



Navigating the 2021 AMCAS Application Cycle for Applicants

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Alternative Grading

Working with The American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), the AAMC has identified the following three common policies academic institutions are implementing:

- Maintaining their current letter grade system with no change
- Offering opt-in pass/fail
- Offering mandatory pass/fail

In the AMCAS application, all courses with credit hours and letter grades are calculated into the AMCAS GPA, regardless of whether the credit is counted towards a degree or has been counted towards a school-calculated GPA.

GRADE	CREDIT HOURS	=	AMCAS GPA
A	4		4

AMCAS University

Back of Transcript
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
WASHINGTON, DC 20011
524-587-3565

Pass/fail and other non-qualitative, binary marks (credit/no credit, satisfactory/unsatisfactory) do not have value or weight on the AMCAS GPA.

Symbols

AUD	Audited
CR	Pass/ Fail Credit
I	Incomplete
N	No grade recorded
P	Test Credit
U	Pass/ Fail Failed course
W	Withdraw
WF	Withdraw Failing
X	Absent from Exam
R	Repeated Course

Course Notation

R (code) Not included
DG (code) Deferred Grade

Unit of Credit

Credit is listed in the semester hours

Grading System

A+	4.0	A	4.0
A-	3.7	B+	3.3
B	3.0	B-	2.7
C+	2.3	C	2.0
C-	1.7	D+	1.3
D	1.0	D-	1.0
F	0.0		

AMCAS University

555 Ersatz Avenue
Washington, DC 10101

APPLICANT NAME: Spencer James

DATE OF BIRTH: Feb 31
BASIS OF ADMISSION: HIGH SCHOOL GRAD MAY 2014
COLLEGE: LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES
MAJOR: BIOLOGY
DEGREE AWARDED: BS MAY 2018
DATE PRINTED: MAY 04, 2017
TYPE OF CREDIT: SEMESTER HOURS
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Prefix & Course Number	Course Title	Grade System	Grade	Credit	Credit Earned	Credit for GPA	Prefix & Course Number	Course Title	Grade System	Grade
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2017 Fall

ANT 3260	LANGUAGE & CULT	B	3.00	3.00	3.00
ANT 3930	AFRICAN HEALTH HIST	B	3.00	3.00	3.00
EEX 4280	DSBL COMM & EMPLOY	A	3.00	3.00	3.00
MCB 4203	BACT/VIRAL PATHOGENS	A	3.00	3.00	3.00
PCB 4723	PHYS/MOL BIO OF ANIMALS	A	5.00	5.00	5.00
EARNED HRS	17.00	GRADE PTS	68.00		

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2018 Spring

ANT 3514	INTR BIOL ANTHRO	CR	4.00	4.00	0.00
BOT 2800	PLANTS IN HUMAN AFFAIRS	CR	3.00	3.00	0.00
ART 2862	THE FRANKFURT SCHOOL CUL&FIL	CR	3.00	3.00	0.00
BSC 4936	CRIT ANALYSIS BIO RES	CR	2.00	2.00	0.00
EARNED HRS	12.00	GRADE PTS	0.00		

Applicant Scenario

Standard Grading & AMCAS GPA impact

Below is coursework entry for an applicant who received standard letter grades during the second semester of their Senior year. The applicant took four courses, three of those courses were classified as Biology (€). The biology classification will impact their BCPM GPA.

The applicant received official transcript (£) grades of A for all their courses. Their total credit hours earned for this semester was 12. Their AMCAS Grades (¥) converted to A's for their courses this semester. This would be a common transcript of a school that did not change their grading policies.

STAT	CLAS S	YEAR	TERM	NAME	NUM	TYP E	LAB/LEC	OT GRD	OT HRS	SEM HR S	SU PP HR S	AM GRD
SR	BIOL €	2018	S2	INTR BIOL ANTHRO			LEC	A £	4	4		A
SR	BIOL	2018	S2	PLANTS IN HUMAN AFFAIRS			LEC	A	3	3		A ¥
SR	ARTS	2018	S2	THE FRANKFURT SCHOOL ON MASS CULTURE & FILM			LEC	A	3	3		A
SR	BIOL	2018	S2	CRIT ANALYSIS BIO RES			LEC	A	2	2		A

The applicant's grading history shows in their Senior year they received a 4.0 BCPM GPA (€)

The applicant's calculated BCPM hours for their Senior year was 17 (£). As we learned from the coursework entry, 12 of those hours were received in their senior year second semester.

The applicant's GPA for All Other (AO) courses was 3.40 (¥). Three of the 15 awarded credit hours (\$) were from the applicant's second semester Art course.

The applicant received an AMCAS GPA of 3.72 (ß) with 32 credit hours (8) earned for their senior year.

(f) represents their cumulative undergraduate GPA report.

	BCPM GPA	BCPM Hours	AO GPA	AO Hours	Total GPA	Total Hours
High School						
Freshman	3.87	21.00	3.67	9.00	3.81	30.00
Sophomore	3.12	17.00	3.25	12.00	3.17	29.00
Junior	3.71	17.00	3.71	21.00	3.71	38.00
Senior	4.00 €	17.00 £	3.40 ¥	15.00 \$	3.72 ß	32.00 8
Postbaccalaureate Undergraduate						
Cumulative Undergraduate	3.68	72.00	3.53	57.00	3.61	129.00 f
Graduate						
Supplemental Hours						
Pass/Fail - Pass						
Pass/Fail - Failed						
Advanced Placement						
CLEP						
Other						

Applicant Scenario

Pass/Fail AMCAS GPA impact

Below is coursework entry for the same applicant who has received Pass/Fail grades during the second semester of their Senior year (Spring 2018). The applicant took four courses, three of those courses were classified as Biology (€). The biology classification will impact their BCPM GPA.

The applicant received official transcript (£) grades of P for all their courses. Their total credit hours earned for this semester was 12. Their AMCAS Grades (¥) converted to P's for their courses this semester.

STA T	CLASS	YEAR	TERM	NAME	NU M	TYP E	LAB/ LEC	OT GRD	OT HRS	SE M HR S	SU PP HR S	AM GRD
SR	BIOL €	2018	S2	INTR BIOL ANTHRO			LEC	P £	4		4	P
SR	BIOL	2018	S2	PLANTS IN HUMAN AFFAIRS			LEC	P	3		3	P ¥
SR	ARTS	2018	S2	THE FRANKFURT SCHOOL ON MASS CULTURE & FILM			LEC	P	3		3	P
SR	BIOL	2018	S2	CRIT ANALYSIS BIO RES			LEC	P	2		2	P

The applicant's grading history shows in their Senior year they received a 4.0 BCPM GPA (€)

The applicant's calculated BCPM hours for their Senior year was 8 (£). The remaining 9 hours from their second semester is now being counted under supplemental hours (z).

