying to one or more schools participating in the AMCAS Letters Service. Most medical schools participate. [See the list of participating schools](#). You must contact schools that do not participate to determine their letter of evaluation requirements. The AMCAS Program will not forward your letters to these schools. Please review [additional information about letters of evaluation](#).

Deadlines:

Letter deadlines for authors are established individually by each medical school, so check school websites for deadline details. **submit your application before entering letters. You may submit your application before AMCAS receives your letters.**

New letter entries may be added and assigned to medical schools after you have submitted your application. However, on submitted, existing letter entries cannot be edited or deleted; they can only be marked "No Longer Being Sent."

Letter Release Policy and Author Guidelines:

- Letters sent to the AMCAS Program cannot be released to applicants or letter authors under any circumstances, except as provided only to medical schools that are participating in the AMCAS Letter Service.
- Re-applicants should note that letters received by the AMCAS Program do not rollover to later application years, so letter authors to keep a copy of their letter.
- The AAMC publishes a [list of guidelines](#) for letter of evaluation authors. A link to the guidelines is on the letter request page to provide to your letter authors.

A maximum of ten (10) letter entries may be created on this page. Letters may be associated to medical schools on the Manage Letter Requests page. For help, watch ["How to Add Letter of Evaluation Entries & Assign them to Medical Schools" Tutorial](#).

* Please create one letter entry for each Committee Letter, Individual Letter, or Letter Packet being sent to the AMCAS

+ ADD LETTER REQUEST

Manage Letter Requests

SHOW MEDICAL SCHOOL ASS

✔ Letter Request Saved!

Ready to email this letter request to Letter Author ?

AMCAS will email your letter author, who will be able to upload a letter through the AMCAS Letter Author Portal or Interfolio. You will be notified via email when your author fulfills your request. If you select "Send Later", you can return to this request at any time to send via email or print [your letter request PDF form](#).

To: letter@example.com

From: amcas@aamc.org

Subject: AMCAS Letter of Evaluation Request Jordan Smith (AAMC ID 21567835)



Letter of Evaluation Request for 2026 AMCAS® Applications Only

Dear Letter Author ,

I hereby request that you submit my letter of evaluation to the AAMC's American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®). The AMCAS program is responsible for collecting letters on behalf of medical schools that participate in their Letters Service. This service also allows letter writers to submit their letters directly to the AMCAS program, rather than sending them to each medical school, provided those schools participate in the AMCAS Letter Service. Please see the options below for submitting your letters to the AMCAS Program.

Applicant Information:

First name:	Jordan	AAMC ID:	21567835
Last name:	Smith	Request ID:	8FNH-G9XN5-DMVCF
Email	Letter		

☐ * I acknowledge that an email will be sent and it is my responsibility to follow up and confirm receipt.

⚠ Please check the required acknowledgement

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Medical Schools

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* Indicates required field

Add Medical School

Step 1 of 3

Incomplete

Filters

State

Filter by State

Deadline

Filter by Deadline

Program Type

Filter by Program Type

School

If a school is grayed out within the drop-down menu, check deadlines and eligibility requirements [on MSAR.](#)

* School

Select School

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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

i 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. *

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

Significant Research Hours

Please enter your total hours of prior research experience. *

Significant Research Essay

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

i 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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Standardized Tests

Applicants should indicate any future testing dates.

Standardized Tests [Help](#)

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 - ✓ **MCAT Scores**
 - ✓ MCAT Exam Date*
 - ✓ 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 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 expect to take the MCAT exam date where official MCAT scores have yet to be released? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

2025 Schedule for the Medical College Admission Test® (MCAT®)*

JAN	FEB	MAR
SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT	SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT	SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT
1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
5 6 7 8 9 10 11	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	9 10 11 12 13 14 15
12 13 14 15 16 17 18	9 10 11 12 13 14 15	16 17 18 19 20 21 22
19 20 21 22 23 24 25	16 17 18 19 20 21 22	23 24 25 26 27 28 29
26 27 28 29 30 31	23 24 25 26 27 28	30 31

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14 15 16 17 18 19	11 12 13 14 15 16 17	15 16 17 18 19 20 21
20 21 22 23 24 25 26	18 19 20 21 22 23 24	22 23 24 25 26 27 28
27 28 29 30	25 26 27 28 29 30	29 30

JUL	AUG	SEP
SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT	SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT	SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
8 9 10 11 12 13 14	3 4 5 6 7 8 9	9 10 11 12 13 14 15
15 16 17 18 19	10 11 12 13 14 15	14 15 16 17 18 19 20
20 21 22 23 24 25 26	17 18 19 20 21 22 23	21 22 23 24 25 26 27
27 28 29 30 31	24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	28 29 30

