

Dartmouth College
HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAM

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First, some resources for filling out application

Each Application Service (AMCAS, TMDSAS, AACOMAS, AADSAS, VMCAS) has robust instructions on their website.

HPP provides clarifying information and Dartmouth specific instructions through:

- This Webinar
- HPP FAQ's have detailed information especially re: Inputting Coursework and Letters.
 - KEEP FAQ's "by your side."
- HPP Program Coordinator, Rae Stokes: Letter questions and logistics AMCAS logistics; scheduling with advisors
- Your HPP Advisors, Sarah and Nicole



Agenda

- AMCAS Application
- Verification
- After Submission
- AMCAS Letter Service
- The Advisor Information System (AIS)
 - Access and Reports
- The AAMC Advisor Hub
- Resources
- 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



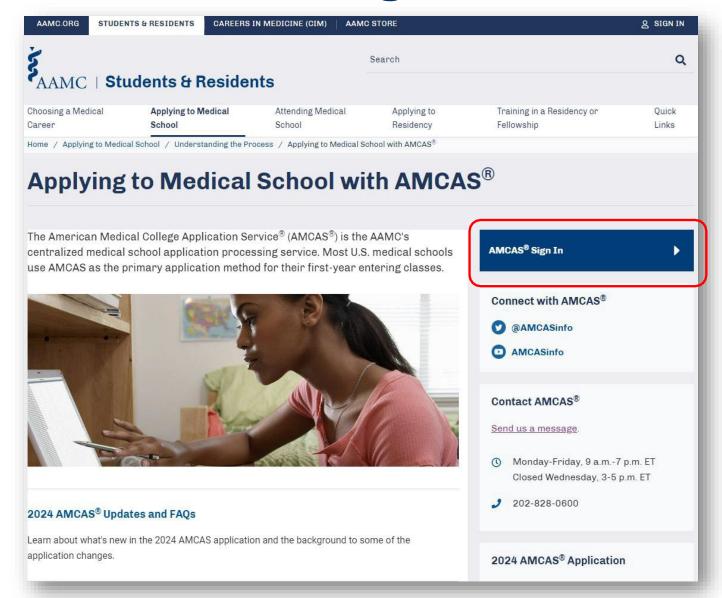
Application Delivered

- AMCAS distributes verified application to designated med schools
- AMCAS delivers letters to designated med schools as they are received

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2024 Application Dates

Date*	Event
April 3	2024 AMCAS resources available
May 2	AMCAS application opens
May 30	AMCAS application submission begins
June 30	Initial transmission of application data to medical schools
August 1	Early Decision Program deadline
SeptDec.	Application deadlines

^{*}Dates subject to change

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 <u>www.aamc.org/amcasdeadlines</u>



Dartmouth: Regarding Submission Timeline and Transcripts

- We know there is lots of pressure about "applying early."
- Must strike balance between very early and quality of application.
- Wait for Spring Transcript? We understood why compelling to submit beforehand. FYI: some admissions have shared their recommendations for complete transcript though AMCAS allows submission w/out. *Especially consider waiting however if moving in upward trajectory.*
 - Spring transcripts tend to come out approx. June 15.
- For TMDSAS you are required to wait for Spring transcripts to submit.
 - https://www.tmdsas.com/application-guide/coursework.html
- When requesting transcript through Dartmouth registrar you can ask them to "hold for Spring grades."
- FYI: If you submit before Spring grades, they will not get added to AMCAS' final GPA.
- Again, quality of writing is very important!



Dartmouth: Regarding Submission Timeline and Transcripts

ORDERING OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS!

- YOU need an official transcript in your own hands when inputting courses to make sure what you input matches
- AMCAS (or any other application service) needs Official Transcripts from Dartmouth and any other post-secondary school you've taken classes at.
- You will order directly from the Dartmouth Registrar site (and any other school you've taken classes at) and have them send your official transcript directly to AMCAS (or other service).
- You will run off a "transcript request form" on the AMCAS site—only to share w registrar.
 you just need it so that registrar can match your transcript to your account.