The applicant's GPA for All Other (AO) courses was 3.25 (¥). Three of the 12 (\$) awarded credit hours are from the second semester coursework and counted as supplemental hours (z).

The applicant received an AMCAS GPA of 3.55 (ß) with 20 credit hours (8) earned for their senior year.

(f) represents their cumulative undergraduate GPA report.

All Pass/Fail credits are recorded in Supplemental hours (z). The applicant earned 12 Pass/Fail hours in their second semester.

	BCPM GPA	BCPM Hours	AO GPA	AO Hours	Total GPA	Total Hours
High School						
Freshman	3.87	21.00	3.67	9.00	3.81	30.00
Sophomore	3.12	17.00	3.25	12.00	3.17	29.00
Junior	3.71	17.00	3.71	21.00	3.71	38.00
Senior	4.00 €	8.00 £	3.25 ¥	12.00 \$	3.55 ß	20.00 8
Postbaccalaureate Undergraduate						
Cumulative Undergraduate	3.64	63.00	3.50	54.00	3.57	117.00 f
Graduate						
Supplemental Hours						
Pass/Fail - Pass	12.00	z				
Pass/Fail - Failed						
Advanced Placement						
CLEP						
Other						

Standard grades compared to pass/fail

Credit hours for standard grading scales are calculated in both quality points and the GPA.

1. $AMCAS\ Weight \times Semester\ Hours = Quality\ Points$

2. $Total\ Quality\ Points / Total\ Semester\ Hours = GPA$

In the comparison below we're showing the cumulative undergraduate history for both scenarios, pass/fail credit hours are counted as Supplemental Hours and not included in the GPA and hour totals, resulting in 12 less semester hours which reduced BCPM hours, All Other GPA and hours, and Total GPA and hours.

		BCPM GPA	BCPM Hours	AO GPA	AO Hours	Total GPA	Total Hours
Scenario 1	Standard Grading Calculation	3.68	72.00	3.53	57.00	3.61	129.00
Scenario 2	Pass/Fail Grading Calculation	3.64	63.00	3.50	54.00	3.57	117.00
Scenario 2	Supplemental Hours						
	Pass/Fail - Pass	12.00					

How does AMCAS 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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Applying to Medical School with AMCAS®

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

[AMCAS® Sign In »](#)

The 2020 AMCAS application is now open. If you wish to start medical school in Fall 2020, please complete and submit the 2020 AMCAS application. **Please be sure to proofread your application before submitting.**

As of **March 26**, AMCAS is:

- Marking transcripts as "Received" that were delivered on **March 26**.
- Processing applications that reached "Ready for Review" on **March 25**.
- Processing Academic Change Requests submitted on **March 26**.

Contact AMCAS®

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. ET
Closed Wednesday, 3-5 p.m. ET



2021 Application Dates

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

Date*	Event
April 3	2021 AMCAS resources available
May 4	AMCAS application opens
May 28	AMCAS application submission begins
July 10	Initial transmission of application data to medical schools
August 1	Early Decision Program deadline
Sept.-Dec.	Application deadlines

*Dates subject to change

2021 AMCAS Participation

Tentative 2021 Participation	
Application	153 Schools/Programs All MD granting schools in the United States with the exception of MD programs at Texas public schools
AMCAS Letters	153 Schools/Programs
Criminal Background Checks	128 Schools/Programs

2021 AMCAS Application Fees:

- \$170 processing fee (includes one school designation)
- \$41 for each additional school

Accessing the Application

Sign In

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Sign In

Create AAMC Account

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

Create AAMC Account

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AAMC Registration

Create Account

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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

AAMC ID
21213286

[Save & Continue to Application](#)

Name

Prefix
Select Prefix ▼

First Name (required)
Tim

Middle Name
Middle Name

Last Name (required)
Brown

Generational Suffix
Select Suffix ▼

Legal Name

Legal First Name (required)
Timothy

Legal Middle Name
Legal Middle Name

Legal Last Name (required)
Brown

Legal Generational Suffix
Select Suffix ▼

Select “2021 Application Cycle”

The screenshot shows the AAMC American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) website. At the top left is the AAMC logo. Below it is the text "American Medical College Application Service®". A light blue information box contains the following text: "Welcome to the American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®). To begin the application process, you must select the correct application cycle year below. The application cycle year is based on the summer or fall you intend to start medical school. Please use the various AMCAS resources available to support the application process including the AMCAS Applicant Guide, the Quick Links on this page, and the links available throughout the application. In order to avoid delays, it is important that you download and use items such as transcript and letter request forms from the correct application cycle." Below this is a section titled "Open AMCAS Applications". It contains two application cycle options, each with a "Continue Application" button. The "2021 Application Cycle" option is highlighted with a red border. The "2020 Application Cycle" option is also visible. Below these is a section titled "Past AMCAS Applications" which states "No Past AMCAS Applications" and "According to our records, you have not started or completed an AMCAS application in any of the past 5 application cycles."

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2021 Application Cycle Application - Not Submitted to AMCAS
This is the application cycle for applicants who intend to start medical school in the summer or fall of 2021. [Help](#)
[Continue Application](#)

2020 Application Cycle Application - Not Submitted to AMCAS
This is the application cycle for applicants who intend to start medical school in the summer or fall of 2020. [Help](#)
[Continue Application](#)

Past AMCAS Applications
No Past AMCAS Applications
According to our records, you have not started or completed an AMCAS application in any of the past 5 application cycles.

AMCAS Main Menu

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Back to Dashboard My AAMC Profile My Application Help

Withdraw Application Submit Application

Application - Not Submitted to AMCAS

AAMC ID	Sex	Female
Date of Birth	Country of Birth	USA
Email	Birth State	CA
	Birth City	Santa Ana

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Edit My Profile

Identifying Information	Incomplete
Schools Attended	Incomplete
Biographic Information	Incomplete
Course Work	Incomplete
Work/Activities	Incomplete
Letters of Evaluation	Incomplete
Medical Schools	Incomplete
Essays	Incomplete
Standardized Tests	Incomplete

Print Transcript Request Forms

Print Letter Request Forms

Print Application

View Application Status History

Quick Links My Document Statuses

AMCAS Main Menu (1/2)

The screenshot shows the AMCAS main menu. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the AAMC logo, the text "American Medical College Application Service® 2020 Application", and links for "Back to Dashboard", "My AAMC Profile", "My Application", and "Help". Below this, there are buttons for "Withdraw Application" and "Submit Application". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column displays personal information: AAMC ID, Sex (Female), Date of Birth, Country of Birth (USA), Email, Birth State (CA), and Birth City (Santa Ana). A blue information box below this text states: "Some information is centrally managed by AAMC and cannot be edited on this page. To edit your legal name, preferred name, birth, and sex, go to My AAMC Profile". The right column is titled "Application - Not Submitted to AMCAS" and lists various sections, each with an "Incomplete" status: Identifying Information, Schools Attended, Biographic Information, Course Work, Work/Activities, Letters of Evaluation, Medical Schools, Essays, and Standardized Tests. To the right of this list are three buttons: "Print Transcript Request Forms", "Print Letter Request Forms", and "Print Application". At the bottom of the main content area, there are two buttons: "Edit My Profile" and "View Application Status History". A red box highlights the "View Application Status History" button. A large red arrow points from the "View Application Status History" button to the "Application - Not Submitted to AMCAS" section. Another large red arrow points from the "View Application Status History" button to the "APPLICATION STATUS DEFINITIONS" window below.

