



The 2023-2024 AMCAS Application

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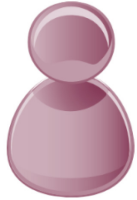
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Agenda

- The AMCAS Process
- 2023-24 Dates and Participation
- The 2023-2024 Application
- Letters
- Essays
- MCAT | scoring
- Secondary applications
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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

2023-2024 Application Dates

2024 AMCAS® Application

The 2024 AMCAS application cycle dates:

May 2: AMCAS application opens

May 30: AMCAS application submission begins

June 30: Initial transmission of applicant data to medical schools

August 1: Early Decision Program deadline

UI CCOM does not have early decision.

May take six-eight weeks for verification.

That's normal- don't panic!

2023-2024 AMCAS Participation

- The 2023-2024 AMCAS processing fee is \$175, which includes one medical school designation.
 - Additional medical school designations are \$45 each
- Be strategic about applying- this is not a wager where more is better!
- Most US medical schools (MD-granting) use AMCAS

Texas schools: TMDSAS

Osteopathic schools: AACOMAS

The AMCAS Application

- Identifying Information
- Schools Attended & transcripts
- Biographic Information
- Course Work
- Work/Activities
- Letters of Evaluation
- Medical Schools
- Essay(s)
- Standardized Tests

2023-2024 AMCAS applicant guide



2024 AMCAS® Applicant Guide




Course classification
guide pg. 35

BCPM and AO
grades

AP, dual-enrollment
and study abroad
grades

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Medical School Admission Requirements

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Location



Albany Medical College

Albany, NY | Private Institution | Urban Campus

Combined Degrees	Also Accepts	Application Deadline	First Year Class	Tuition & Fees	Median GPA
MD/MPH MD/MBA	Out-of-state	11/01/2021	143	\$57,723 In-state \$57,723 Out-	3.74

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

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ALERTS



The 2022 AMCAS application will open on May 3 under normal operations. [Learn more.](#)

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Accessing the Application

Sign In

Username

Required

Password

SIGN IN

[FORGOT YOUR USERNAME?](#)

[FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD?](#)

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Don't have an account?

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

[CREATE ACCOUNT](#)

AMCAS Main Menu

The screenshot displays the AMCAS Main Menu for a user named Judy Smith. The page is divided into several sections:

- Header:** Includes the AMCAS logo, "American Medical College Application Service", "2022 Application", and navigation links: "Visit AAMC.org", "Judy Smith JS", "Back to Dashboard", "My AAMC Profile", and "My Application".
- Buttons:** "WITHDRAW APPLICATION" and "SUBMIT APPLICATION" are located at the top right.
- Profile Section (Judy Smith):**
 - AAMC ID: 21237971
 - Sex: Female
 - Date of Birth: 03/23/2000
 - Country of Birth: USA
 - Email: jsmith@amcas.com
 - Birth State: NY
 - Birth City: New York

A note 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."

[EDIT MY PROFILE](#)
- Application Section:**
 - Identifying Information:** Completed (Green checkmark)
 - Schools Attended:** Completed (Green checkmark)
 - Biographic Information:** Incomplete (Red triangle)
 - Course Work:** Incomplete (Red triangle)
 - Work/Activities:** Incomplete (Red triangle)
 - Letters of Evaluation:** Incomplete (Red triangle)
 - Medical Schools:** Incomplete (Red triangle)
 - Essays:** Incomplete (Red triangle)
 - Standardized Tests:** Incomplete (Red triangle)

Not Submitted to AMCAS (Information icon)

 - [PRINT TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORMS](#) (Highlighted with a red arrow)
 - [PRINT LETTER REQUEST FORMS](#)
 - [PRINT APPLICATION](#)

[VIEW APPLICATION STATUS HISTORY](#)

Biographical Information

AAMC American Medical College Application...