2024 AMCAS Participation

153 Schools/Programs

Application

All MD granting schools in the United States with the exception of MD programs at Texas public schools

AMCAS Letters 151 Schools/Programs

Criminal

Background Checks

127 Schools/Programs

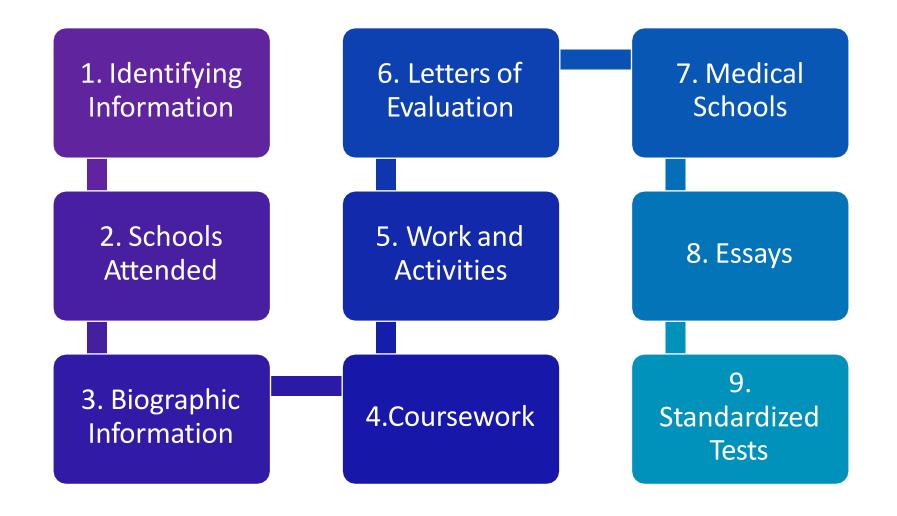
2024 AMCAS Application Fees:

- \$175 processing fee (includes one school designation)
- \$45 for each additional school

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The AMCAS Application





2024 AMCAS Application Changes



New Experience Type

"Social Justice/Advocacy" in the AMCAS Web App Work/Activities section



Biographic Information

"Other Impactful Experiences" is replacing the self-reported "Disadvantaged Status" question, including new help text



Institutional Actions

"Conduct" and/or "Academic" filters as a dropdown within the existing Institutional Action question



Preview™ Exam

An optional field to indicate an upcoming Preview[™] exam and the date of the exam