The screenshot shows a window titled "APPLICATION STATUS DEFINITIONS" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title is a section titled "CURRENT APPLICATION STATUS". This section contains a table with three columns: "Status", "Status Change Date", and "Definition".

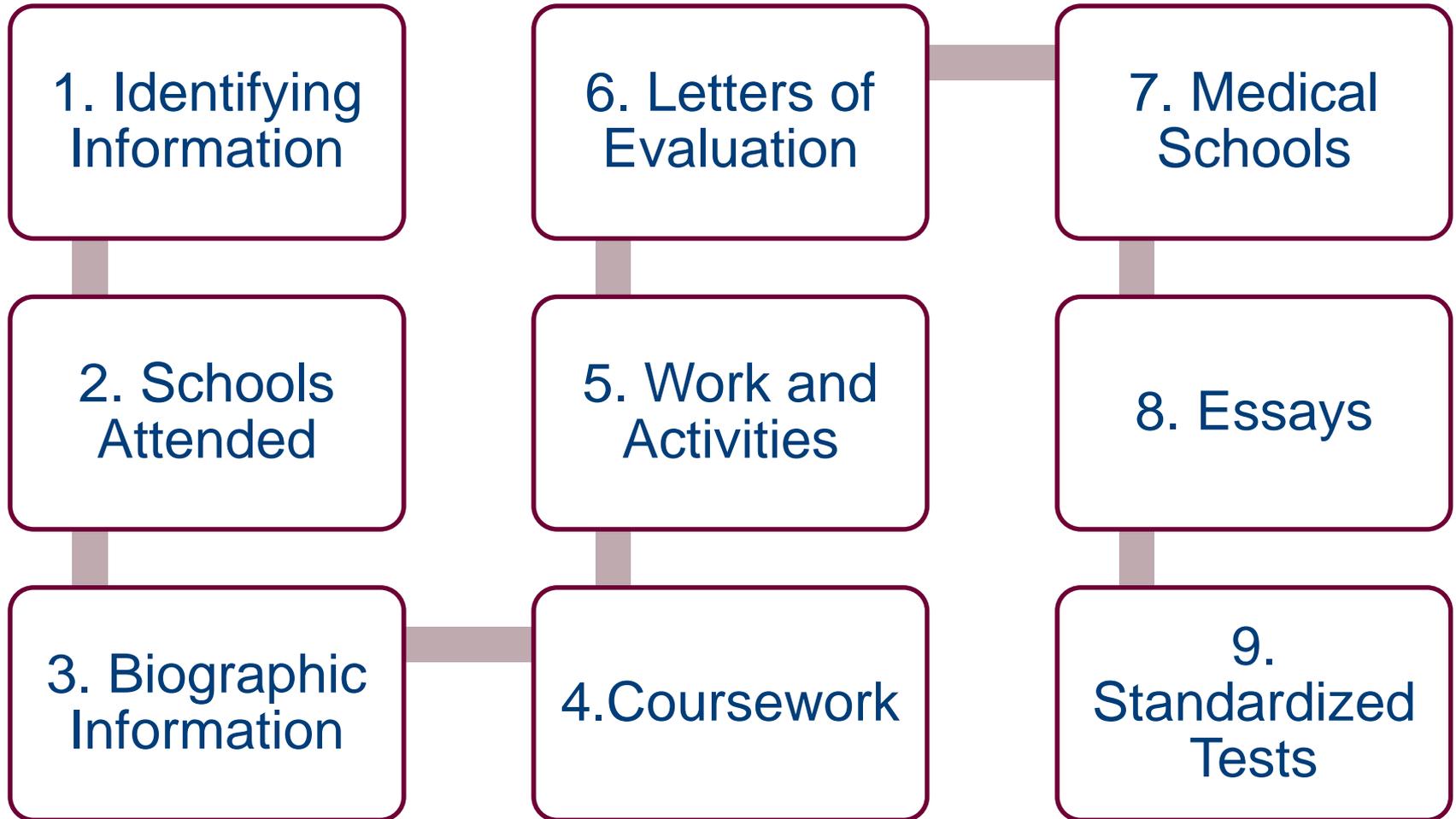
Status	Status Change Date	Definition
Not Submitted to AMCAS	04-22-2019	You have initiated your AMCAS application but your application has not been certified and submitted to AMCAS.

At the bottom right of the window, there is a "Close Window" button.

AMCAS Main Menu (2/2)

Edit My Profile	View Application Status History						
<h3>Quick Links</h3> <table border="1"><tr><td>Academic Change Request</td><td>Update Advisor Release</td></tr></table> <p>Learn more about the AAMC Fee Assistance Program »</p> <p>View AMCAS Participating Medical Schools and Deadlines »</p> <p>Find AMCAS resources on the Tools and Tutorials page »</p> <p>Visit the AMCAS website »</p> <p>Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR) »</p>	Academic Change Request	Update Advisor Release	<h3>My Document Statuses</h3> <table><tr><td>Transcripts (0)</td><td>You have no transcripts attached to your application</td></tr><tr><td>Letters of Evaluation (0)</td><td>You have no letters attached to your application</td></tr></table>	Transcripts (0)	You have no transcripts attached to your application	Letters of Evaluation (0)	You have no letters attached to your application
Academic Change Request	Update Advisor Release						
Transcripts (0)	You have no transcripts attached to your application						
Letters of Evaluation (0)	You have no letters attached to your application						
Follow us on Twitter	View All Document Statuses						

Application Sections



Identifying Information

 **AAMC**

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Identifying Information | Schools Attended | Biographic Information | Course Work | Work/Activities | Letters of Evaluation | Medical Schools | Essays | Standardized Tests

Save | Save & Continue >

Legal Name*
Preferred Name*
Alternate Names
ID Numbers
Birth & Sex*

Legal Name

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

First Name* | **Middle Name**
Dejanira |

Last Name* | **Suffix**
Cruz | Select Suffix ▾

To edit your Legal Name, go to My AAMC Profile

Preferred Name

Salutation

Schools Attended



Add College ✕

Country *

Program Type *

Start Date *  **End Date *** 

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

Schools Attended

Transcript Request

i 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.