Exam Date Score Release

Jan. 10	Feb. 11
Jan. 16	Feb. 11
Jan. 16	Feb. 18
Jan. 26	Feb. 28
March 8	April 8
March 21	April 22
April 4	May 6
April 6	May 6
April 25	May 28
April 26	May 28
May 3	June 3
May 9	June 10
May 10	June 10
May 15	June 17
May 25	June 24
May 31	July 1
June 13	July 15
June 14	July 15
June 27	July 29
June 28	July 29
July 12	Aug. 12
July 25	Aug. 26
Aug. 1	Sept. 3
Aug. 16	Sept. 16
Aug. 22	Sept. 23
Aug. 23	Sept. 23
Sept. 4	Oct. 7
Sept. 5	Oct. 7
Sept. 12	Oct. 14
Sept. 13	Oct. 14

*The highlighted dates above indicate the U.S. MCAT test dates.
For Canadian and international test dates, please visit students-residents.aamc.org/mcatregister.
Note: The MCAT exam is not offered in February or October through December 2025.
Standard start time will be 9 a.m. each day.

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MCAT Scores

Score breakdowns and confidence bands will appear in the AMCAS application.



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☒ PREview Exam Date

☐ **Other Tests***

AAMC PREview™ Scores

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Note: Your PREview Scores have not been loaded yet

PREview™ Exam Date (Optional)

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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

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Certification Statements

Application Submission Process

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AGREE

☒ Pre-Submission Checks

☒ Certification

☐ Password

☐ CBC

☐ Payment

Certification Statements

☒ 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.

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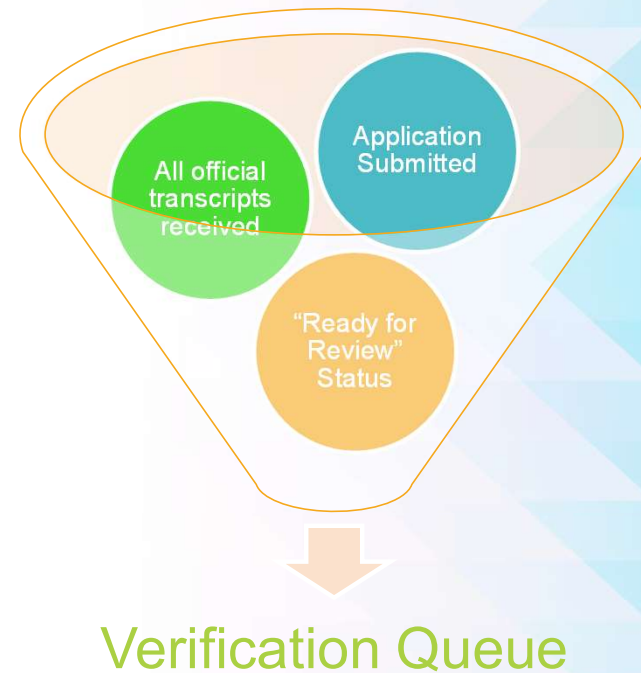
AMCAS Application Verification Process

Transcripts

- All required official transcripts must be received before an application can join the verification queue

