

# Navigating the 2027 AMCAS<sup>®</sup> Application Cycle

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# Agenda

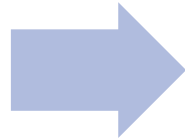
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# How does the AMCAS Application work?



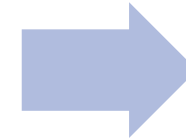
## Application Submitted

- 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
- AMCAS performs verification of coursework and calculates AMCAS GPAs



## Application Delivered

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

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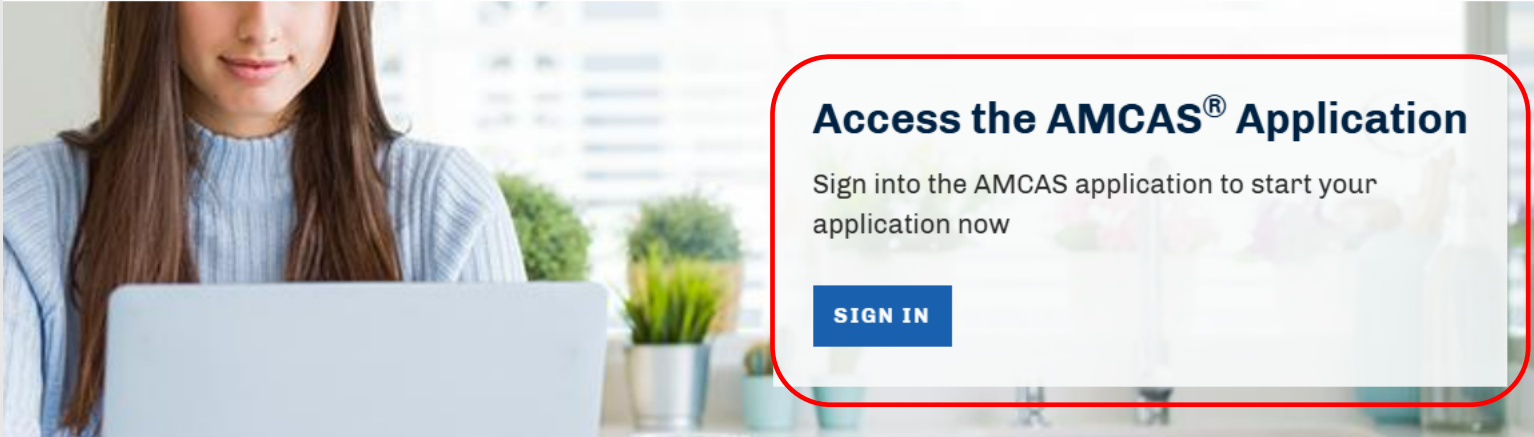
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## Apply to Medical School with the AMCAS® Program

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### Access the AMCAS® Application

Sign into the AMCAS application to start your application now

**SIGN IN**

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

### Contact the AMCAS Program

202-828-0600

# 2027 Application Dates

- Application must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET of the deadline date.
- Transcript deadlines must be received within 14 calendar days of the application deadline date.
- All materials must be received by August 3 for early decision applicants.
- Visit [www.aamc.org/amcasdeadlines](http://www.aamc.org/amcasdeadlines)

Date	Event
April	2027 AMCAS resources available
May 5	AMCAS application opens
May 28	AMCAS application submission begins
June 26	Initial transmission of application data to medical schools
Aug. 3	Early Decision Program deadline
Sept.-Dec.	Application deadlines

# 2027 AMCAS Participation

Tentative 2027 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	132 Schools/Programs

## 2027 AMCAS Application Fees:

- \$180 processing fee (includes one school designation)
- \$48 for each additional school

# Accessing the Application

## Sign In

  
  
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## 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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1 Personal Information  
Please complete the fields below.

**Email**

Enter Email

**Confirm Email**

Re-Enter Email Address

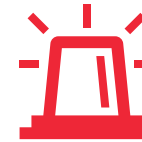
**Prefix (optional)**

Select Prefix

**First Name**

Enter First Name

**Middle (optional)**



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

# My AAMC Profile

My AAMC Profile SAVE & CONTINUE TO APPLICATION

**AAMC ID**  
21237971

\* Indicates required fields

**Name**

Prefix  
Miss

Middle Name

Generational Suffix  
Select Suffix

First Name \*  
Judy

Last Name \*  
Smith

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**Legal Name**

Legal First Name \*  
Judy

Legal Last Name \*  
Smith

Legal Middle Name

Generational Suffix  
Select Suffix

# Select “2027 Application Cycle”

## Open AMCAS Applications

### 2027 Application Cycle [? Help](#)

[i New Application](#)

This is the application cycle for applicants who intend to start medical school in the summer or fall of 2027.

