



# **The 2026-2027 AMCAS Application**

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# How does the AMCAS Application 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

# 2026-2027 Application Dates

Date	Event
April	2026 AMCAS resources available
May 1	AMCAS application opens
May 27	AMCAS application submission begins
June 27	Initial transmission of application data to medical schools
August 1	Early Decision Program deadline
Sept.-Dec.	Application deadlines

CCOM does not have early decision.

Six-eight weeks for verification...

*That's normal- don't panic!*

# 2026 AMCAS Participation

## Tentative 2026 Participation

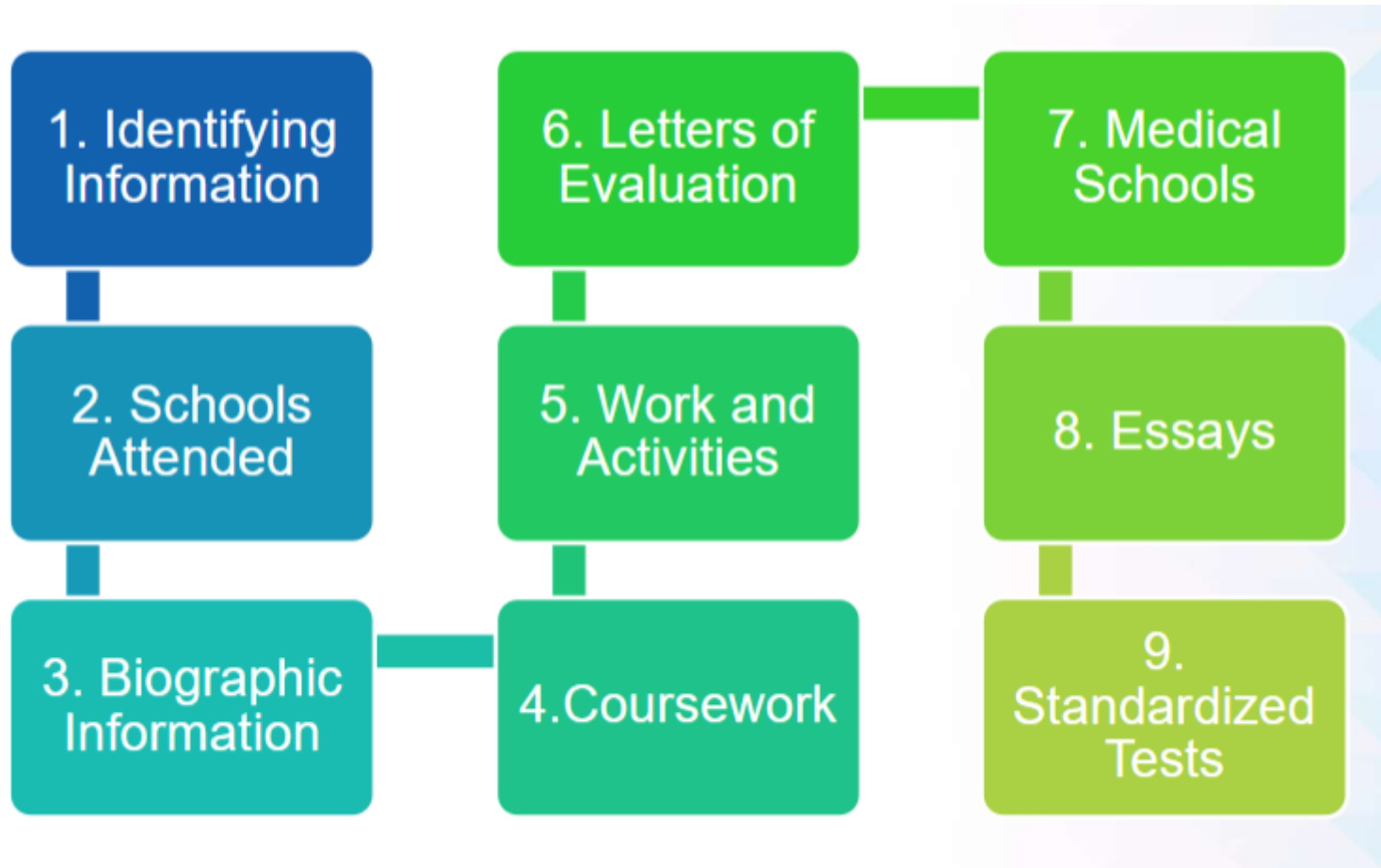
Application	155 Schools/Programs All MD granting schools in the United States with the exception of MD programs at Texas public schools
AMCAS Letters	153 Schools/Programs
Criminal Background Checks	133 Schools/Programs