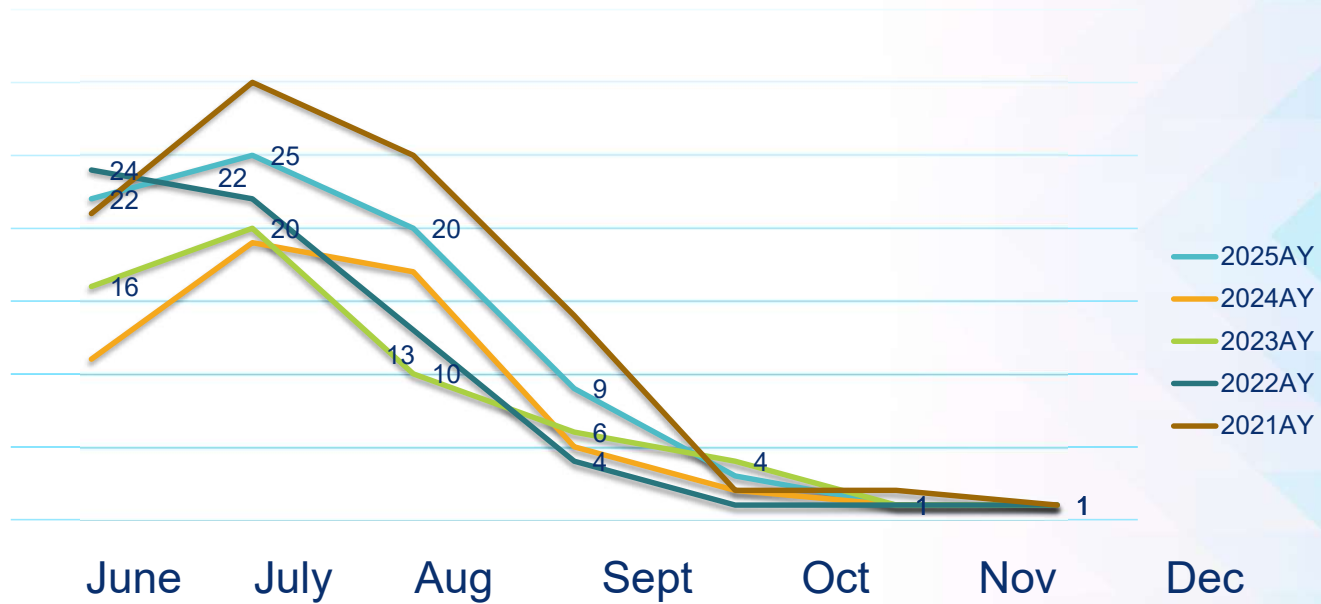
Processing

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



AMCAS Application Verification

Average number of business days to complete verification



Application Reminders

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



Criminal Background Checks

- Participating schools conduct background checks on accepted 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

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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Letters of Evaluation

Submission Methods:

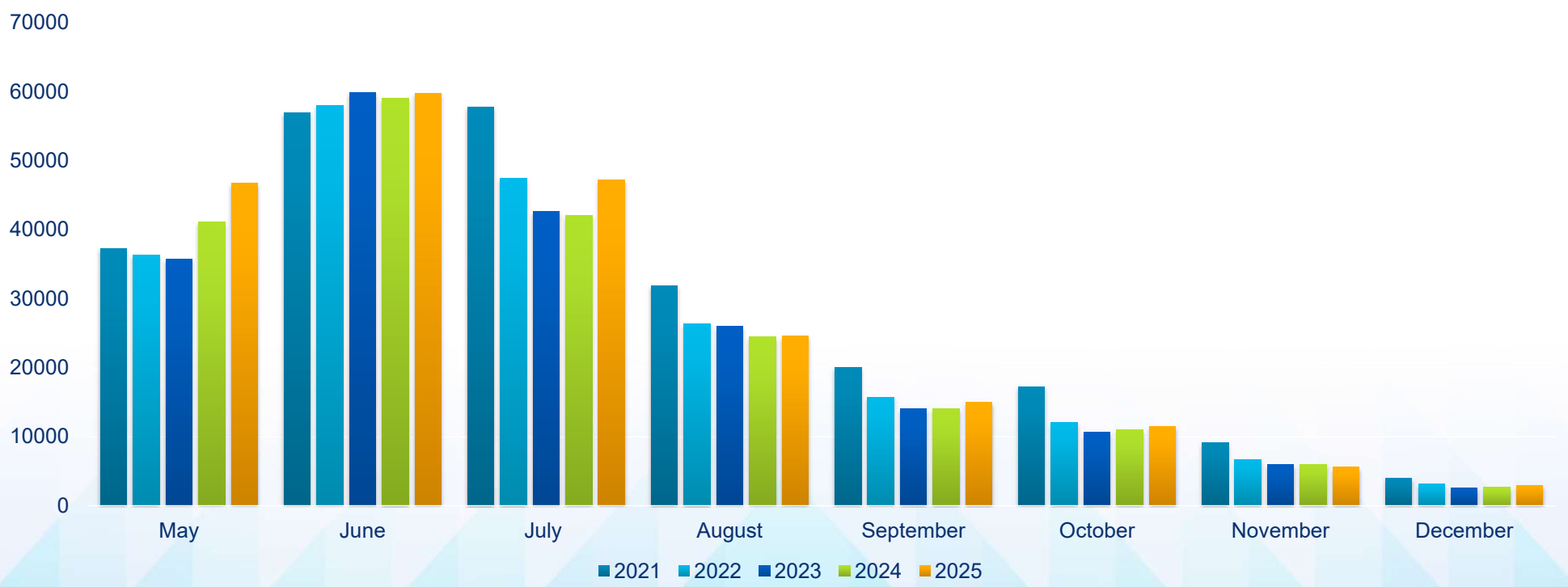
- AAMC Letter Writer Portal
- Interfolio

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



Letters of Evaluation

Letters of Evaluation Received, 2021AY – 2025AY



AAMC Letter Writer Portal

- Letter writers use this system to manage requests and submit documents.
- Eliminates the need to search by request ID.
- Submit letters with or without an AAMC account.
- Enhanced request search, filter, and sorting for both completed AND pending requests.
- Expanded history of all requests, including submitted documents.