[START THE 2027 APPLICATION IF YOU WANT TO START MEDICAL SCHOOL IN THE FALL OF 2027](#)

### 2026 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 2026.

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Jordan Smith JS

WITHDRAW APPLICATION SUBMIT APPLICATION

### Jordan Smith

<b>AAMC ID</b>	21567835
<b>Gender</b>	Woman
<b>Date of Birth</b>	01/15/1992
<b>Country of Birth</b>	USA
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:amcasevents@aamc.org">amcasevents@aamc.org</a>
<b>Birth State</b>	CA
<b>Birth City</b>	Los Angeles

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EDIT MY PROFILE

### 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
Standardized Tests	⚠ Incomplete

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WITHDRAW APPLICATION SUBMIT APPLICATION

**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

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EDIT MY PROFILE

**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
- Standardized Tests Incomplete

MANAGE TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS  
MANAGE LETTER REQUESTS  
PRINT APPLICATION

VIEW APPLICATION STATUS HISTORY

APPLICATION STATUS DEFINITIONS

**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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## Quick Links

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[Visit the AMCAS website](#)

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## My Document Statuses

**Transcripts (0)**

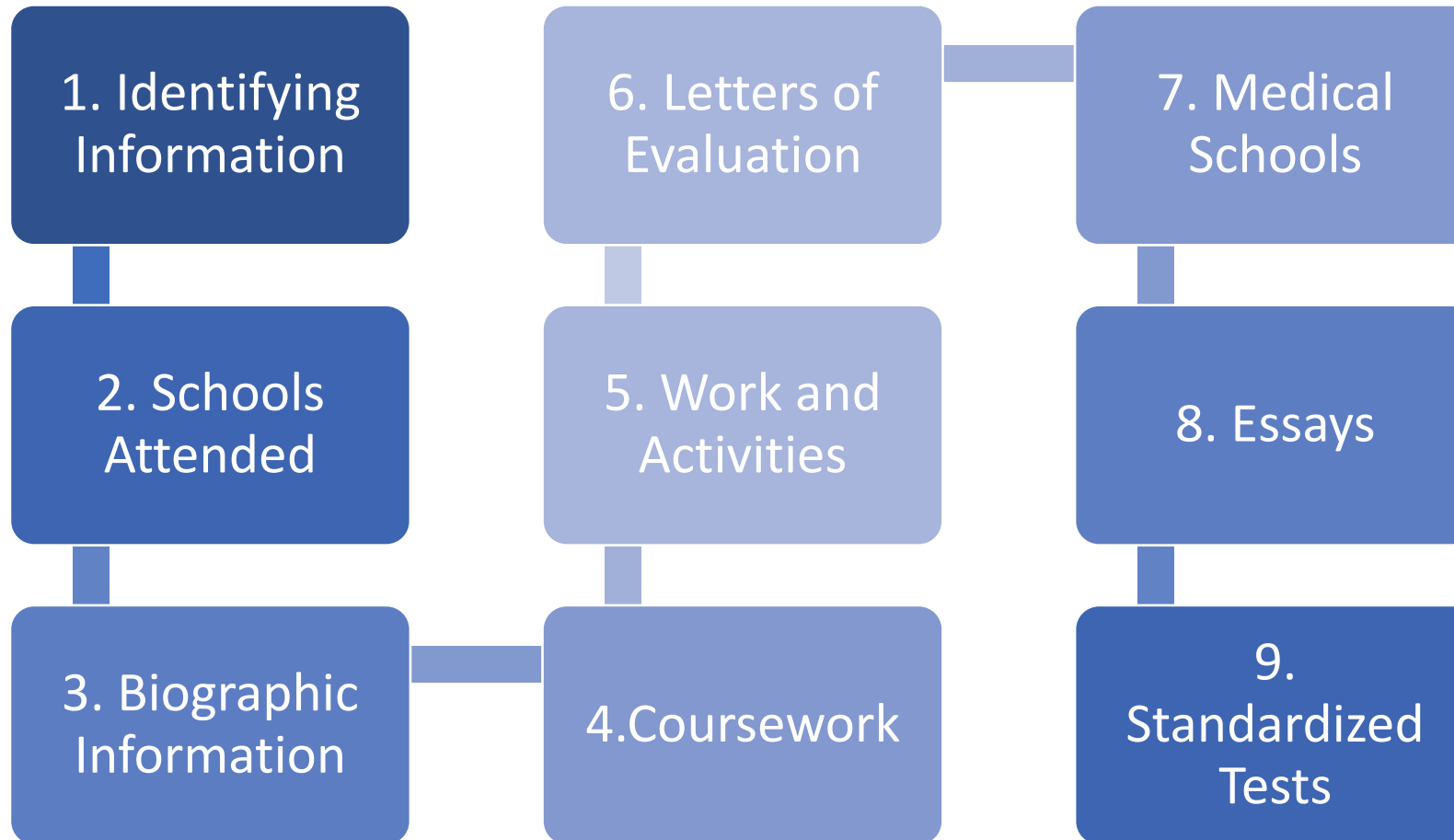
You have no transcripts attached to your application

**Letters of Evaluation (0)**

You have no letters attached to your application

[VIEW ALL DOCUMENT STATUSES](#)

# The AMCAS Application



# 2027 AMCAS Application Changes



The *Social Justice/Advocacy* experience type has been updated to *Community Health Advocacy*.



Updates have been made to the Medical School section focusing on how applicants edit school selections, update program details, manage letter assignments, and handle restricted programs.

# Identifying Information

AAMC American Medical College Applicatio... ? Judy Smith JS

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## Identifying Information Help

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- Identifying Information**
  - Legal Name\***
  - Preferred Name\*
  - Alternate Names
  - ID Numbers
  - Birth Date and Birth Place\*
  - Gender Identity and Pronouns\*
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**Legal Name**

Salutation

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

First Name \*  Middle Name

Last Name \*  Suffix

**Legal Name** To edit your Legal Name, go to My AAMC Profile

**Identifying Information** Some information is centrally managed by AAMC and cannot be edited on this page. To edit your legal name, preferred name, birth, and gender, go to My AAMC Profile

# Schools Attended

### Add College

Country \*  
Select Country

Program Type \*  
Select Program Type

Start Date \*      End Date \*  
MM/YYYY      MM/YYYY

Other Options

Summer School Only

Study Abroad Program

**Advisor Release**

1 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.