Pronoun & Gender Identity

Update to the "Other" labels for Pronoun and Gender Identity

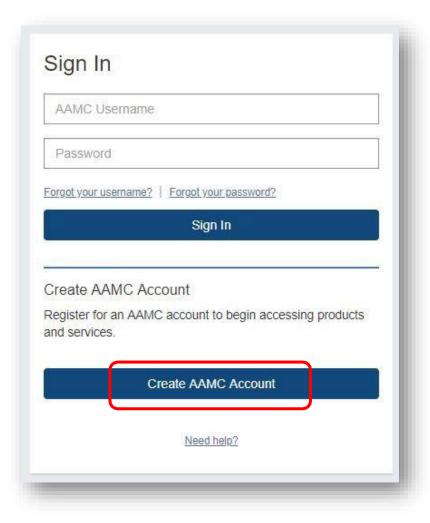


Help Texts

Update to Essay prompts and Certification statement

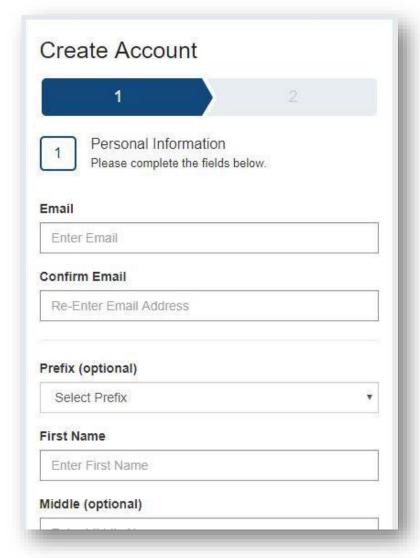


Accessing the Application





AAMC Registration

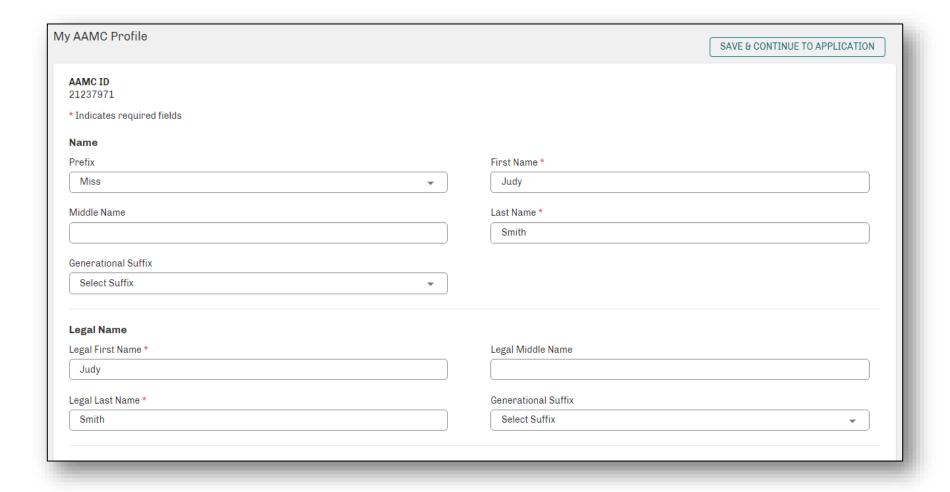




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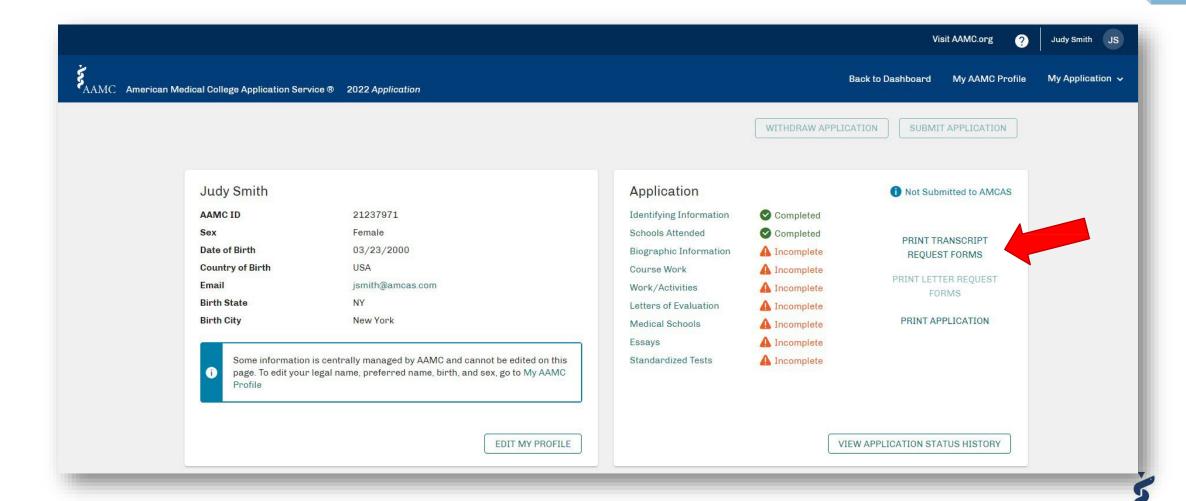


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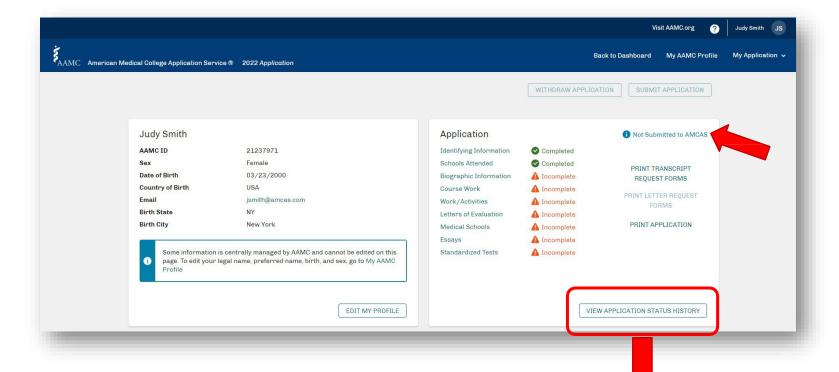