The screenshot shows the AAMC Letter Writer Portal interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the AAMC logo and the text "Letter Writer Portal". On the right side of the header, there are links for "SIGN IN" and "Contact Us".

The main content area is titled "Fulfill request for Applicant Name". Below this title, there is a prompt: "Please review the information below prior to submitting your letter." and a link to the "AMCAS Letter Writing Guide".

The "Request Information" section contains the following details:

Requestor Name:	Applicant Name	AAMC Service:	AMCAS Program
Requestor AAMC ID:	21536199	Letter Type:	Individual Letter
Requestor Email:	[Redacted]		
Requestor Phone Number:	+1 (123) 456-7890		
Request ID:	W5ZG-FR8NG-J564V		

The "Author Information" section contains the following details:

Author Name:	Author Name
Author Email:	[Redacted]

Below the author information, there are two main options for submission:

- AAMC Account Submission:** Gain access to manage multiple requests, view submission history, and make updates to past submissions as needed. A button labeled "LOG IN OR REGISTER" is highlighted with a red circle.
- Guest Submission:** You will be asked to confirm that you are the author or their authorized designee and will be required to verify your email address. A button labeled "CONTINUE AS GUEST" is present.


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AAMC Letter Writer Portal Tips

- Upload letters via the link in the letter request email.
- The portal allows for PDF or Microsoft Word files
- Individual medical schools may require your letters to be on official letterhead and to include the author's signature.
- Once you upload a letter, no deletions or modifications can be made. Future letters you upload with this request ID will be pre-pended to letters previously uploaded.

aamc.org/services/aamc-letter-writer-portal

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.

Letter Writer Guidelines



Premed Competencies

Describe how the applicant has, or has not, demonstrated any of the following competencies that are necessary for success in medical school.

Professional Competencies

Commitment to Learning and Growth: Practices continuous personal and professional growth for improvement, including setting and communicating goals for learning and development; reflects on successes, challenges, and mistakes; pursues opportunities to improve knowledge and understanding; and asks for and incorporates feedback to learn and grow.

Cultural Awareness: Appreciates how historical, sociocultural, political, and economic factors affect others' interactions, behaviors, and well-being; values diversity; and demonstrates a desire to learn about different cultures, beliefs, and values.

Cultural Humility: Seeks out and engages diverse and divergent perspectives with a desire to understand and willingness to adjust one's mindset; understands a situation or idea from alternative viewpoints; reflects on one's values, beliefs, and identities and how they may affect others; reflects on and addresses bias in oneself and others; and fosters a supportive environment that values inclusivity.

Empathy and Compassion: Recognizes, understands, and acknowledges others' experiences, feelings, perspectives, and reactions to situations; is sensitive to others' needs and feelings; and demonstrates a desire to help others and alleviate others' distress.

Ethical Responsibility to Self and Others: Behaves with honesty and integrity; considers multiple and/or conflicting principles and values to inform decisions; adheres to ethical principles when carrying out professional obligations; resists pressure to engage in unethical behavior; and encourages others to behave honestly and ethically.

Interpersonal Skills: Demonstrates an awareness of how social and behavioral cues affect people's interactions and behaviors; adjusts behaviors appropriately in response to these cues; recognizes and manages one's emotions and understands how emotions impact others or a situation; and treats others with dignity, courtesy, and respect.

Oral Communication: Effectively conveys information to others using spoken words and sentences; actively listens to understand the meaning and intent behind what others say; and recognizes potential communication barriers and adjusts approach or clarifies information as needed.

Reliability and Dependability: Demonstrates accountability for performance and responsibilities to self and others; prioritizes and fulfills obligations in a timely and satisfactory manner; and understands consequences of not fulfilling one's responsibilities to self and others.