CANCEL      SAVE

# Schools Attended

## 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.

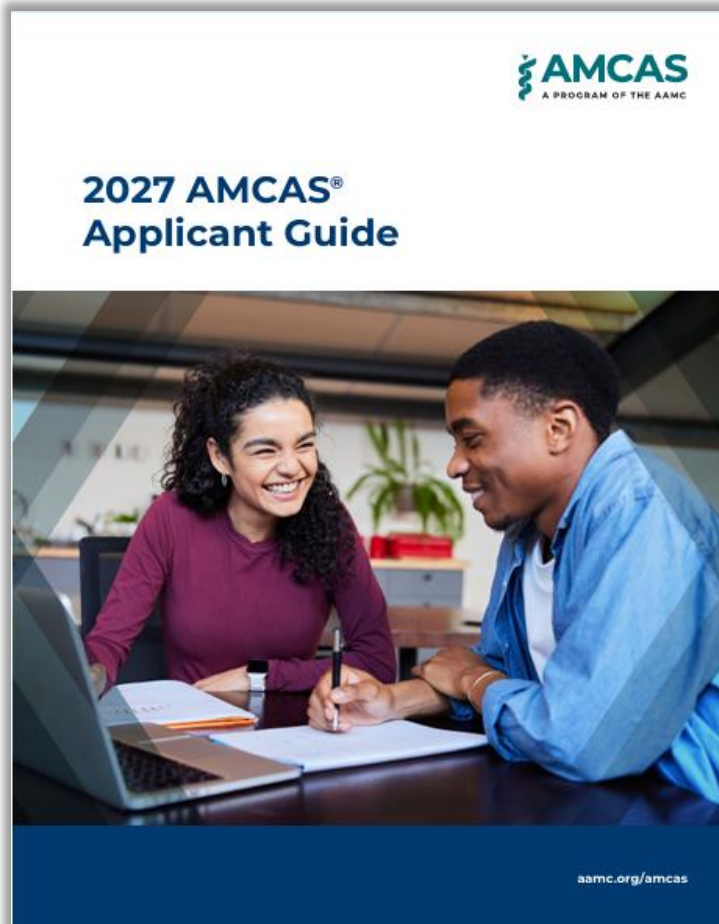
If you click No, this means that you are submitting a Transcript Exception Request and does not preclude you from transcript requirements. AMCAS will review your request and notify you if your Transcript Exception is not granted. This may result in delays for processing your application.

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

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  - Self Identification
  - Languages\*
  - Childhood Information\*
  - Military Service\*
  - Military Discharge\*
  - Felony\*
  - Misdemeanor\*
  - Other Impactful Experiences\*
  - Parents and Guardians\*
  - Siblings\*
  - Dependents\*
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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

To edit your email, go to My AAMC Profile

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# Other Impactful Experiences

## Biographic Information

- Preferred Address\*
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- 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.

OK

# Coursework

## Course Work Help

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\* Indicates required field

### 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](#).

**i** 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 \*

Academic Term \*

Year in School \*

Course Number

Please enter any letters or numbers. Example BIO 101

Course Name \*

CANCEL

SAVE & ADD ANOTHER

SAVE



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 Number: 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 2024** it goes in **AY 2024-2025** 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 \*  Experience Name \*

**i** 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 \*  End Date \*  Total Hours \*

Repeated \*  
 Yes  
 No

Organization Name

- 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 2027.

# Work/Activities: Things to think about

- How does this experience impact my future profession in medicine?
- Consider which premed competencies you gained experience in and how you developed or demonstrated these competencies through your experience.
- 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

\*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 dates. **You must 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, once you have 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, and are 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 advise 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 you 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 Medical School Selection 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 Program.

+ ADD LETTER REQUEST

Manage Letter Requests

SHOW MEDICAL SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS

✔ 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:

[Redacted applicant information]

# Letters of Evaluation: Things to know

- Up to 10 letter entries may be added to the application.
- Most applicants have 2-3 letters.
- Letter packets cannot be broken up once they are received by the AMCAS program.
- The AMCAS program accepts letters through the AAMC Letter Writer Portal and Interfolio.
- The AMCAS program does not need your letters of evaluation to verify your application.

# Medical Schools

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Step 1 of 3 Incomplete

**Filters**

State:  Deadline:  Program Type:

**School**

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

\* School:

CANCEL NEXT

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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. \*

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

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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

# Standardized Tests

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  - ✓ 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 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.

You should indicate any future MCAT testing dates.

[aamc.org/mcat](https://aamc.org/mcat)

# Standardized Tests

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### 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

PREview scores are automatically released to your application.

You should indicate any future PREview testing dates.

# AAMC PREview<sup>®</sup> Exam

[aamc.org/preview](https://aamc.org/preview)

- The AAMC PREview<sup>®</sup> 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 2027 cycle.