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Biographic Information

Identifying Information

Schools Attended

Biographic Information

Preferred Address

Permanent Address

Alternate Contact

Citizenship

Legal Residence

Self Identification

Languages

Childhood Information

Military Service

Military Discharge

Felony

Misdemeanor

Other Impactful Experiences

Parents and Guardians

Siblings

Dependents

Course Work

Work/Activities

Letters of Evaluation

BACKSAVESAVE & CONTINUE

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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

Biographical information

- **Childhood information**
- **Misdemeanor and felonies**

Be careful of expunged convictions

- **Other Impactful Experiences:**

If you answer Yes, you will have 1,325 characters. This question is intended for applicants who have had impactful life experiences and who have faced or overcome challenges in a variety of areas such as family background, financial background, community setting, education, religion, or other life experiences. The experiences can be from any point in an applicant's life and do not need to be related to medicine or health care.

Schools Attended

Add College

Country *

Select Country

Program Type *

Select Program Type

Start Date *

MM/YYYY

End Date *

MM/YYYY

Other Options

☐ Summer School Only

☐ Study Abroad Program

Advisor Release

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The school-designated advisor(s) have met AMCAS-established requirements and are bound by confidentiality. Information transferred includes your personal/demographic information, work/activity information, credit hours, MCAT scores, GPAs, the names and types of your recommenders, the names of any other schools you have attended, the medical schools to which you have applied and what action those schools have taken, and the status of your application with AMCAS. Additionally, if you applied for fee assistance through the AAMC Fee Assistance Program, and in your fee assistance application agreed to release award information to your health professions advisor this information will be made available along with your application information.

Do you authorize AMCAS to release your application information to the school-designated advisor(s) at this institution? *

☐ Yes


☐ No

Transcript Request

Note: One official transcript is required from each U.S., U.S. Territorial, or Canadian post-secondary institution at which you have attempted course work, regardless of whether credit was earned.

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The AAMC logo, featuring a stylized caduceus symbol above the letters "AAMC".

Schools Attended

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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.

i 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

UI transcript request form

MyUI [HOME](#) [COURSES / REGISTRATION](#) [STUDENT INFORMATION](#) [FINANCIAL AID & BILLING](#) [ADMISSIONS](#) [ICON](#)

[Student Information](#) > [Transcript Request](#) > [View Order](#) > [Create Order Detail](#)

If you are requesting a transcript now to be sent later (after grades or degrees are posted), please process that request after classes have begun for the semester.
Request after Feb. 1 for May grades or degree; after Sept. 1 for December grades or degree; after June 1 for Summer grades or degree.
If using FedEx as your Delivery Type option, extra postage will be assessed (minimum \$15). You must provide a street address - **Federal Express will not deliver to P.O. Boxes.**

Order Details

Delivery Timing	After Grades
Level of Study	Undergraduate
Partial Transcripts	
Recipient Name	AMCAS Transcripts
Recipient Email Address	AMCASTranscripts@aamc.org
Confirm Recipient Email Address	AMCASTranscripts@aamc.org
Notification Email Address	your-name@uiowa.edu

This email address is used to notify you when the recipient views your transcript.

☐ I understand that I am responsible for a valid recipient address since a confidential document will be delivered to the address provided.

[Save Detail](#) [Cancel](#)

AMCASTranscripts@aamc.org

Course Work

Add Course



Please be sure to enter all course(s) in the correct academic year, academic term, and year in school to avoid delays in application processing time.

Reminder: The AMCAS year begins with summer and ends with spring. Courses taken in the summer should be entered with the next academic year, even if your institution considers them in the previous academic year. For example, if you took a course in the first summer session of 2016, you should enter it as the 2016–2017 academic year, even if your school considers it in the 2015–2016 academic year.

Academic Year *

Select Year

Academic Term *

Select Academic Term

Year in School *

Select Year in School

Course Number

Please enter any letters or numbers. Example BIO 101

Please enter course number

Course Name *

Please enter course name

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Applicants should use
a personal copy of
their **official** transcript
to complete this
section.