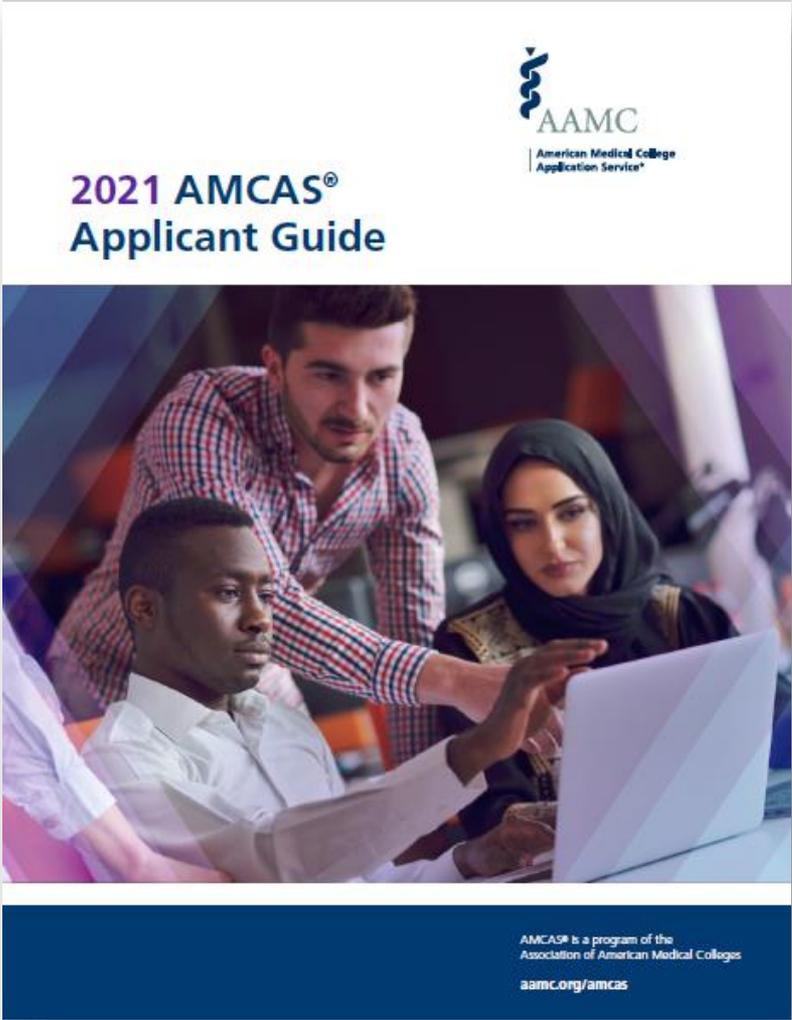
Does AMCAS require an official transcript from this school? Generally, a transcript is required. [Please review this additional information](#) if you need assistance in determining if a transcript is required. *

- Yes
 No

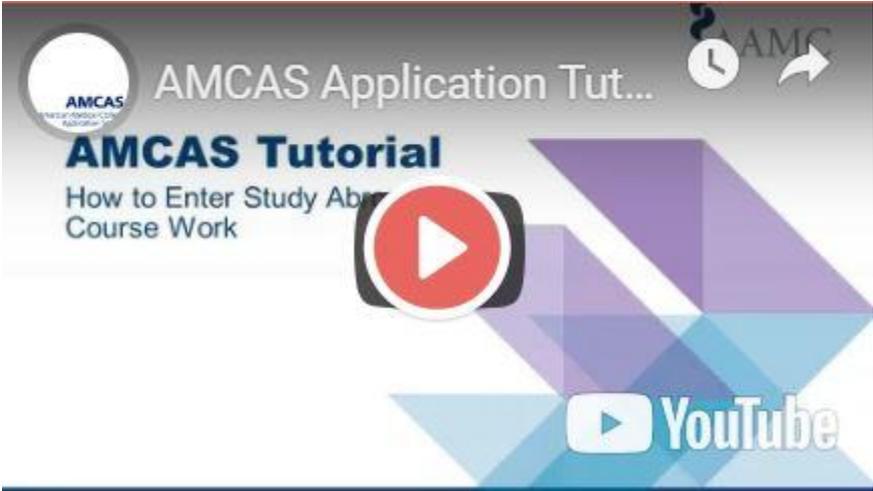
Cancel

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Schools Attended



The cover of the 2021 AMCAS Applicant Guide features the AAMC logo at the top right, which includes a stylized caduceus and the text "AAMC American Medical College Application Service®". Below the logo, the title "2021 AMCAS® Applicant Guide" is displayed in a bold, sans-serif font. The central image shows three students—a man in a white lab coat, a woman in a black hijab, and another man in a checkered shirt—collaborating around a laptop. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the text: "AMCAS® is a program of the Association of American Medical Colleges" and the website "aamc.org/amcas".



A YouTube video thumbnail for an "AMCAS Tutorial". It features the AMCAS logo in the top left corner and the AAMC logo in the top right. The main text reads "AMCAS Application Tut..." and "AMCAS Tutorial How to Enter Study Abroad Course Work". A large play button icon is centered on the right side. The YouTube logo is at the bottom right. The background consists of abstract geometric shapes in shades of purple and blue.

Biographic Information



- Identifying Information
- Schools Attended
- Biographic Information
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- Essays
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Save & Continue »

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- Preferred Address*
- Permanent Address*
- Alternate Contact
- Citizenship*
- Legal Residence*
- Self Identification
- Languages*
- Childhood Information*
- Military Service*
- Military Discharge*
- Felony*
- Misdemeanor*
- Disadvantaged Status*
- Parents and Guardians*
- Siblings*
- Dependents*

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

Course Work

The screenshot shows the AAMC AMCAS 2020 Application interface. At the top left is the AAMC logo. The main header contains the text "American Medical College Application Service® 2020 Application" and navigation links for "My AAMC Profile", "Main Menu", "My Application", and "Help". A progress bar below the header shows the status of various application sections: Identifying Information, Schools Attended, Biographic Information, Course Work (active), Work/Activities, Letters of Evaluation, Medical Schools, Essays, and Standardized Tests. The "Course Work" section is highlighted with a purple icon. In the top right corner of the main content area, there are "Back" and "Save & Continue" buttons. On the left side, there is a sidebar with a "Course Work*" link. The main content area has a heading "Course Work" and a paragraph explaining that all courses from each school must be entered and that users should watch tutorials for guidance. Below this is a list of four tutorial links: "Watch Basic Coursework Tutorial", "Watch AP Coursework/Credit Tutorial", "Watch Current and Future Coursework Tutorial (where you have not yet earned a grade)", and "Watch Study Abroad Coursework Tutorial". A note at the bottom of the main content area states that if no coursework is needed for a school, "None" should be selected and refers to the AMCAS Applicant Guide.