# Certification Statements

## Application Submission Process

CANCEL

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 my writing, including personal comments, essays for MD-PhD applicants, and descriptions of work/activities, is my own. Although I may utilize mentors, peers, advisors, and/or AI tools for brainstorming, proofreading, or editing, my final submission is a true reflection of my own work and represents my experiences. I acknowledge that no changes can be made after submission and will thoroughly proofread my work. Quotations are allowed if I cite the source.
- \*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 no longer uses the American Arbitration Association. Revised to incorporate policy to avoid future changes: I have read, understand, and accept the AAMC's Policies and Procedures for Investigating Reported Violations of Admissions and Enrollment Standards, which sets forth the AAMC's practices for investigating and reporting discrepancies in credentials, attempts to subvert the admissions process, inaccuracies, material omissions, or other attempts to subvert the admissions process.
- \*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, unless advised otherwise by the recipient school, 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 10 business days 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

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

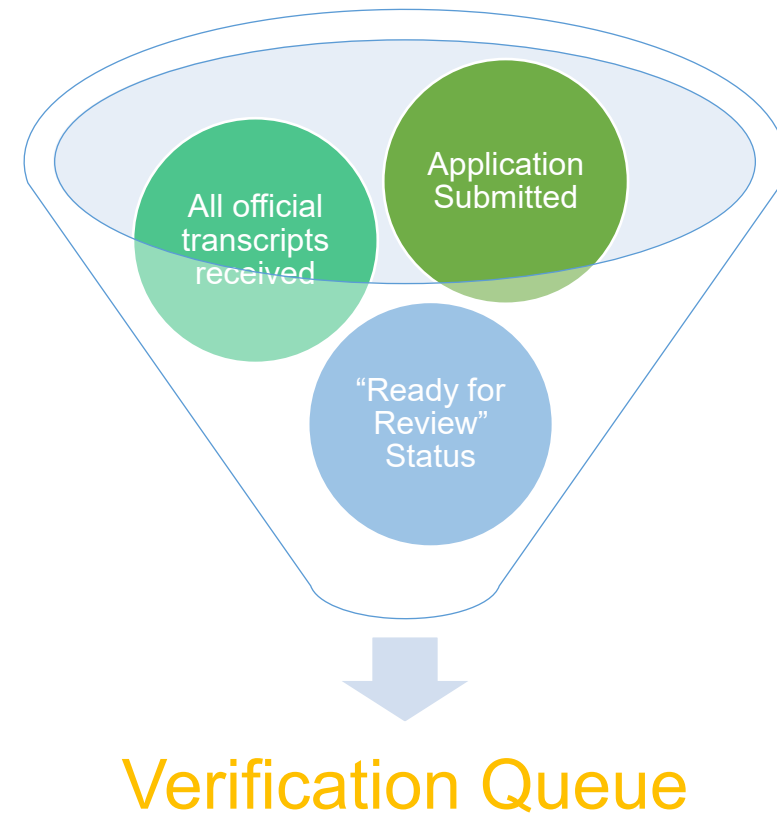
# AMCAS Application Verification Process

