



American Medical College  
Application Service®

# AMCAS® Choose Your Medical School Tool

## What is the Choose Your Medical School tool?

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

## How does this tool work?

It is important to review and follow each individual school's admission instructions, policies, deadlines, and requirements. We recommend visiting each school's admissions website, checking the [Medical School Admission Requirements website](#), and directly communicating with the schools to which you are applying to make sure you understand and follow their specific instructions.

Beginning **Feb. 19**, applicants holding one or more acceptance offers can select "Plan to Enroll" in the AMCAS application at any school from which they have received an acceptance offer. Making this selection allows schools to view in aggregate the number of applicants who selected "Plan to Enroll" for their schools.

- Until April 30, applicants can, at the time they make this selection, continue to hold other acceptances, remain on alternate lists, and continue to interview at other schools.
- If applicants receive new offers, they can update their selection at any time, but they can select only one school at a time.
- A school will only be able to see the aggregate number of their applicants who have selected that school or another school in the AMCAS tool to assist them with their enrollment management.
- If an applicant selects "Plan to Enroll" at another school, AMCAS will not identify the applicant or the other school.

Beginning **April 30**, accepted applicants will have two options to select: "Plan to Enroll" or "Commit to Enroll." Selecting "Commit to Enroll" indicates that the applicant has made a final selection and withdrawn all other applications.

- Starting April 30, the AMCAS tool will identify the applicants making either selection. This applicant-specific information will be visible only to schools where the applicant has a current acceptance or alternate-list position.
- If an applicant selects "Commit to Enroll" to a school, all other schools where the applicant also holds an acceptance or alternate-list offer will be notified but will not know the name of the school selected.
- **Selecting "Commit to Enroll" does not automatically withdraw applications from other medical schools. Applicants must communicate directly with all schools about their final decision according to each school's specific policy.**

## Important Considerations for Applicants

- Use of the tool is determined by each medical school to which you apply. Please be familiar with each school's processes and procedures.
- Ensure that you follow each school's guidelines if you wish to withdraw your application from a school after you have made your final decision.
- If you have questions about school-specific policies regarding the tool, you should communicate with the school directly.
- Become familiar with the [Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants](#), which are the guiding principles for professional behavior during the medical school application process. These guidelines are not intended to supersede the policies, timelines, or discretion of individual schools or programs. However, they do provide a sense of professionalism that the medical schools are looking for from applicants.

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## What reports will medical schools be able to run?

Medical schools will have access to the following reports:

- **Feb. 19:** Medical schools can run an aggregate report to find out how many applicants in their pool have selected “Plan to Enroll” at their school versus another school.\*
- **April 30:** Medical schools can run detailed reports to identify accepted and alternate-list applicants who have selected “Plan to Enroll” or “Commit to Enroll” at their school versus another school.
- **Post-cycle:** Medical schools can see where applicants in their pool matriculated (released in October of the matriculating year).

\* In accordance with current protocols, applicants have until April 30 to start narrowing their accepted offers to one. Until then, the AMCAS tool cannot identify applicants to schools.

## Timeline: What Applicants and Medical Schools Can Do and When

Date*	Milestone	Applicant Activity	Medical School Actions
<b>Feb. 19***</b>	“Plan to Enroll” becomes available for applicants to select in the AMCAS application.	Applicants can begin to select “Plan to Enroll” for their top medical school choice.  Applicants should use the tool at the direction of the schools to which they have applied.	Medical schools can run an aggregate report to determine how many applicants in their pool have selected “Plan to Enroll” for their school or for another school.**
<b>April 15***</b>	Applicant protocols ask applicants to narrow their acceptance offers to three.	Applicants holding more than three offers should narrow their offers of acceptance to three, with no limit on alternate-list offers.	Medical schools continue to submit timely admissions actions to the AMCAS program.
<b>April 30***</b>	“Commit to Enroll” becomes available to applicants in the AMCAS tool.  “Plan to Enroll” remains available to applicants in the AMCAS tool.	Applicants should use the tool at the direction of the schools to which they have applied and can select “Plan to Enroll” or “Commit to Enroll” in the AMCAS tool. “Commit to Enroll” indicates that they have made their final selection and have withdrawn all other applications. <i>This does not automatically withdraw applicants from other medical schools.</i>	Medical schools can run detailed reports to identify their accepted and alternate-list applicants who have selected “Plan to Enroll” or “Commit to Enroll” at their school versus another school.
<b>Post-cycle (around October)</b>	AMCAS application cycle closes.	Applicants have matriculated.	Medical schools can see where applicants in their pool matriculated.

\*If a date falls on a weekend or holiday, the next business day applies.

\*\*Schools will only be able to access information on applicants who were accepted to their school. Schools will not be able view students who hold zero acceptances.

\*\*\*AMCAS will email applicants who have an acceptance about the best practices of the Choose Your Medical School tool and the significance of the protocols.

## Example of Applicant Who Reviewed School-Specific Policies

### FEBRUARY

**Feb. 1**  
Alex the AMCAS applicant holds four acceptances and is on three alternate lists.

**Feb. 19**  
Alex selects “Plan to Enroll” for Medical School A in the AMCAS tool.

### MARCH

**March 15**  
Alex receives a better offer from Medical School B and changes his “Plan to Enroll” selection from Medical School A to Medical School B. He is holding four acceptances and remains on three alternate lists.

### APRIL

**April 15**  
Alex narrows his selection to three acceptances and withdraws his acceptance from Medical School C with direct communication. He remains on three alternate lists.

**April 30**  
Alex narrows his selection to one school, Medical School B, and keeps his “Plan to Enroll” status the same. He remains on three alternate lists and has withdrawn from two schools. He has also reviewed the school-specific policy for Medical School B and is not required to select “Commit to Enroll.”

### MAY

**May 15**  
Alex receives an offer from the Medical School D. He accepts and selects “Plan to Enroll” for this school in the AMCAS tool. He withdraws his application from Medical School B with direct communication and remains on two alternate lists.

### JUNE

Medical School D matriculates on **June 29** and requires applicants to select “Commit to Enroll” 21 days prior to matriculation.

On **June 8**, 21 days before matriculation, Alex selects “Commit to Enroll” in the AMCAS tool based on the school-specific policy of the Medical School D. He withdraws all other applications with direct communication to those schools.

Applicants should use the AMCAS Choose Your Medical School tool after reviewing the school-specific policies of the schools at which they hold an acceptance.