Use your degree audit
or UI grade report

Coursework

Both grades are averaged together if second-grade option (SGO) used.

AMCAS counts +/- grades. A and A+ weighted the same.

BCPM and AO

COVID-19 notice 2023-2024 CCOM

- We recommend and prefer that **prerequisite courses are taken as graded courses** because grades give the admissions committee a better idea of mastery of the subject matter and comparative performance. **Applicants should contact us if they do not receive letter grades for prerequisite courses, and we can review these on a case-by-case basis.**
- Online lab courses WILL meet our pre-medical course requirements.

Withdrawals

Such courses usually appear on the transcript as a “W” or equivalent symbol. No credit hours or AMCAS grade will be assigned for Withdrawals, except in cases where the school includes the Withdrawal failing grade in the GPA as a “F”.

A course entry should not be made if the course was dropped within the normal drop/add period and does not appear on the official transcript. If the course was drop/add outside the normal period and does appear on the official transcript, a course entry should be made

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

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- Maximum of 15 entries
Applicants can enter 3 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.

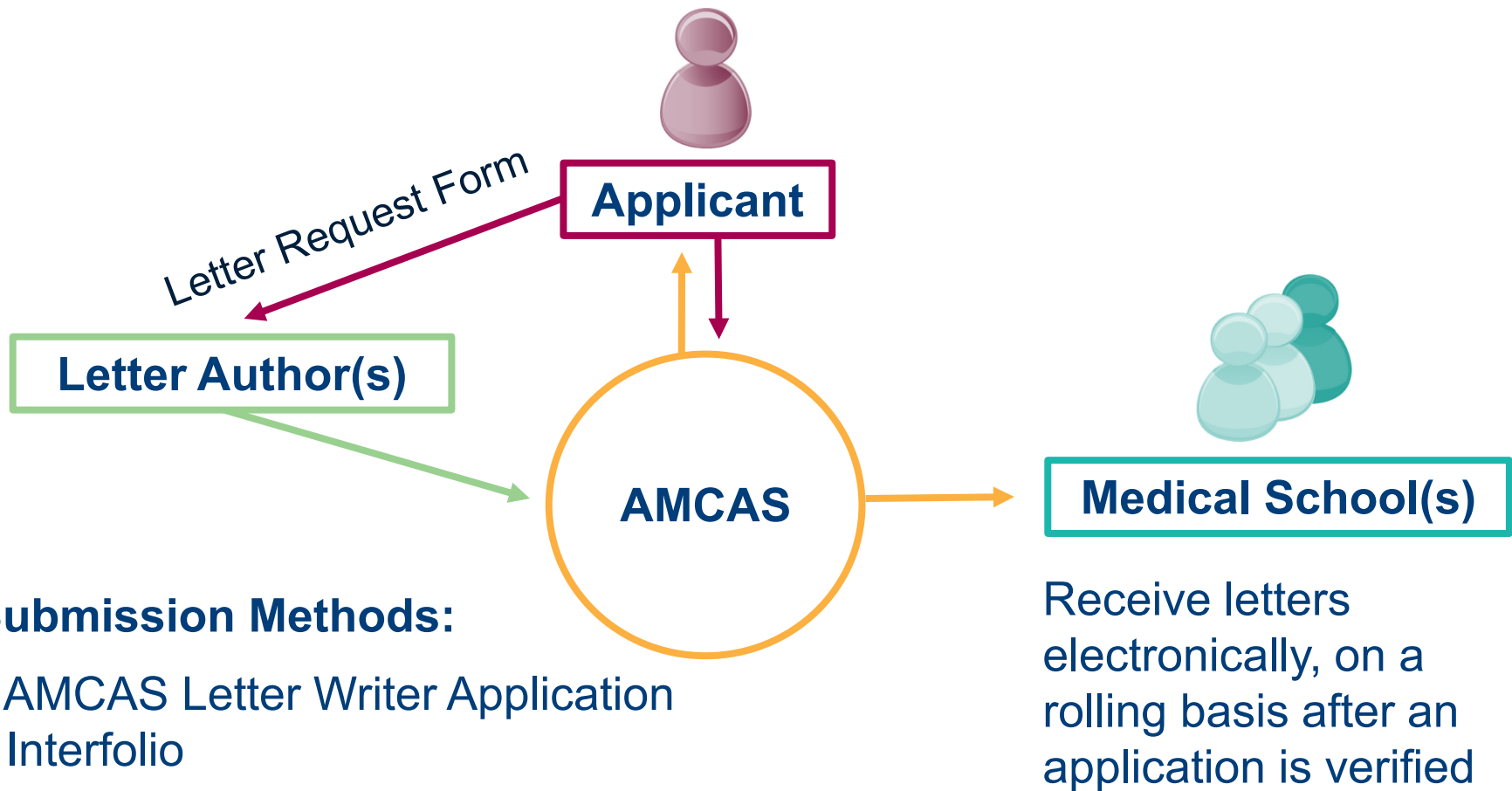
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Cancel