## Transcripts

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

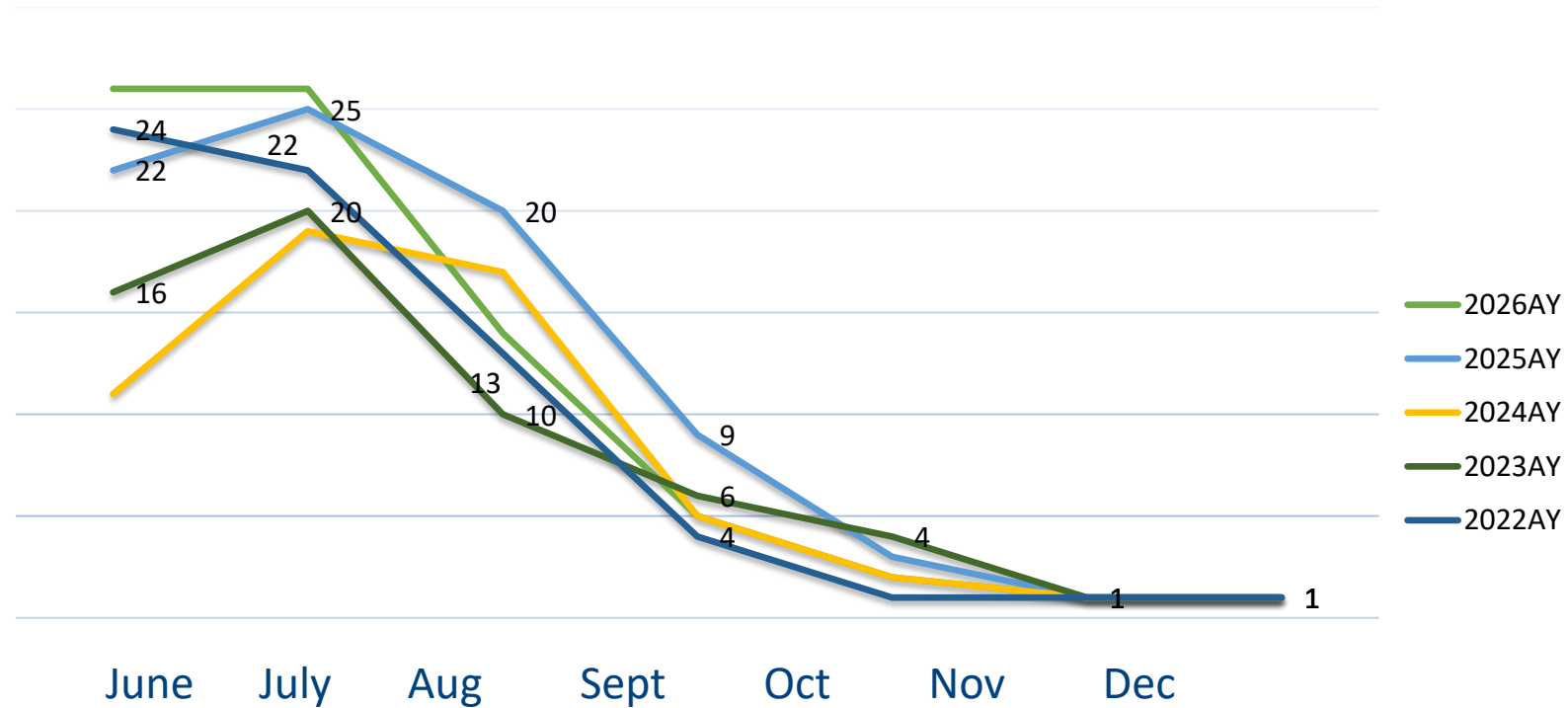
## Processing

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



# AMCAS Application Verification

Average number of business days to complete 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

# Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants

Career

School

School

Fellowship

Research

Reports

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## Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants

ESTIMATED READ TIME: 4 MINUTES

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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.

AMCAS® Sign In



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# AMCAS Application Tools

- AMCAS Applicant Guide
- AMCAS Application Workbook
- Application and Acceptance Protocols
- Video Tutorials
- Social media
  - @AMCASinfo



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# Agenda

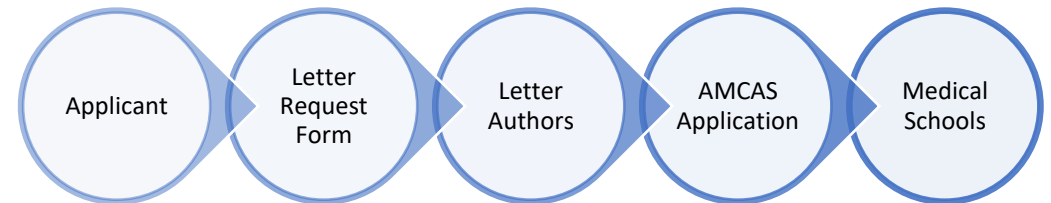
- AMCAS Application
  - AMCAS Process
  - 2027 Dates and Participation
  - 2027 Application
- Verification
- After Submission
- AMCAS Letter Service
  - AAMC Letter Writer Portal
  - Letter Guidelines
- Resources

# Letters of Evaluation

## Submission Methods:

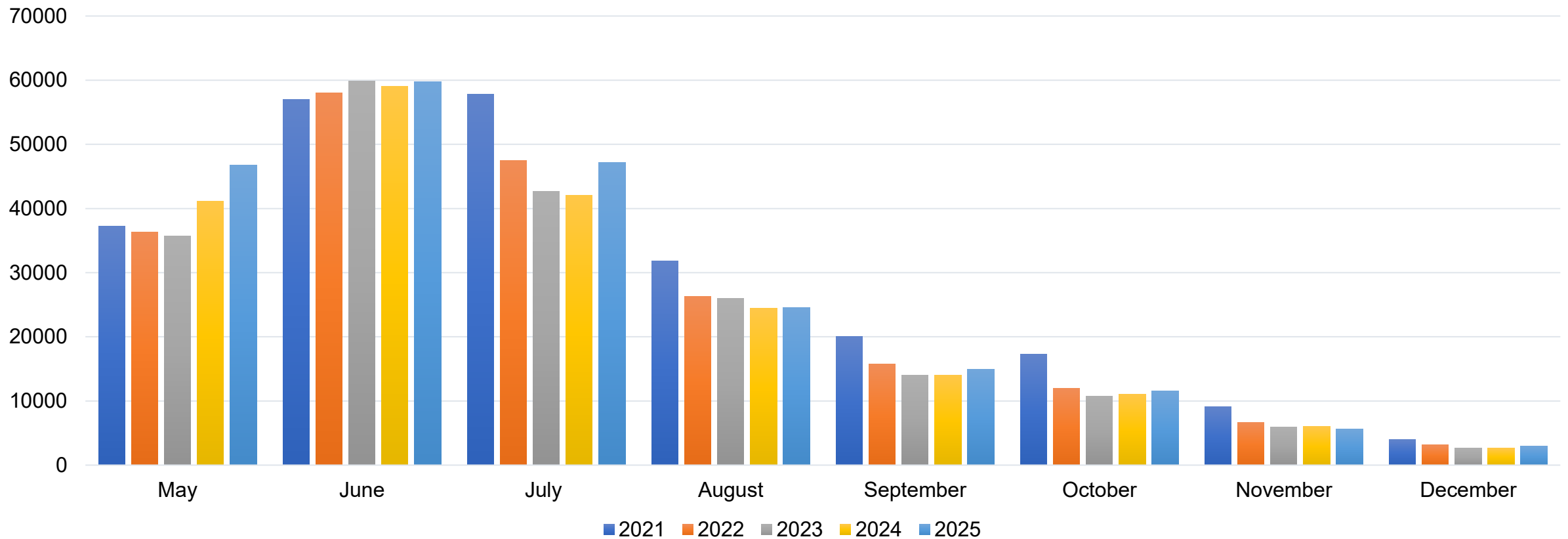
- AAMC Letter Writer Portal
- Interfolio

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

The screenshot displays the AAMC Letter Writer Portal interface. At the top right, there are links for "SIGN IN" and "Contact Us". The main heading is "Fulfill request for Applicant Name". Below this, there is a note: "Please review the information below prior to submitting your letter." and a link to the "AMCAS Letter Writing Guide".

