



The 2024-2025 AMCAS Application

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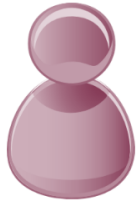
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April 2024

Agenda

- The AMCAS Process
- 2024-25 Dates and Participation
- The 2024-2025 Application
- Letters
- Essays
- MCAT | scoring
- Secondary applications
- DO schools
- Q & A

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

2024-2025 Application Dates

Date	Event
April	2025 AMCAS resources available
May 1	AMCAS application opens
May 28	AMCAS application submission begins
June 28	Initial transmission of application data to medical schools
August 1	Early Decision Program deadline
Sept.-Dec.	Application deadlines

UI CCOM does not have early decision.

May take six-eight weeks for verification.

That's normal- don't panic!

2024-2025 AMCAS Participation

- The 2024-2025 AMCAS processing fee is \$175, which includes one medical school designation.
 - Additional medical school designations are \$46 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

2024-2025 AMCAS applicant guide

2025 AMCAS® Applicant Guide



Course classification guide
pg. 35

BCPM and AO grades

AP, dual-enrollment and
study abroad grades

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AAMC Account: Kat

Medical School Admission Requirements

Search Institutions

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Location

- Country, State -



Albany Medical College

Albany, NY | Private Institution | Urban Campus

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Combined Degrees
MD/MPH
MD/MBA

Also Accepts
Out-of-state

Application Deadline
11/01/2021

First Year Class
143

Tuition & Fees
\$57,723 In-state
\$57,723 Out-

Median GPA
3.74

CHOOSING A MEDICAL CAREER

APPLYING TO MEDICAL SCHOOL

ATTENDING MEDICAL SCHOOL

APPLYING TO RESIDENCY

TRAINING IN A RESIDENCY OR FELLOWSHIP

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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.



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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

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Judy Smith

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Date of Birth	03/23/2000
Country of Birth	USA
Email	jsmith@amcas.com
Birth State	NY
Birth City	New York

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Application

Identifying Information	✓ Completed
Schools Attended	✓ Completed
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Work/Activities	⚠ Incomplete
Letters of Evaluation	⚠ Incomplete
Medical Schools	⚠ Incomplete
Essays	⚠ Incomplete
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i Not Submitted to AMCAS

PRINT TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORMS

PRINT LETTER REQUEST FORMS

PRINT APPLICATION

VIEW APPLICATION STATUS HISTORY

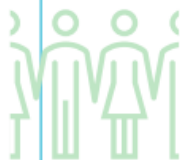
New for 2024-2025 application



A new section dedicated to specifying Tribal affiliation.



An updated list indicating which schools participate in the PREview® professional readiness exam; schools not participating will not receive PREview scores.



Additions to the race and ethnicity categories and subcategories for “Self-Identification.”



Mandatory sections will now be marked with a red asterisk (not just mandatory fields).

Biographical Information

The screenshot displays the AAMC application interface for 'Biographical Information'. The user is identified as 'Judy Smith' with initials 'JS'. The page title is 'Biographical Information' with a 'Help' link. Navigation buttons include 'BACK', 'SAVE', and 'SAVE & CONTINUE'. A sidebar on the left lists various information categories, with 'Biographic Information' selected and 'Preferred Address' highlighted. A light blue banner at the top of the form area states: 'Some information is centrally managed by AAMC and cannot be edited on this page. To edit your preferred email address, and citizenship, go to My AAMC Profile'. The 'Preferred Address' section contains the following fields: 'Country' (dropdown menu), 'Address 1' (text input for 'Street number and name'), 'Address 2' (text input for 'Apt No., Suite No., Building No. etc'), 'City' (text input), 'Day Phone' (text input), 'Evening Phone' (text input), 'Email' (text input with value 'jsmith@amcas.com'), and 'Fax' (text input). A blue callout box at the bottom of the form area says: 'To edit your email, go to My AAMC Profile'.

Biographical Information [Help](#) BACK SAVE SAVE & CONTINUE

- 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

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

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Schools Attended

Add College ✕

Country *

Program Type *

Start Date *

End Date *

Other Options

Summer School Only

Study Abroad Program

Advisor Release

i 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

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, unless otherwise noted on record.

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.

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

[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

Level of Study

[Partial Transcripts](#)

Recipient Name

Recipient Email Address

Confirm Recipient Email Address

Notification Email Address

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

Course Name *

Please enter any letters or numbers. Example BIO 101

Please enter course number

Please enter course name

CANCEL

SAVE & ADD ANOTHER

SAVE

Applicants should use a personal copy of their **official** transcript to complete this section.
Use your degree audit or UI grade report

Other Impactful Experiences

Biographic Information

- Preferred Address*
- Permanent Address*
- Alternate Contact
- Citizenship*
- Legal Residence*
- Self Identification
- Languages*
- Childhood Information*
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- 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

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

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

BCPM and AO

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 * 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 * End Date * Total Hours *