Resilience and Adaptability: Perseveres in challenging, stressful, or ambiguous environments or situations by adjusting behavior or approach in

Advisor Information System (AIS) Access & Resources

- Visit <https://students-residents.aamc.org/advisors/advisor-information-system/>
- Get info about gaining access to AIS, report instructions, and other helpful resources



Advisor Information System (AIS)

- Applicant data from students who have released their information to school-designated advisors
- Statement of Confidentiality

Name	Purpose
Quick Lookup	Search for a single advisee
Roster of Applicants	Retrieve data for a particular set of AMCAS applicants
MCAT Roster/Summary	Retrieve individual or aggregate data for a particular set of MCAT examinees
PREview Roster	Retrieve data for PREview examinees
Designated School	Lists medical schools that your students have applied to, the number who have applied, the number who have been accepted, and the number who have matriculated
Application Year Statistics	Compare school statistics to national statistics for a given application year
Trends	Graphs of aggregate data for closed application years

Quick Lookup	Roster of Applicants	MCAT Roster/Summary	PREview Roster	Designated School	App Yr Stats	Trends
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Admissions Insights for Prehealth Advisors website

Admissions Insights for Prehealth Advisors

ESTIMATED READ TIME: 6 MINUTES

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The AAMC provides valuable insights to help you guide your advisees along their journey to medical school. Learn more about national American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®) and Medical College Admission Test® (MCAT®) trend data, AMCAS operations, and additional resources. If you have any questions or feedback, please email advisors@aamc.org.

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Prehealth Advisor Support

The AAMC's prehealth advisor support team offers assistance for the Advisor Information System, AMCAS, MCAT, Medical School Admission Requirements, the Fee Assistance Program, Aspiring Docs, and FIRST.

PREHEALTH ADVISOR EMAIL SERIES

March 2025

Spring is around the corner, bringing fresh opportunities for growth and new beginnings for both you and your advisees. This month, we've included information on registration for the Medical College Admission Test® (MCAT®), PREview® professional readiness exam insights and prep, and the annual American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®) webinar registration. We're here to help you guide the next generation of health care professionals. We sincerely thank you for your continued dedication.

The AAMC is committed to helpful data to assist you in well-informed and well-equipped decisions, and we appreciate the vital role you play. [not hesitate to reach out to us](#) if you are missing our print materials?

Admissions Data Insights

Here are valuable data insights to aid you in guiding your advisees along their journey to medical school. We feature different admissions data each month. You can find more admissions data on our new [Admissions Insights for Prehealth Advisors](#) website (Advisor Information System log-in required).

AMCAS® Choose Your Medical School Tool: Plan to Enroll Numbers

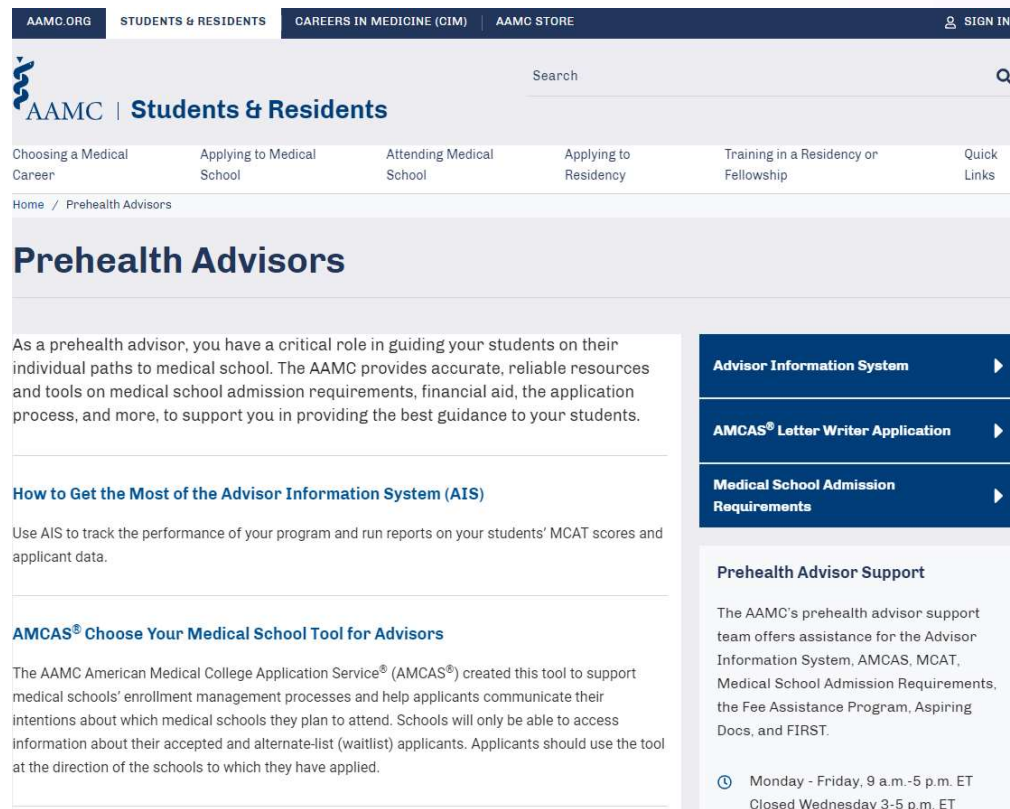
The AMCAS Choose Your Medical School (CYMS) tool is now live for eligible applicants (those with at least one current acceptance from an AMCAS-participating school) within the AMCAS application. Applicant CYMS selections are visible inside the Advisor Information System. This includes information about the applicant's current selection, as well as the history of selections for each applicant. Since the CYMS tool is linked directly to admission action data, the 14-day action data embargo applies to CYMS selections. Here is a breakdown of the Plan to Enroll (PTE) numbers for the 2025 AMCAS application cycle (compared to AY2024).