**Request Information**

Requestor Name:	Applicant Name	AAMC Service:	AMCAS Program
Requestor AAMC ID:	21538199	Letter Type:	Individual Letter
Requestor Email:	[Redacted]		
Requestor Phone Number:	+1 (123) 456-7890		
Request ID:	W5ZG-FR8NG-J564V		

**Author Information**

Author Name:	Author Name
Author Email:	[Redacted]

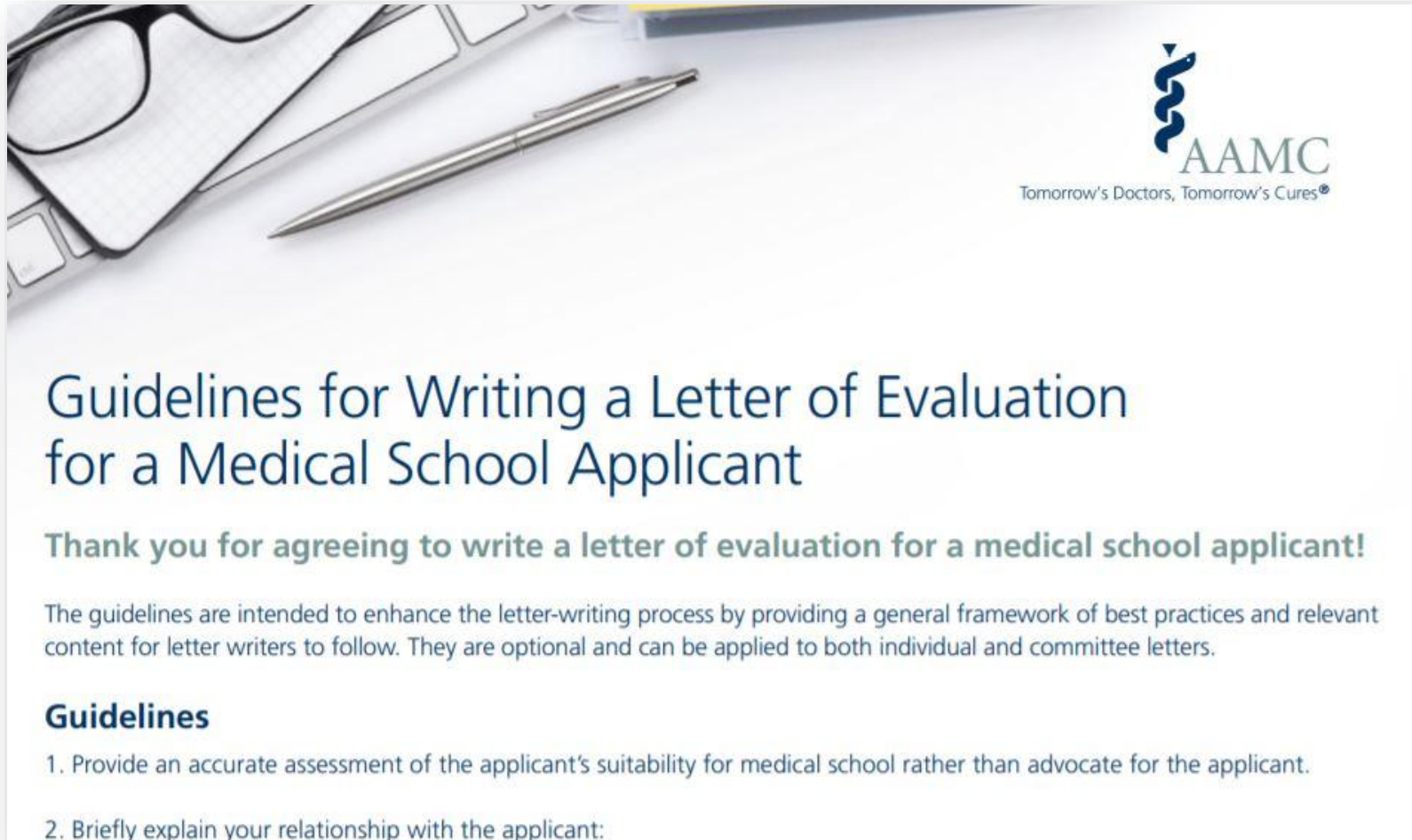
At the bottom, there are two submission options:

- AAMC Account Submission:** Gain access to manage multiple requests, view submission history, and make updates to past submissions as needed. A red circle highlights the "LOG IN OR REGISTER" button.
- 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 "CONTINUE AS GUEST" button is visible.

At the very bottom, there is a footer with copyright information: "Copyright © AAMC 2025 | 855 K Street, NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC, 20001-2399 | Contact Us | Follow Us | Supported Browsers | Web Accessibility | AAMC Terms and Conditions".

- 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.