Repeated *
 Yes
 No

Organization Name

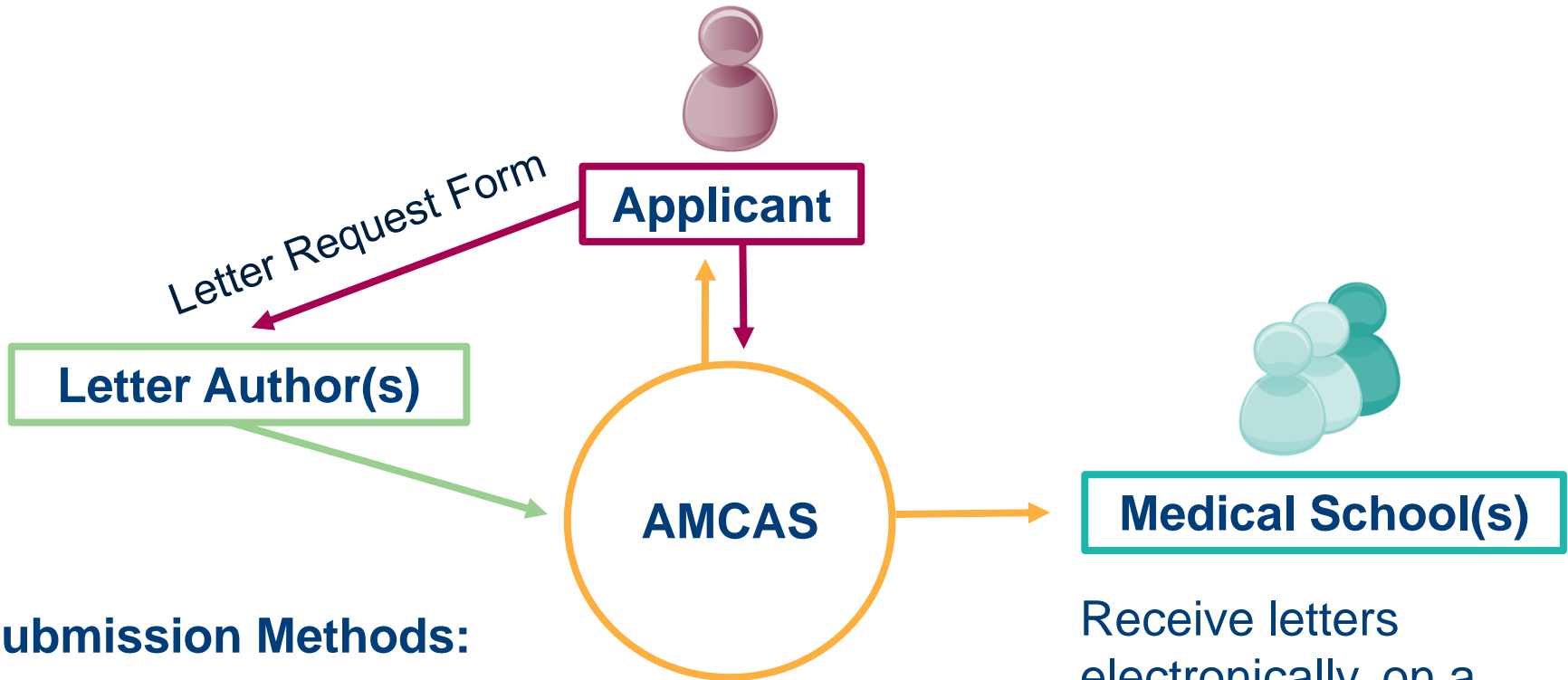
- Maximum of 15 entries
Applicants can enter 3 additional date ranges for repeated activities
- Maximum of 3 “Most Meaningful”
• 1325 characters

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

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

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.**

1

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

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

Choosing Medical Schools

Add Medical School

Filters

State: Deadline: Program Type:

Schools

School * [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 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

[CANCEL](#) [SAVE](#)

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

Ok

Personal Comments Essay

i 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

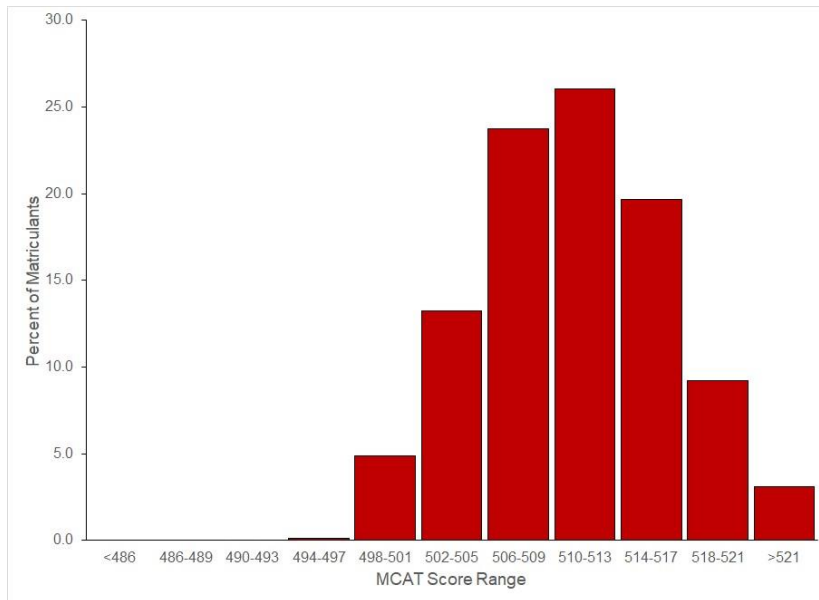
Applicants should indicate any future MCAT testing dates.

MCAT Scores



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

What's a competitive MCAT score?



Below 500	Too low
500-510	Borderline
511 and above	Competitive

PREview Exam

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 - MCAT Scores
 - MCAT Exam Date*
 - PREview Scores
 - PREview Exam Date
 - Other Tests***

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

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, 2024 (preferred by Oct. 15)
- Secondary fees vary from \$50-150 per school
 - CCOM \$60
 - Why Carver College of Medicine?
 - Describe personal characteristics you've overcome to contribute to a dynamic healthcare system that advocates for all peoples
 - 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: early to mid July



First interviews: September 9



Secondary app preferred deadline: October 15



Interviews end: Mid January



Final pool decisions: Mid March

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?