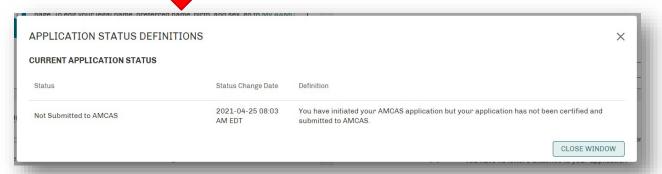


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Quick Links

ACADEMIC CHANGE REQUEST

UPDATE ADVISOR RELEASE

Learn more about the AAMC Fee Assistance Program

View AMCAS Participating Medical Schools and Deadlines

Find AMCAS resources on the Tools and Tutorials page

Visit the AMCAS website

Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR)

Review AMCAS transcript processing timelines

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My Document Statuses

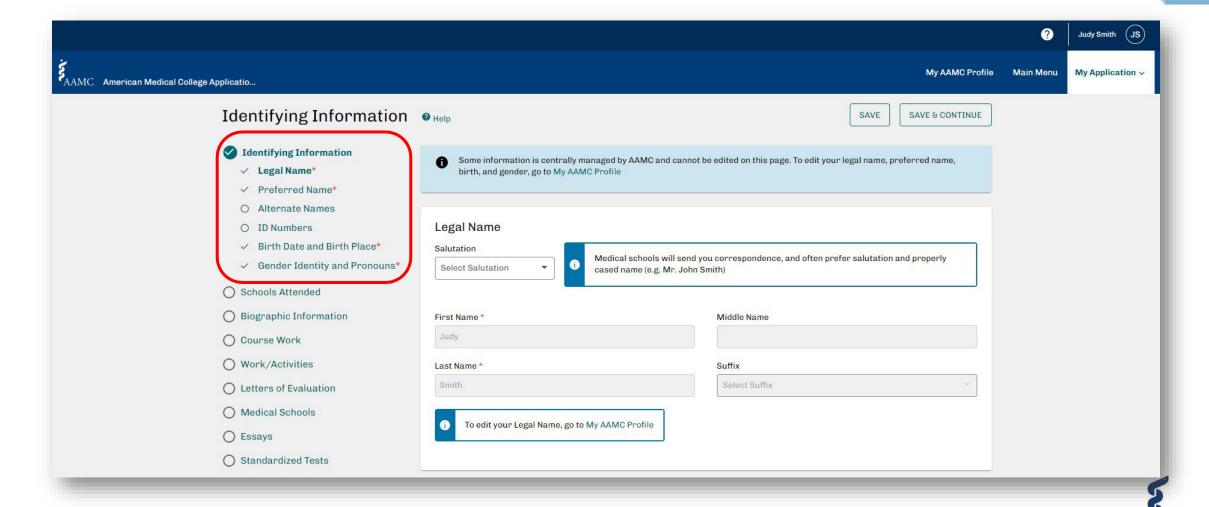
Transcripts (0) You have no transcripts attached to your application

Letters of Evaluation (0) You have no letters attached to your application

VIEW ALL DOCUMENT STATUSES



Identifying Information



Schools Attended





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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.

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.*

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Study Abroad? Transfer Term? Do I, or Don't I, need an additional transcript?

If the study abroad was sponsored by a US or Canadian school, you will:

List the domestic school that sponsored you List the study abroad ("foreign" institution)

If the study abroad was led by, for instance, Dartmouth faculty, but not affiliated with a "foreign institution:

First entry: List the domestic institutions traditional name

Second entry: Your school's name again; then "study abroad" then city. (Example: "Dartmouth—Study Abroad — Costa Rica")

What about Transcripts?

If the study abroad was sponsored by a US or Canadian school:

No separate transcript is necessary beyond that of the sponsoring school. IE: for a Dartmouth FSP, you only need your Dartmouth transcript, and you will choose NO for the question: "Does AMCAS require an official transcript from this school?" This triggers a TRANSCRIPT EXCEPTION. What's the CLEAR SIGN that you will check NO in that case? Your Dartmouth transcript SHOWS the GRADES of the foreign or domestic program

What about entering Courses?