### 2026 AMCAS Application Fees:

- \$175 processing fee (includes one school designation)
- \$47 for each additional school

# The AMCAS Application

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# AMCAS applicant guide

## 2027 AMCAS® Applicant Guide

Course classification guide  
pg. 33

BCPM and AO grades

AP, dual-enrollment and  
study abroad grades



# MSAR

AAMC Account: Kat

## Medical School Admission Requirements

Search Institutions

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- Enter Institution Name -

Sort By:

School A - Z

Display:

### Filters

#### Location

- Country, State -



## Albany Medical College

Albany, NY | Private Institution | Urban Campus

☆ Add

**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

# New for 2026-2027 application



AAMC Letter Writer Portal integration: Screens for creating new Letter of Evaluation requests have been updated, including a new email feature for contacting letter authors.



Reapplicant data will roll over for the Military Discharge, Misdemeanors, Felonies, and Institutional Actions sections.

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## Applying to Medical School with the AMCAS® Program

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

### 2026 AMCAS® Applicant Guide

The AMCAS applicant guide outlines the current AMCAS application process, policies, and procedures. This comprehensive resource helps you understand how to complete your AMCAS application.

### American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®)

The American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®) is the AAMC's centralized medical school application processing service.

[AMCAS® Sign In](#)

### Connect with AMCAS®

[@AMCASinfo](#)[AMCASinfo](#)

### Contact AMCAS®

[Send us a message.](#)

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

202-628-0600

# Create Account

If you have an AAMC ID, do  
**NOT** create a new account

## Sign In

Username

Required

Password

SIGN IN

[FORGOT YOUR USERNAME?](#)

[FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD?](#)

[NEED HELP?](#)

### Don't have an account?

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

[CREATE ACCOUNT](#)

# AMCAS Main Menu

## Kate Karacay

<b>AAMC ID</b>	13165685
<b>Gender</b>	Decline to Answer
<b>Date of Birth</b>	01/30/2002
<b>Country of Birth</b>	USA
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:kate-karacay@uiowa.edu">kate-karacay@uiowa.edu</a>
<b>Birth State</b>	IA
<b>Birth City</b>	Des Moines



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EDIT MY PROFILE

## Application

Not Submitted to AMCAS

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

# Biographical Information

The screenshot displays the AAMC application interface for the 'Biographical Information' section. The top navigation bar includes the AAMC logo, the user's name 'Judy Smith', and application status 'My Application'. The left sidebar lists various biographical categories, with 'Biographical Information' selected and 'Preferred Address' highlighted. The main content area features a 'Preferred Address' form with fields for Country, Address 1, Address 2, City, Day Phone, Evening Phone, Email, and Fax. A notification banner at the top of the form 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'. A button at the bottom of the form provides a link to 'To edit your email, go to My AAMC Profile'.

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

Identifying Information  
 Schools Attended  
 **Biographical 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

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#### 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

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#### 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.

# 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](mailto: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 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

# Withdrawals

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 dropped outside the normal period and does appear on the official transcript, a course entry should be made

# Other Impactful Experiences

## 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\*

## 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

# 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

- 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

# Letters of Evaluation

Indicates required field

## Letters of Evaluation/Recommendation \*

Your letter authors must send your letters through the AMCAS Program if you are applying to one or more schools participating in the AMCAS Letters Service. Most medical schools participate. [See the list of participating schools.](#) You must contact schools that do not participate to determine their letter of evaluation requirements. The AMCAS Program will not forward your letters to these schools. Please review [additional information about letters of evaluation.](#)

### Deadlines:

Letter deadlines for authors are established individually by each medical school, so check school websites for deadline details. **submit your application before entering letters. You may submit your application before AMCAS receives your letters.**

New letter entries may be added and assigned to medical schools after you have submitted your application. However, on submitted, existing letter entries cannot be edited or deleted; they can only be marked "No Longer Being Sent."