AMCAS Application Year	Number of Applicants	Percent of Accepted Applicants
2025 (*as of Feb. 26, 2025)	4,502	28.7%
2024 (*as of Feb. 27, 2024)	4,196	27.5%

* This data represents point-in-time comparisons. Each date range reflects the same number of days for this information. To provide an accurate count of the number of days, the "as of ..." dates demonstrate a week from the program opening date.

Prehealth Advisor Email Series

The Advisor Hub



The screenshot shows the AAMC website's 'Students & Residents' section. The top navigation bar includes links for AAMC.ORG, STUDENTS & RESIDENTS, CAREERS IN MEDICINE (CIM), and AAMC STORE, along with a SIGN IN button. Below the navigation bar is a search bar and a list of links: Choosing a Medical Career, Applying to Medical School, Attending Medical School, Applying to Residency, Training in a Residency or Fellowship, and Quick Links. The main heading is 'Prehealth Advisors'. The content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains three sections: a paragraph about the role of a prehealth advisor, a section titled 'How to Get the Most of the Advisor Information System (AIS)' with a brief description, and a section titled 'AMCAS® Choose Your Medical School Tool for Advisors' with a paragraph about the tool. The right column contains three blue buttons with white text and right-pointing arrows: 'Advisor Information System', 'AMCAS® Letter Writer Application', and 'Medical School Admission Requirements'. Below these buttons is a section titled 'Prehealth Advisor Support' with a paragraph about the support team and a clock icon followed by the text 'Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. ET' and 'Closed Wednesday 3-5 p.m. ET'.

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Choosing a Medical Career Applying to Medical School Attending Medical School Applying to Residency Training in a Residency or Fellowship Quick Links

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Prehealth Advisors

As a prehealth advisor, you have a critical role in guiding your students on their individual paths to medical school. The AAMC provides accurate, reliable resources and tools on medical school admission requirements, financial aid, the application process, and more, to support you in providing the best guidance to your students.

How to Get the Most of the Advisor Information System (AIS)

Use AIS to track the performance of your program and run reports on your students' MCAT scores and applicant data.

AMCAS® Choose Your Medical School Tool for Advisors

The AAMC American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®) created this tool to support medical schools' enrollment management processes and help applicants communicate their intentions about which medical schools they plan to attend. Schools will only be able to access information about their accepted and alternate-list (waitlist) applicants. Applicants should use the tool at the direction of the schools to which they have applied.

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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

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

Benefits are NOT Retroactive



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

Website resources to direct your advisees to:

- What You Need to Apply
- *2025 Fee Assistance Program Essentials*
- Fee Assistance Program FAQ's