Save & Add Another

Save

Letters of Evaluation



Letters of Evaluation

Add Letter of Evaluation/Recommendation



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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.**

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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

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Applicants
can submit
their
application
before
AMCAS
receives their
letters.

Letters of Evaluation

- The UI does not provide committee letters of evaluation or letter packets.
- All individual letters of reference
- AMCAS will accept 10 letters
choose which letters for which school
- **UI Carver College of Medicine:**
Three letters required. Four preferred!
No requirement on type

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

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 begin in early July. Admissions decisions will begin on July 8, 2021.") (Restricted)

☐ Combined Medical Degree/Ph.D

Have you applied to this medical school in previous years? *

☐ Yes

☐ No


Letters of Evaluation/Recommendation

You have not yet entered any letters of evaluation / recommendation. Remember, you do not have to complete the Letters of

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

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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

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. *


I want to go to medical school|



5269 characters left of 5300

Essay MSTP (MD/PhD)

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

Applicants should indicate any future MCAT testing dates.

aamc.org/mcat

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%	118 — 125 — 132
Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills	132	131 ◀ 132	100%	118 — 125 — 132
Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems	132	131 ◀ 132	100%	118 — 125 — 132
Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior	132	131 ◀ 132	100%	118 — 125 — 132
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 also responsible for reviewing my application after AMCAS processing is complete. *
- ☐ 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

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

Secondary Applications

Additional information requested from each school

- CCOM secondary application portal opens July 10 deadline Dec. 15, 2023 (preferred by Oct. 15)
 - CCOM fee: \$60
 - Fees vary from \$50-150 per school
- Why Carver College of Medicine?
- Describe unique personal characteristics or obstacles you've overcome to contribute to a diverse healthcare system.
- Describe your healthcare experiences.

Minimum for CCOM secondary

- 500 minimum MCAT
- 123 minimum each MCAT subsection
- 3.00 minimum BCPM and AO GPA

Some schools send secondaries to everyone:
Yale, Johns Hopkins, Harvard....

..Be strategic and use the MSAR!

CCOM Interview format

Candidates are interviewed individually by two faculty members for 25 minutes. The day includes a case-based learning session facilitated by M4 students. Both virtual and in person interviews are available.

Carver conducts "closed file" interviews - interviewers are faculty volunteers and want to get to know candidates "off of paper" completely. Do not let this scare you!

CCOM timeline



Earliest application reviews: July 10



First interviews: September 6



Secondary app preferred deadline: October 15



Interviews end: January 12



Final pool decisions: March 15

Osteopathic Medical Schools

- AACOMAS: <https://aacomas.liaisoncas.com>
opens early May
- Helps to have shadowed/interviewed a DO:
 - Know what DOs do
 - Healthcare experience/hours important
- AACOM.org
www.choosedo.org

Questions?