# Letter Writer Guidelines



- Ask your letter writer to visit [aamc.org/advisors](https://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 Exam Benefit

- Reduced registration fees
- Access to all 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
- Free PREview scored practice exam

## ERAS Application Benefit

- 60% fee discount on up to 50 ERAS applications

**Benefits are NOT Retroactive**



# AAMC Fee Assistance Program Eligibility

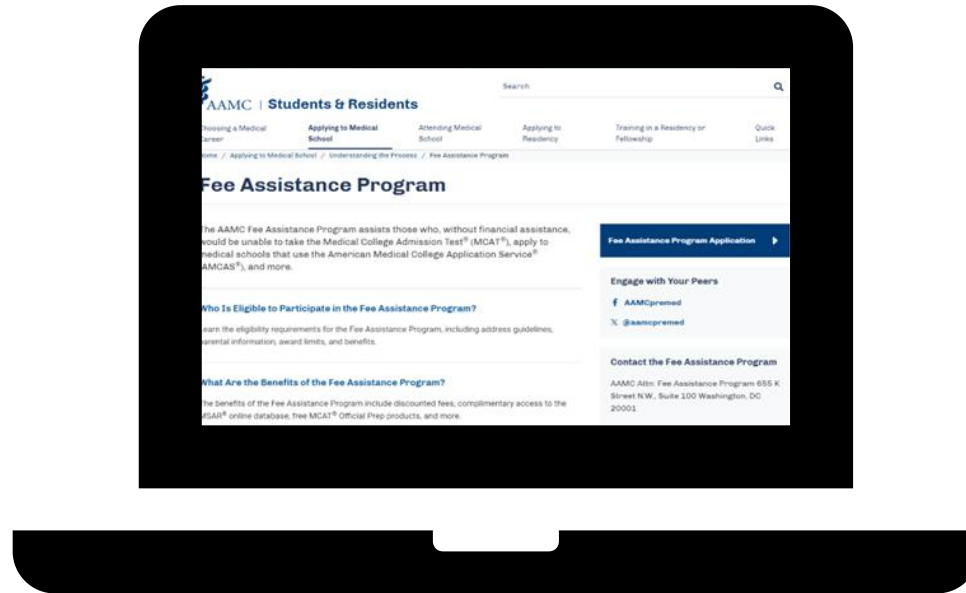
- U.S.-based home address
- Tied to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' poverty level guidelines
- Requires parental financial information and supporting tax documentation for applicants under 26
- Must be preparing to apply to medical school



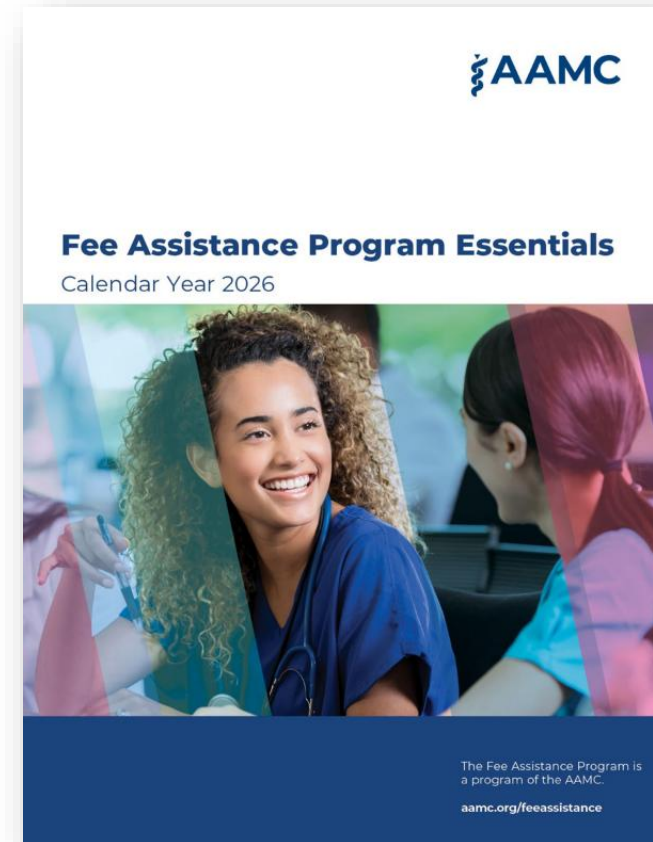
# AAMC Fee Assistance Program Income Eligibility

Family Size	Income Guidelines		
	Contiguous States, District of Columbia & U.S. Territories	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$62,600	\$78,200	\$71,960
2	\$84,600	\$105,720	\$97,280
3	\$106,600	\$133,240	\$122,600
4	\$128,600	\$160,760	\$147,920
5	\$150,600	\$188,280	\$173,240
6	\$172,600	\$215,800	\$198,560
7	\$194,600	\$243,320	\$223,880
8	\$216,600	\$270,840	\$249,200
8+	\$5,500 for each additional person	\$6,880 for each additional person.	\$6,330 for each additional person

# 2026 Fee Assistance Program



[aamc.org/feeassistance](https://aamc.org/feeassistance)



# AAMC Fee Assistance Program

- What You Need to Apply
- *2026 Fee Assistance Program Essentials*
- Fee Assistance Program FAQ's



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# Anatomy of an Applicant



## Premed Competencies: Self-Assessment

When evaluating your readiness for medical school, schools assess your development, understanding, and proficiency in the premed competencies through your experiences as described in the AMCAS application, personal statement, interview, letters of recommendation, and performance on other assessments (e.g., MCAT exam, PREview exam).

You should periodically assess or reassess your learning and development in these competencies to determine where you may need additional experiences to better prepare for medical school.

Using the sheet below, reflect on each competency area and what experiences have given you an opportunity to learn and develop in the competency. (You can view all competencies and their definitions at the end of this document.)