202-828-0600



feeassistance@aamc.org



@AMCASinfo

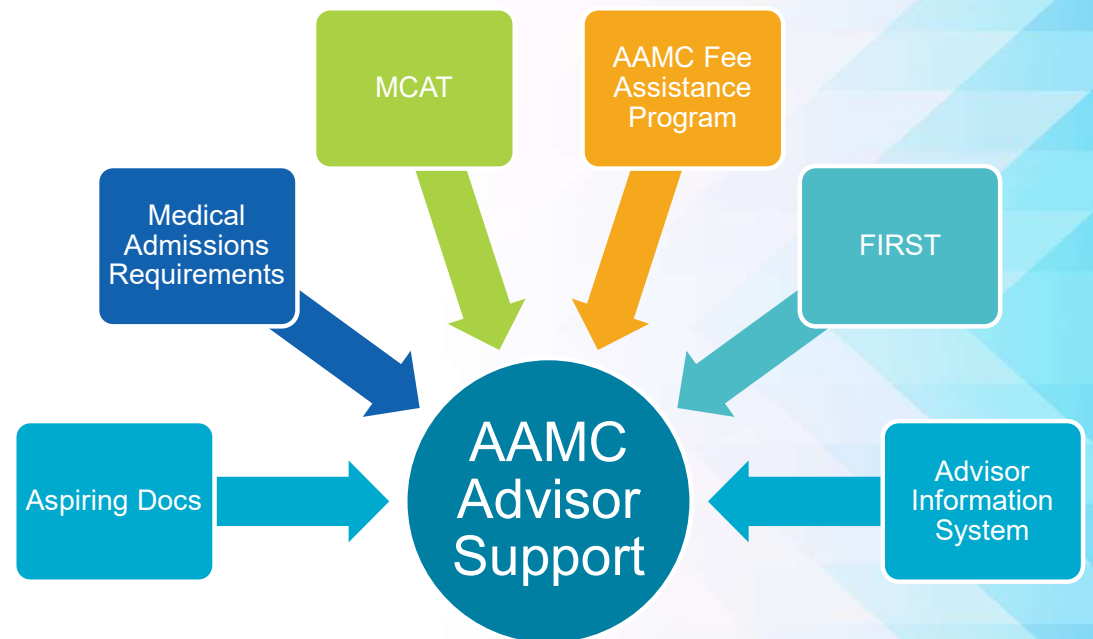
Advisor Support

Advisor support for all pre-med AAMC programs and services will be accessible via one phone number and email address:

AAMC Advisor Support

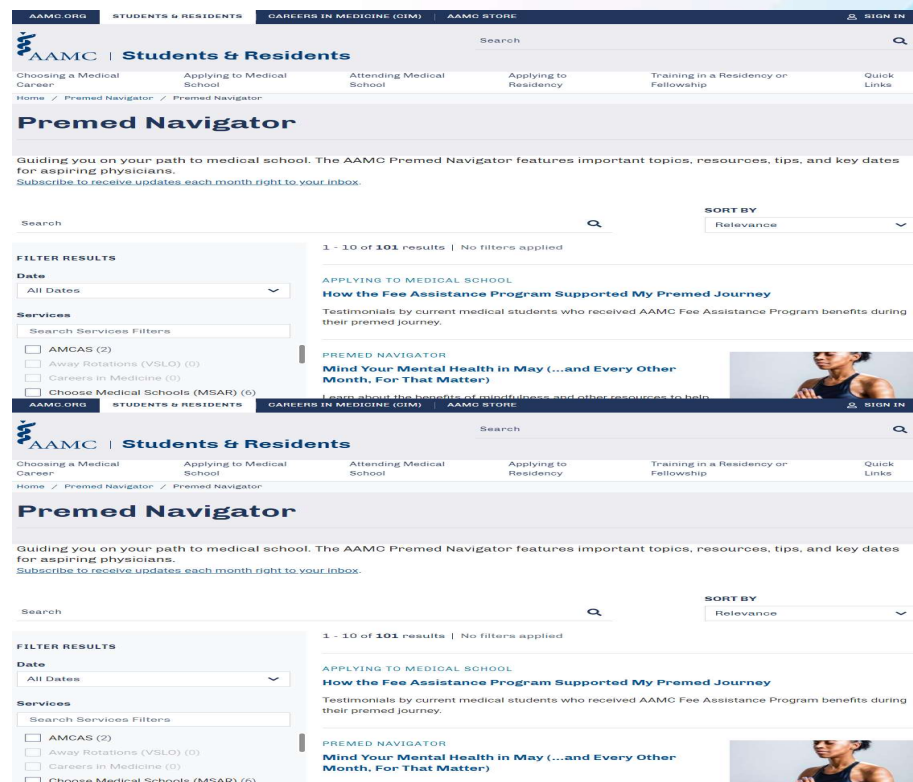
Phone: 202-828-0950

Emails: advisors@aamc.org



AAMC Premed Navigator

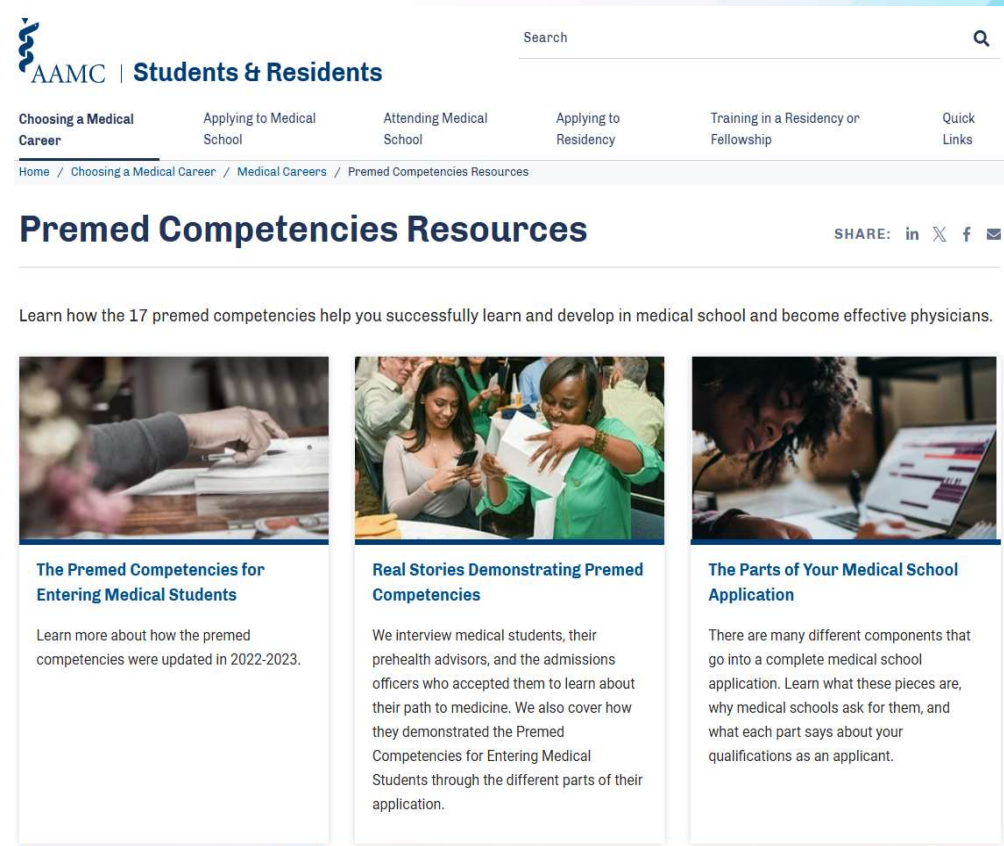
Monthly e-newsletter for applicants and helpful web content.



students-residents.aamc.org/navigator

Anatomy of an Applicant

- Core Competencies
- Student Profiles




The screenshot shows the AAMC website's navigation bar with links for 'Choosing a Medical Career', 'Applying to Medical School', 'Attending Medical School', 'Applying to Residency', 'Training in a Residency or Fellowship', and 'Quick Links'. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home / Choosing a Medical Career / Medical Careers / Premed Competencies Resources. The main heading is 'Premed Competencies Resources' with a share button. Below this is a paragraph: 'Learn how the 17 premed competencies help you successfully learn and develop in medical school and become effective physicians.' There are three featured articles:

- The Premed Competencies for Entering Medical Students**
Learn more about how the premed competencies were updated in 2022-2023.
- Real Stories Demonstrating Premed Competencies**
We interview medical students, their prehealth advisors, and the admissions officers who accepted them to learn about their path to medicine. We also cover how they demonstrated the Premed Competencies for Entering Medical Students through the different parts of their application.
- The Parts of Your Medical School Application**
There are many different components that go into a complete medical school application. Learn what these pieces are, why medical schools ask for them, and what each part says about your qualifications as an applicant.

aamc.org/competencies

Access Code Management Tool (ACMT)

ACMT allows advisors to easily distribute, manage and keep track of your access codes in a “Code Bank.”

 Access Code Management Tool

[Rename Bank](#) [Manage Email](#)

Code Bank Details
Name: BP_MCAT_EXAM3 - 02-26-2022
Bank Status: Active
Bank Created: 02/26/2022
Bank Effective: 02/26/2022
Bank Expiration: 02/26/2023

Access Codes
Total: 3
Issued: 0
Redeemed: 3
Remaining: 0

Issued Codes are valid for 28 days from the date of issue.

[Issue Access Codes](#)




Access
Status: Active
Expiration: 365 days after issued
Application: MCAT Official Prep
Roles:

- MCAT Official Prep Practice Exam 3

BP_MCAT_EXAM3 - 02-26-2022

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