### Letter Release Policy and Author Guidelines:

- Letters sent to the AMCAS Program cannot be released to applicants or letter authors under any circumstances, as provided only to medical schools that are participating in the AMCAS Letter Service.
- Re-applicants should note that letters received by the AMCAS Program do not rollover to later application years, so letter authors to keep a copy of their letter.
- The AAMC publishes a [list of guidelines](#) for letter of evaluation authors. A link to the guidelines is on the letter request provide to your letter authors.

A maximum of ten (10) letter entries may be created on this page. Letters may be associated to medical schools on the Manage Letter Requests page. For help, watch ["How to Add Letter of Evaluation Entries & Assign them to Medical Schools" Tutorial.](#)

\* Please create one letter entry for each Committee Letter, Individual Letter, or Letter Packet being sent to the AMCAS

+ ADD LETTER REQUEST

Manage Letter Requests

SHOW MEDICAL SCHOOL ASS

Letter Request Saved!

### Ready to email this letter request to Letter Author ?

AMCAS will email your letter author, who will be able to upload a letter through the AMCAS Letter Author Portal or Interfolio. You will be notified via email when your author fulfills your request. If you select "Send Later", you can return to this request at any time to send via email or print [your letter request PDF form.](#)

To: letter@example.com  
From: amcas@aamc.org  
Subject: AMCAS Letter of Evaluation Request Jordan Smith (AAMC ID 21567835)



### Letter of Evaluation Request for 2026 AMCAS® Applications Only

Dear Letter Author,

I hereby request that you submit my letter of evaluation to the AAMC's American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®). The AMCAS program is responsible for collecting letters on behalf of medical schools that participate in their Letters Service. This service also allows letter writers to submit their letters directly to the AMCAS program, rather than sending them to each medical school, provided those schools participate in the AMCAS Letter Service. Please see the options below for submitting your letters to the AMCAS Program.

#### Applicant Information:

First name:	Jordan	AAMC ID:	21567835
Last name:	Smith	Request ID:	MFNE-G9XN5-DMVCF
Email:		Letter:	

\*I acknowledge that an email will be sent and it is my responsibility to follow up and confirm receipt.

⚠ Please check the required acknowledgment

SEND LATER

SEND

Applicants can submit their application before AMCAS receives their letters.

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# Choosing Medical Schools

### Add Medical School

**Filters**

State:  Deadline:  Program Type:

**Schools**

School \*

**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**

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

# Essay

Limit 5300  
characters

same for  
AACOMAS

## 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|



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# 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).

## Significant Research Hours

Please enter your total hours of prior research experience. \*

## Significant Research Essay

Your response will only be forwarded to your designated MD/PhD program(s).

If your research resulted in a publication on which you were an author, please provide the full citation in the Work/Activities section of your application.

Please describe your significant research experiences. In your statement, please specify your research supervisor's name and affiliation, the duration of the experience, the nature of the problem studied, and your contributions to the project. \*

Your response will only be forwarded to your designated MD/PhD program(s).

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# AAMC Professional and Thinking & Reasoning Competencies