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My AAMC Profile Main Menu My Application Help

Identifying Information Schools Attended Biographic Information **Course Work** Work/Activities Letters of Evaluation Medical Schools Essays Standardized Tests

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Course Work*

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.

Course Work

Add Course



i 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 course number

Course Name *

Please enter course name

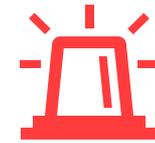
Course Classification *

Please review additional information about Course Classification in the AMCAS Applicant Guide.

Select Course Classification

i Although an asterisk does not appear next to Transcript Grade and Credit Hours indicating these fields are required, you must complete these fields if the information appears on your official transcript.

In certain cases, it may be appropriate to leave these fields blank. Please review the coursework section of the AMCAS Applicant Guide for more information. Failure to include required grades and credit hours may result in application processing delays, missed



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

Work/Activities

Add Work/Activities

Experience Type *
Select Experience Type

Experience Name *

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

Start Date *
Select Month
Select Years

End Date *
Select Month
Select Years

Total Hours *

Repeated *
 Yes
 No

Organization Name

Country
Select Country

City

Contact Title *

Contact First Name *
Contact Last Name *

- Maximum of 15 entries
You can enter additional date ranges for repeated activities
- 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.

1325 characters left of 1325

Cancel Save & Add Another Save

Letters of Evaluation

Add Letter of Evaluation/Recommendation



i Many medical schools determine whether or not an applicant has met their letter of evaluation/recommendation requirements by the type of letters they receive in support of an application. For example, a medical school may require a committee letter OR three individual letters in support of your application.

Please review the [AMCAS Applicant Guide](#) for more information about Letters of Evaluation.

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

Committee Letter:

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

Letter Packet:

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

Individual Letter:

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

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

Letter Title

Please enter a title for this letter

Cancel

Save



You can submit your application **before** AMCAS receives your letters.

Medical Schools

Add Medical School ×

Filters

State Filter by State ▼

Deadline Filter by Deadline ▼

Program Type Filter by Program Type ▼

Schools

School * AMCAS School of Medicine × ▼ [View this school's MSAR profile](#)

Program

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

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

Program *

Regular M.D.

Early Decision ("Applicants applying through the Early Decision program are NOT permitted to apply to other schools while under consideration for Early Decision. Interviews will begin on June 30, 2020. Admissions decisions will begin on July 9, 2020") (Restricted)

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

Essay (1/2)

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

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. *

I want to go to medical school|



5269 characters left of 5300

Essay (2/2)

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).

I really, really want to be a doctor!

2963 characters left of 3000

Significant Research Hours

Please enter your total hours of prior research experience.*

Standardized Tests

✓ MCAT® Scores
MCAT® Exam Date *
Other Tests *

MCAT® Scores

Note: Your MCAT scores have not been loaded yet.

MCAT® Exam Date

Medical schools need to know if they should expect future MCAT scores in support of your application. Do you want to include upcoming or recently taken MCAT exam dates? *

Yes
 No

MCAT scores are automatically released to your application.



Applicants should indicate any future MCAT testing dates.

MCAT Scores



Name: PERMANENTTEST
Exam Date: 06/20/2015

Section	Score	Confidence Band ¹	Percentile Rank of Score ²	Score Profile ³
Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems	132	131 ◀ 132	100%	
Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills	132	131 ◀ 132	100%	
Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems	132	131 ◀ 132	100%	
Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior	132	131 ◀ 132	100%	
MCAT Total	528	526 ◀ 528	100%	

Notes

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

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

³For the four sections, non-overlapping confidence bands show a test taker's likely strengths and weaknesses. Overlapping confidence bands suggest that there are not meaningful differences in performance between sections.