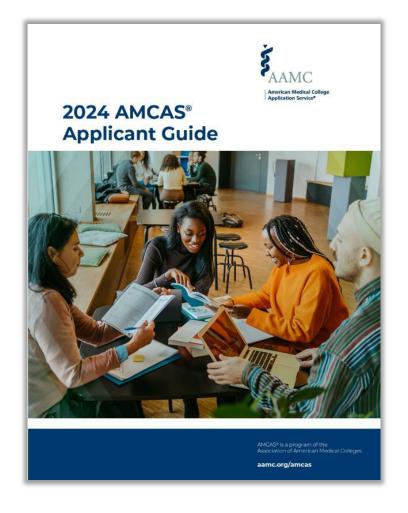
You DO enter the study abroad courses in this section, but you use your domestic (usually Dartmouth) school's transcript and enter as you would other course work (next section)

What about transferred courses from an Off-term exchange sponsored by another Institution?

This DOES require a separate transcript and will be included under that school attended section. How do you know for sure? The credits are transferred to your Dartmouth transcript but NO grades are listed.



Schools Attended

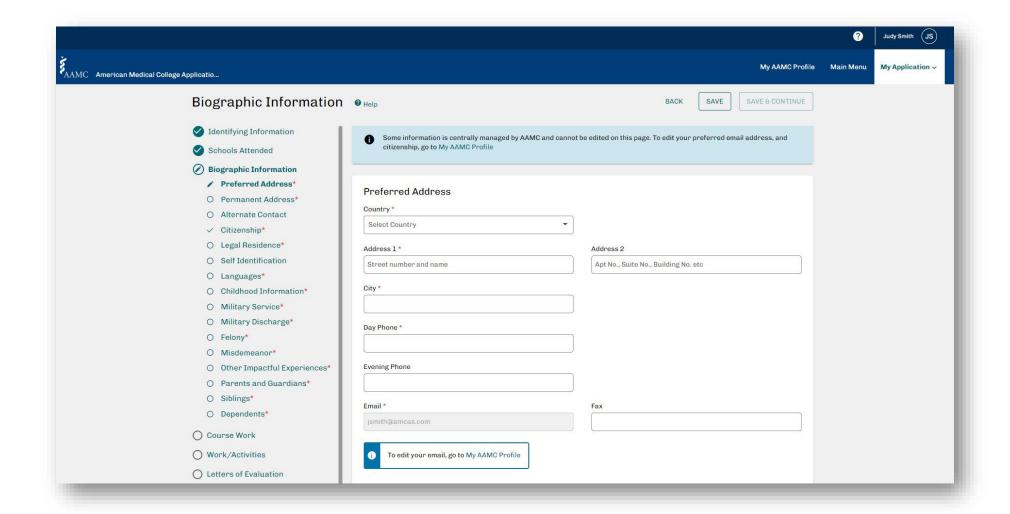








Biographic Information





Other Impactful Experiences





(Biographic Information

- Preferred Address*
- O Permanent Address*
- Alternate Contact
- ✓ Citizenship*
- Legal Residence*
- Self Identification
- O Languages*
- Childhood Information*
- O Military Service*
- O Military Discharge*
- O Felony*
- O Misdemeanor*
- Other Impactful Experiences*
- O Parents and Guardians*
- O 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?

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

Other Impactful Experiences Description

- Family background: serving as a caretaker of a family member (e.g., siblings, parent/guardian), first
- 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.

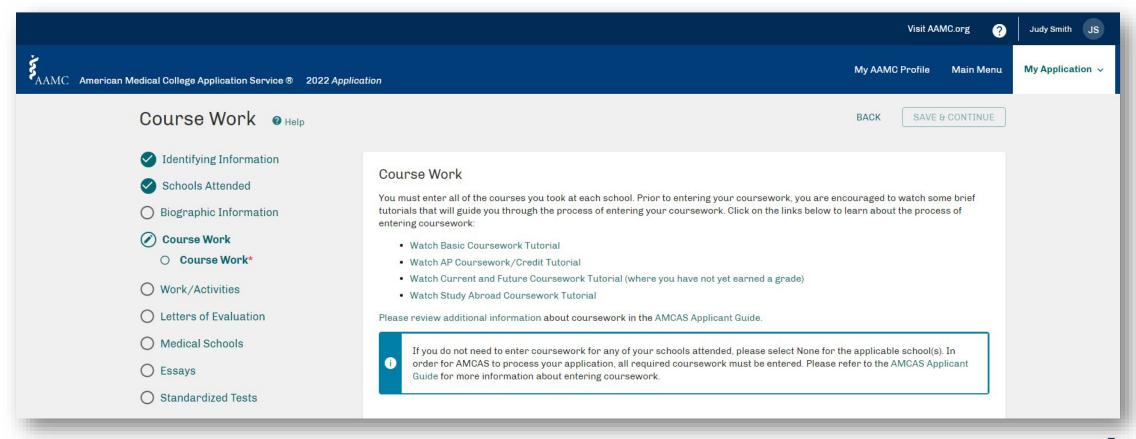
Writing Instructions

- · Select the most impactful experiences. Describe the challenge(s) or hardship(s) you consider most impactful in
- · 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.