**Date of Self-Assessment:**

**Competency:**

### Professional

- Commitment to Learning and Growth
- Empathy and Compassion
- Ethical Responsibility to Self and Others
- Interpersonal Skills
- Oral Communication

- Reliability and Dependability
- Resilience and Adaptability
- Self-Awareness
- Service Orientation
- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Understanding Others

### Thinking and Reasoning

- Critical Thinking
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Scientific Inquiry
- Written Communication

### Science

- Human Behavior
- Living Systems

Review Premed Competencies.  
Read application stories.  
Complete the Self-Assessment Guide.



#### **Shelby Snyder: Pioneering Paths in Indigenous Healthcare, Breaking Barriers in Medicine**

"Lean into your community, culture, and identity to keep you grounded, and remember that your path and perspective are valid. Take time to reflect on why you want to go to medical school and what values or skills you'll carry in that process."



#### **Balancing Act: Lihlenz Saint-Louis' Medical Odyssey of Dedication, Determination, and Healing**

"Scores and grades can only get you so far without a story to sell yourself and the experiences to back it up. Everyone from here on out is very intelligent, but that increase in raw intelligence has diminishing returns. At this point in your career, it matters more who you are as a person and the soft qualities you bring to the table that will help you become a better physician and colleague."



#### **Dedication to Making a Difference: Richard Piszczatowski's Journey to Medical School**

"Never get discouraged. Each person's path is very different, and the strongest candidates are those that show how they have found their own path headed towards a career in medicine."

# Medical School Admission Requirements

Resources to help you:

- Prepare for the application process.
- Choose where to apply to medical school.

The screenshot displays the AAMC MSAR website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the AAMC logo, 'Medical School Admission Requirements™ (MSAR®)', and links for 'MSAR Reports', 'Search Institutions', 'My Notes', 'My Data', and 'My Favorites'. Below the navigation bar is a search bar with the placeholder text '- Enter Institution Name -'. To the left of the search bar is a 'Filters' section with the following options:

- Location:** A dropdown menu set to '- Country, State -'.
- Accepts Applicants:** Four checkboxes: 'Out-of-State/Province', 'U.S.', 'Canadian', and 'International'.
- Median MCAT:** A grid of buttons for ranges: '< 502', '502 - 505', '506 - 509', '510 - 513', '514 - 517', and '518 - 528'.
- Median GPA:** A grid of buttons for ranges: '< 2.59', '2.6 - 2.79', '2.8 - 2.99', '3.0 - 3.19', '3.2 - 3.39', and '3.4 - 3.59'.

Below the filters is a search results area. It shows 'Showing 1 - 10 of 175 records', 'Sort By: School A - Z', and 'Items per page: 10'. The first result is for Albany Medical College, with the following details:

- Albany Medical College:** Albany, NY | Private Institution | Urban Campus
- Application Deadline:** November 1, 2025
- Median MCAT:** 511
- Also Accepts:** Out-of-state
- Median GPA:** 3.8
- Combined Degrees:** BS/MD, MD/MPH, MD/MBA, MD/PhD
- Tuition & Fees:** \$58,875 In-state, \$59,875 Out-of-state
- First Year Class:** 140

The second result is for Albert Einstein College of Medicine, with the following details:

- Albert Einstein College of Medicine:** Bronx, NY | Private Institution | Urban Campus
- Application Deadline:** October 15, 2025
- Median MCAT:** 517

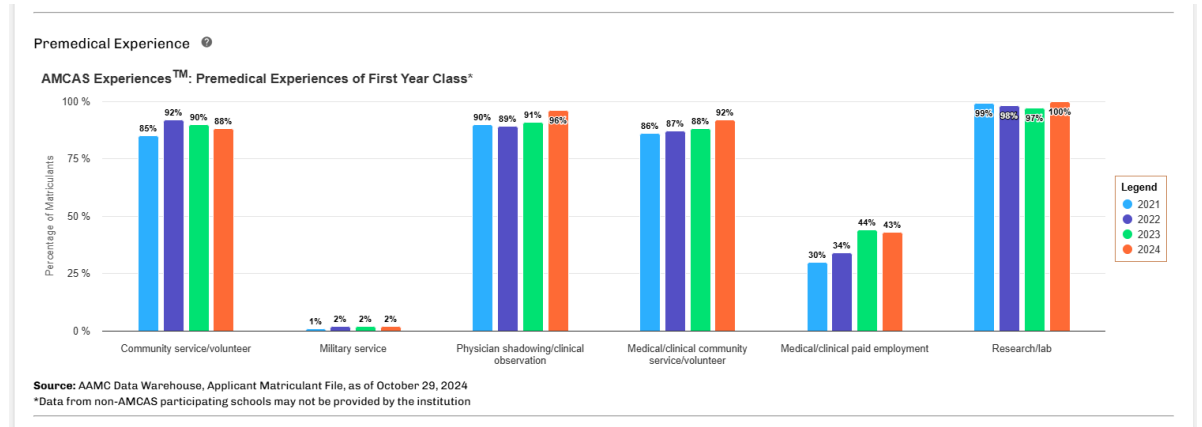
# MSAR Features

Search by location, MCAT score, GPA.

Review school-specific data.

Save & rank favorite schools.

Enter premedical coursework.



## My Favorites

EMAIL FAVORITES

Change the order of this list by dragging and dropping the icon to the left of the rank number.

Rank	Compare	School Name	My Status	Why I'm Interested in this School	Actions
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons</a>	-	-	
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">NYU Grossman School of Medicine</a>	-	-	

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# Good luck!



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