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



Certification Statements

Application Submission Process ✕

PRE-SUBMISSION CHECKS **CERTIFICATION** PASSWORD CBC PAYMENT

SUBMISSION COMPLETE

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. *

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

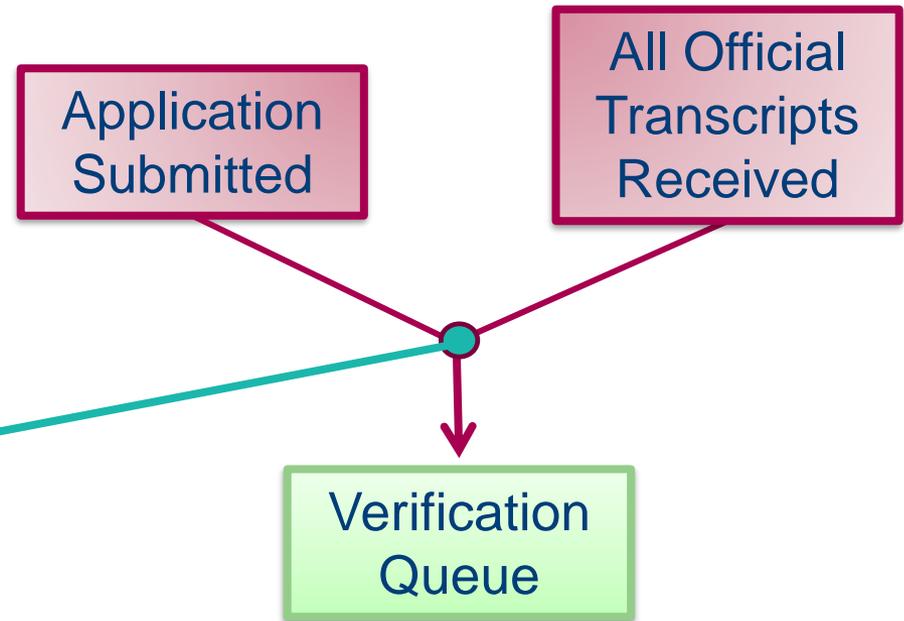
AMCAS Verification Process

Transcripts

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

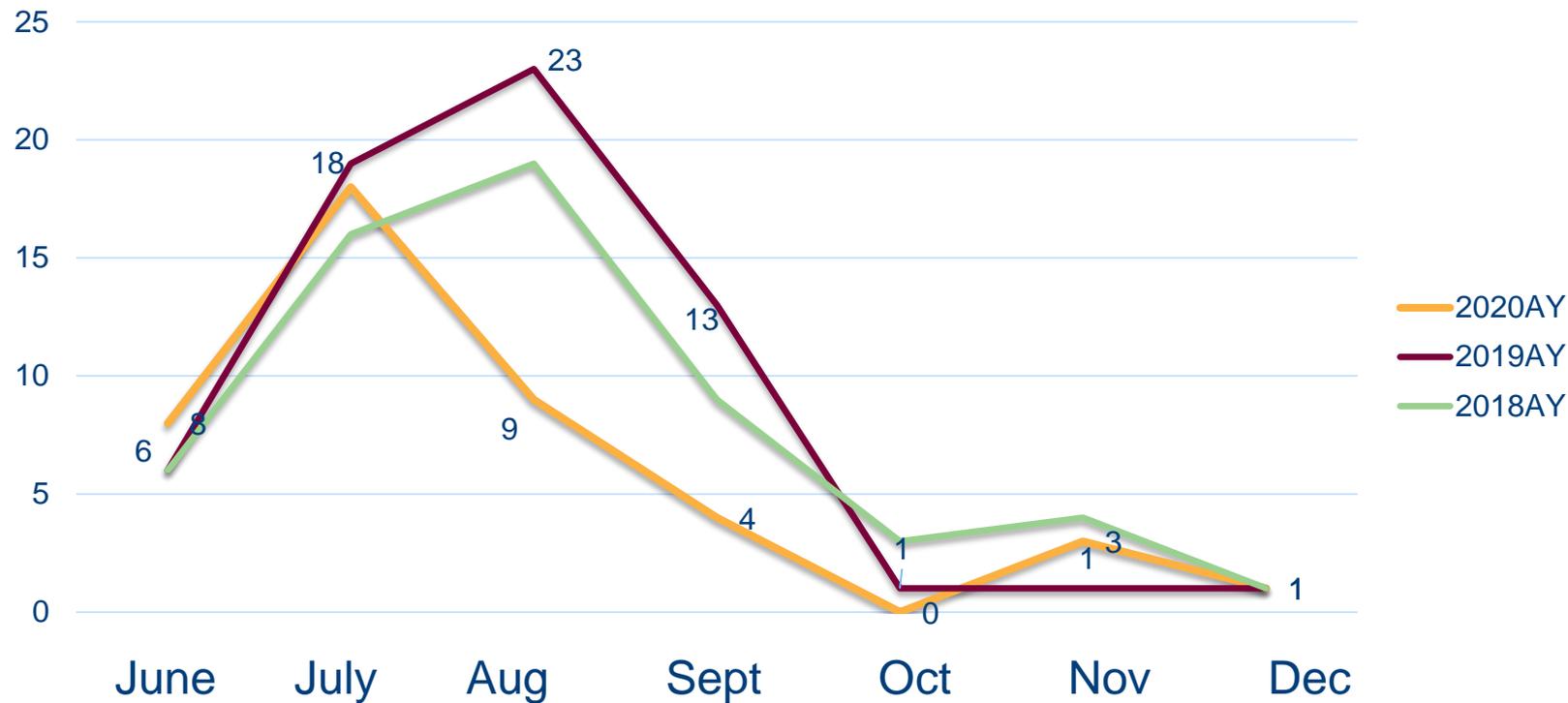
Processing

- From date of **“Ready to Review”** application status, about 6 weeks
- Find processing updates on Twitter (@AMCASinfo) and on the AMCAS application sign in page



AMCAS 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
Alternate List	After May 15, by school's request only

Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants

The screenshot shows the AAMC website navigation and content. At the top, there are links for 'Members', 'Students', 'Residents', 'Search', 'Store', and 'Sign In'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with 'ADVISORS', 'ADVOCACY', 'CALENDAR', 'DATA', 'FINANCIAL AID', 'NEWS', and 'SERVICES'. A main navigation bar contains five categories: 'Choosing a Medical Career', 'Applying to Medical School' (highlighted with a clipboard icon), 'Attending Medical School', 'Applying to Residency', and 'Training in a Residency or Fellowship'. The breadcrumb trail reads: 'Home > Applying to Medical School > Understanding the Process > Applying to Medical School with AMCAS®'. Social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Email are present. The main content area features a red arrow icon and the title 'Application and Acceptance Protocols - Admission Officers'. Below the title is a paragraph of text. To the right, there is a red button labeled 'AMCAS® Sign In »'. Below the button, there is a text box containing information about the 2020 AMCAS application being open, a reminder to proofread, and specific dates for transcript marking and application processing.

Home > Applying to Medical School > Understanding the Process > Applying to Medical School with AMCAS®

Application and Acceptance Protocols - Admission Officers

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. Applicants are expected to become familiar with the procedures and requirements of each school to which they apply.

The AAMC recommends the following guidelines to ensure that MD and MD-PhD applicants are afforded timely notification of the outcome of their applications and timely access to available first-year positions and that schools and programs are able to reasonably anticipate accepted applicant matriculation in order to avoid unfilled positions in their entering classes. For the purposes of these protocols, *matriculation* means that a student has begun a pre-matriculation program, attended orientation immediately preceding enrollment, or enrolled in classes at a medical school.

These protocols are often referred to as "Traffic Rules" by admissions officers and prehealth advisors. These recommendations are distributed for the information of prospective MD and MD-PhD students, their advisors,

AMCAS® Sign In »

The 2020 AMCAS application is now open. If you wish to start medical school in Fall 2020, please complete and submit the 2020 AMCAS application. **Please be sure to proofread your application before submitting.**

As of **April 8** AMCAS is:

- Marking transcripts as "Received" that were delivered on **April 8**.
- Processing applications that reached "Ready for Review" on **April 7**.
- Processing Academic Change Requests submitted on **April 7**.

