Quick Tips for Completing Your American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®) Application

Before You Apply

- Read the current AMCAS Applicant Guide.
- Request personal copies of your official transcript(s).
- If you qualify for the AAMC Fee Assistance Program, apply for benefits before you submit your AMCAS application.

Sections 1-3 (Background Info)

- Keep your contact information up to date in your application, especially your email address, so medical schools can contact you.

Section 4 (Coursework Info)

- Use a personal copy of your official transcript(s) to enter your coursework accurately to prevent verification delays.
- Use a Transcript Request Form to request your official transcript(s) be sent directly to the AMCAS program.

Section 5 (Work and Activities)

- You have 15 total entries, so focus on significant experiences. Medical schools are more interested in quality rather than quantity.

Section 6 (Letters of Evaluation)

- Choose individuals who can best assess your qualities, characteristics, and capabilities to write letters on your behalf.

Section 7 (Medical Schools)

- Designate which schools you want to receive your AMCAS application. Find accurate data on U.S. and Canadian medical schools and BS-MD programs on the Medical School Admissions Requirements™ (MSAR®).

Section 8 (Essays)

- Distinguish yourself from other applicants—get tips for writing your essay at aamc.org/amcas.
- Type directly into the application or copy and paste unformatted text to avoid formatting issues.

Section 9 (Standardized Tests)

- Include Medical College Admissions Test® (MCAT®) exams and the AAMC PREview® professional readiness exams you have taken or are scheduled to take.
- Special programs (such as MD-PhD or MBA-MD) may require additional test scores.

Last Step! (Certify, Pay, and Submit Your AMCAS Application)

- Before you submit your application, print a copy and proofread it carefully! Only limited changes can be made after submission.
- Pay AMCAS application fees or use the AAMC Fee Assistance Program award.

What's Next?

- The AMCAS program verifies your application—this process takes six to eight weeks.
- Monitor your application status to confirm that the AMCAS program has received all your official transcripts.
- The AMCAS program will transmit your verified application, letters of evaluation, and your MCAT and PREview scores, to your designated medical schools.

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