Understanding Others



Self-Awareness



Commitment to Learning and Growth



Ethical Responsibility to Self and Others



Resilience and Adaptability



Critical Thinking



Service Orientation



Reliability and Dependability



Quantitative Reasoning



Empathy and Compassion



Interpersonal Skills



Scientific Inquiry



Teamwork and Collaboration



Oral Communication



Written Communication

Graphic from Princeton Health Professions Advising website

# 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.

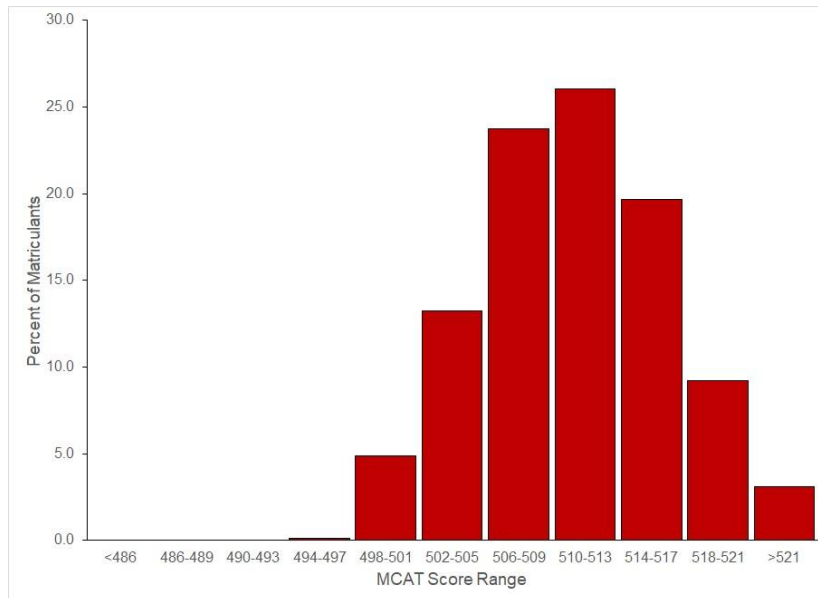
[aamc.org/mcat](https://aamc.org/mcat)

# MCAT Scores



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

# What's a competitive MCAT score?



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

# PREview Exam

- Schools Attended
- Biographic Information
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- Letters of Evaluation
- Medical Schools
- Essays
- Standardized Tests**
  - 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 directly from each school

CCOM secondary application portal opens early July  
deadline Dec. 15, 2026 (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.

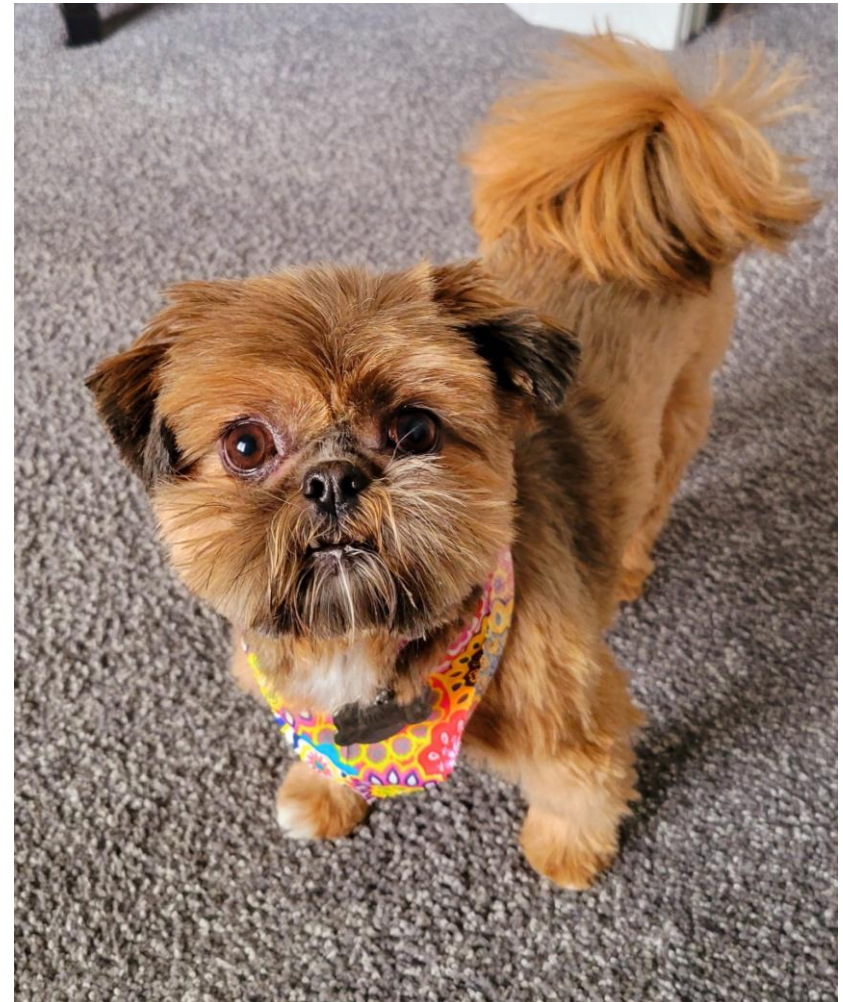
# Minimum for CCOM secondary

- 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 7



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](http://www.choosedo.org)

# Questions?