AMCAS Tools

- AMCAS Applicant Guide
- Application and Acceptance Protocols
- Video Tutorials
- Twitter
 - @AMCASinfo



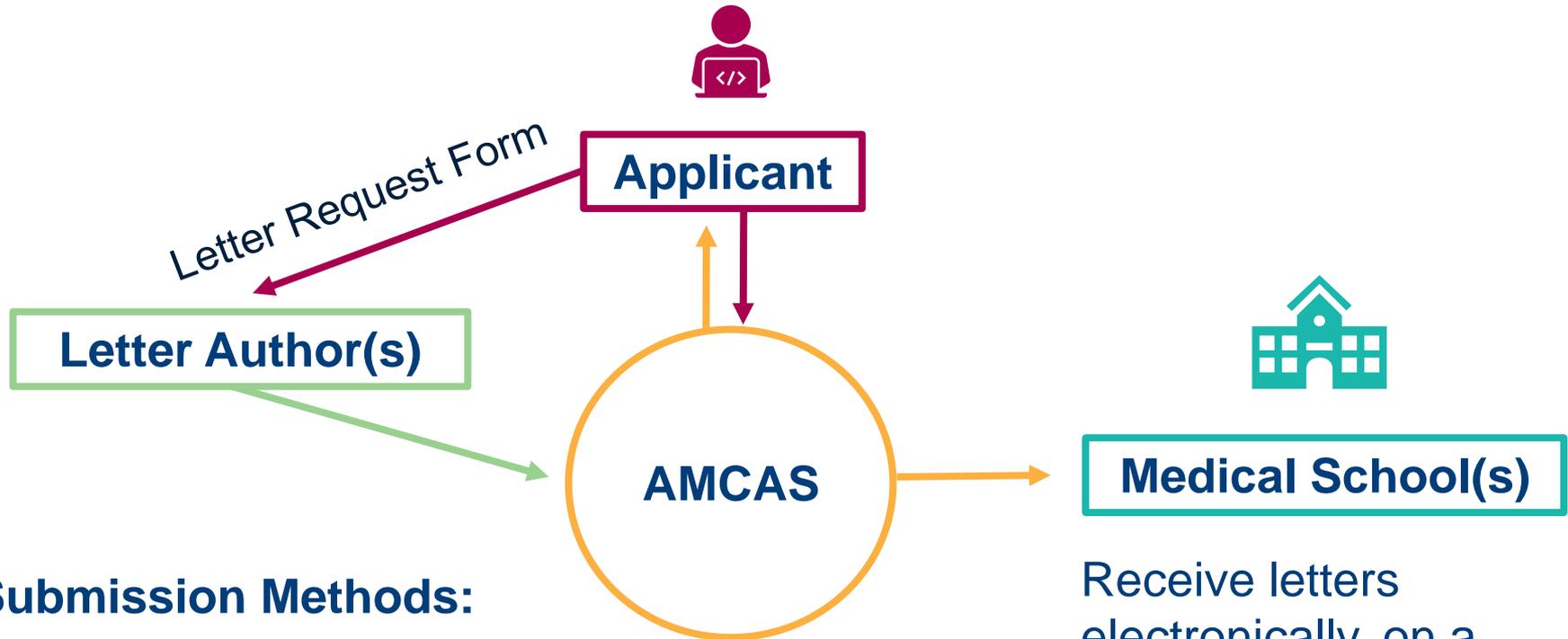
aamc.org/amcas



Agenda

- Alternative Grading
- AMCAS Application
 - AMCAS Process
 - 2021 Dates and Participation
 - 2021 Application
- Verification
- After Submission
- **AMCAS Letter Service**
 - The Letter Writer Application
 - Letter Guidelines
- Resources
- Q&A

Letters of Evaluation



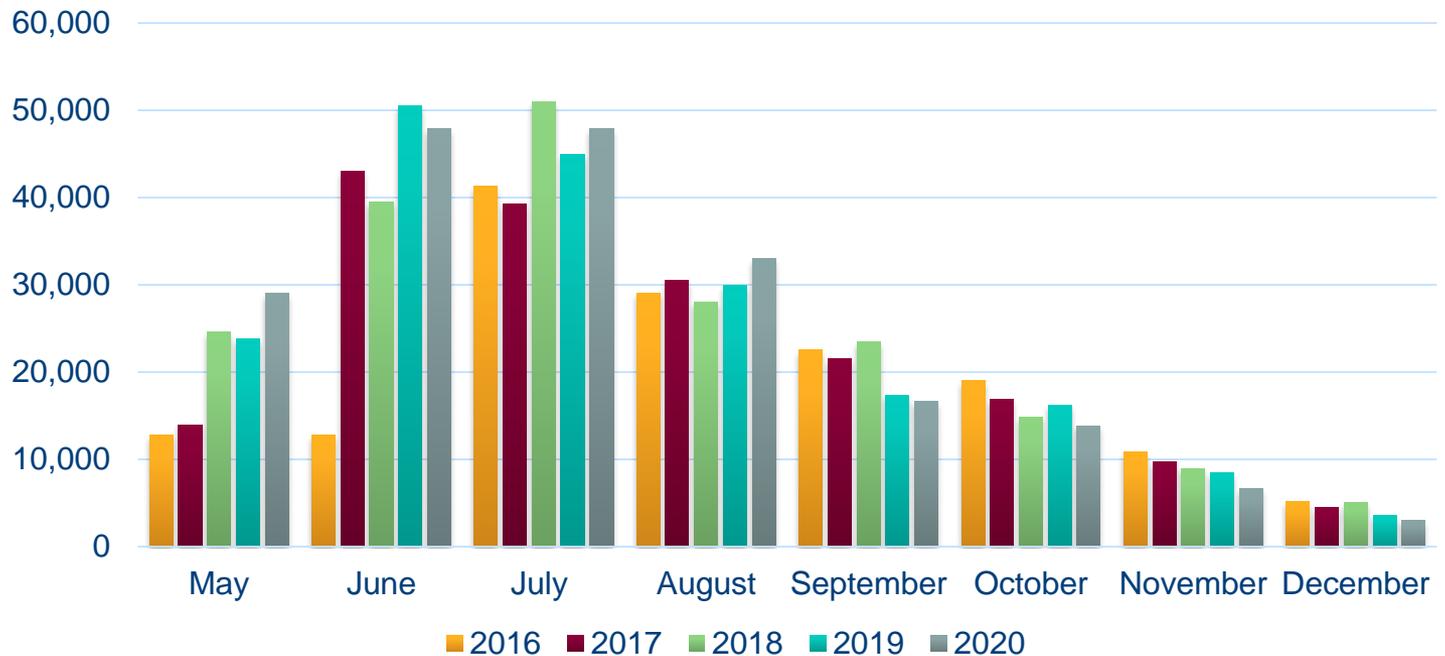
Submission Methods:

- AMCAS Letter Writer Application
- Interfolio

Receive letters electronically, on a rolling basis after an application is verified

Letters of Evaluation

Letters of Evaluation Received, 2016AY – 2020AY



AMCAS Letter Writer Application

- Use an AAMC account (or create one) to upload PDFs quickly and securely—for free!

American Medical College
Application Service

AMCAS | AAMC

Letter Writer Application

Welcome to the AMCAS Letter Writer Application

Login

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

[Login](#) [Forgot Password?](#)

-OR-

Register For a New Account

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

[Register](#)

About the AMCAS Letter Writer Application

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

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

Need Help?

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

About AAMC User Accounts

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

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

services.aamc.org/letterwriter/



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.

Ask your letter writer to visit [aamc.org/advisors](https://www.aamc.org/advisors) to access the Guidelines for Writing a Letter of Evaluation for a Medical School Applicant

AAMC Fee Assistance Program



Fee Assistance Program Benefits



Reduced registration fee
for MCAT® exams



Free MCAT Official Prep Online-Only
Bundle, including the practice exams
and flashcards



Free subscription to the MSAR®
online database for up to two years



Waived AMCAS® application fee
for one submission with up to 20
medical school designations



Learn more about the Fee Assistance
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Benefits are NOT Retroactive



Fee Assistance Program Eligibility

- U.S. citizen
- U.S. national
- Lawful permanent resident of the U.S. (also known as a green card holder)
- Granted refugee or asylee status by the U.S. government,
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipient
- Awaiting refugee or asylee status approval by the U.S. government and have a U.S. Employment Authorization Document (EAD card)



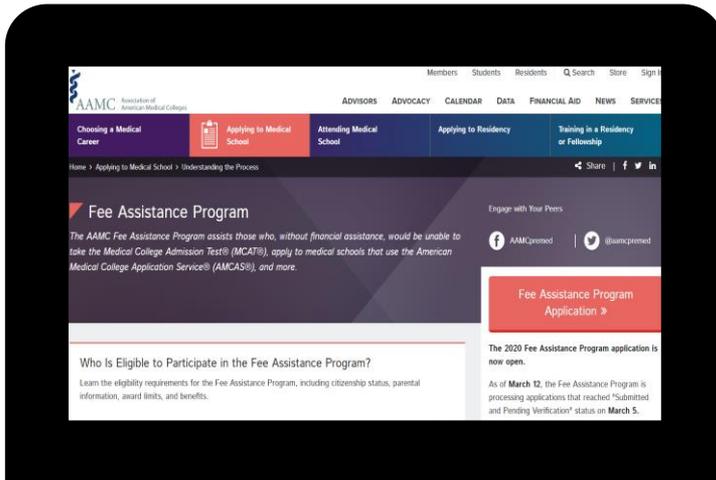
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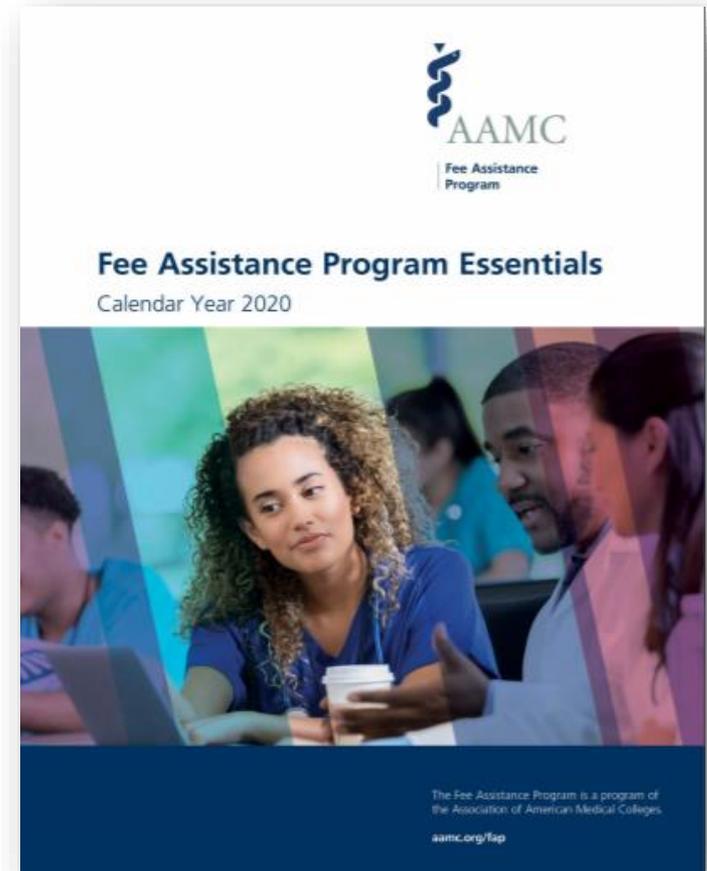
- Tied to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' poverty level guidelines
- Requires parental financial information and supporting tax documentation



2020 Fee Assistance Program



aamc.org/fap



AAMC Premed Navigator

Guiding You on Your Path to Medical School



The screenshot shows the AAMC Premed Navigator website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Members, Students, Residents, Search, and Store. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for ADVISORS, ADVOCACY, CALENDAR, DATA, FINANCIAL AID, NEWS, and SERVICES. A main menu bar contains five categories: Choosing a Medical Career, Applying to Medical School, Attending Medical School, Applying to Residency, and Training in a Residency or Fellowship. The main content area features a section titled "Premed Navigator" with a sub-header "Guiding you on your path to medical school." and a paragraph describing the newsletter's content. Below this are search and filter options for Services and Content Type. The main content area is divided into three columns. The first column has a "Subscribe to the Premed Navigator" card with a "Subscribe" button. The second column has a "Five Podcasts for Premeds" card with a "Learn More" button. The third column has a "Watch: AAMC Hosts 3rd Annual Virtual Medical School Fair" card with a "Learn More" button. At the bottom, there are two more cards: one for "How to Train for a Marathon—or the MCAT Exam" and another with a question mark icon.

Monthly e-newsletter
for applicants and
helpful web content.

students-residents.aamc.org/navigator



Anatomy of an Applicant



AAMC Association of American Medical Colleges

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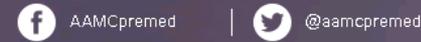
Home > Applying to Medical School > Preparing for Medical School

- Core Competencies
- Self-Assessment Guide
- Student Profiles

Anatomy of an Applicant

Medical schools consider more than your grades and scores. There are 15 Core Competencies, including teamwork and capacity for improvement, that demonstrate your preparedness for medical school. To show how successful applicants have demonstrated these competencies in many different ways, we interviewed real medical students, their pre-health advisors, and the admission officers who accepted them.

Engage with Your Peers



Self-Assessment Guide



Anatomy of an Applicant resources and self-assessment guide for medical school applicants.

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The Core Competencies for Entering Medical Students

Successful medical school applicants are able to demonstrate skills, knowledge, and abilities in these areas.

[Learn More >>](#)



Real Stories Demonstrating Core Competencies

We interviewed medical students, their pre-health advisors, and the admissions officers who accepted them to learn how they demonstrated the Core Competencies for Entering Medical Students. ...

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