Coursework

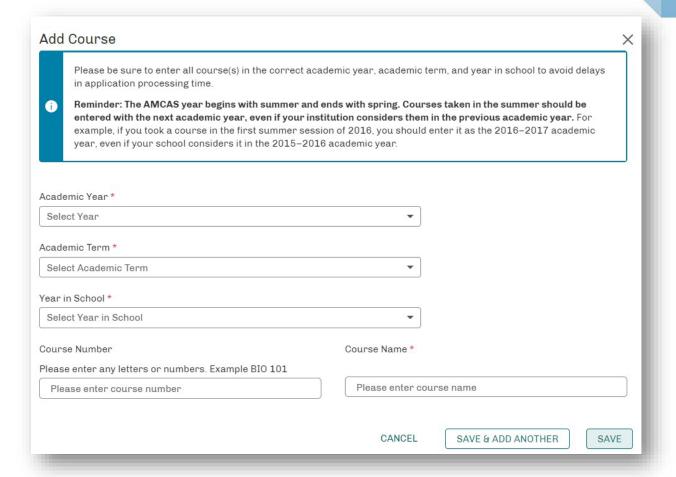




Coursework



Applicants!
Have an official transcript in hand to complete this section for accuracy!







Entering Coursework as Dartmouth Applicant CREDIT HOURS

Different Application Services

- AMCAS: Put in exactly as on Transcript
- TMDSAS: You Convert
- AACOMAS: You Convert
- AADSAS: You Convert
- VMCAS: You Convert

What is the Conversion

See back of your official transcript*

For Dartmouth, you will convert into

Semester Hours

- 1 Dartmouth "credit" converts to:
- Course only = 3.5 credit hours
- Lab only = 3.5 credit hours
- Course +Lab = 4.5 credit hours

Fyi: Quarter Hours conversion
Course only or lab only = 5 quarter hours
Course PLUS lab = 6.7 quarter hours





Entering Coursework as Dartmouth Applicant

- ☐ When inputting a courses that included a lab section:
 - To ensure that you receive your accurate credit hours, you must write "course+lab" after writing in the name of the course
 - When asked what course type in the next section, choose "course combined with lab"
 - Essential for insuring schools recognize that you have fulfilled pre-requisites
- ☐ Write in courses as they are on Transcript. If the title doesn't fit, make a logical abbreviation.
- ☐ Under Special Course types:
 - Check Pass/Fail for Dartmouth NRO's. (In AMCAS NR means a grade is pending.)
- ☐ AP Credit/Exemptions:
 - While Dartmouth doesn't give graduation "credit" it does "credit" you as having met the equivalent of the course, as an EXEMPTION
 - You will write in the course #; for course description you will put in what it was at Dartmouth (for
 instance at Dartmouth it will say Advanced Placement—you will say what the course is at Dartmouth, ie:
 Calculus), a 0 for credit hours, and CR for grade-just as it is in your transcript.
 - Under Special Course Type you will choose EXEMPT.
- ☐ First Year Seminar and Writing 5
 - BOTH are included as ENGLISH, no matter what department they were in.
- ☐ Transfer Credits:
 - If you transferred credits to D from another institution, you will add them in the section for that other school and NOT in your course entries for Dartmouth.
- ☐ Classifying Courses:
 - YOU classify courses. AMCAS has limited classification options. Find your best match.





AMCAS® Application Course Classification Guide

The following guide provides examples of how courses are often categorized. Please select course classifications based on the primary content of the course.

In the case of interdisciplinary courses, where two or more subject matters are combined into one course, refer to the description of the course on your school's website or consult with your Pre-health Advisor to choose the most appropriate course classification.

Biology (BIOL)

- Anatomy
- Biology
- Biophysics Biotechnology
- Botany
- Cell Biology
- Ecology
- Entomology
- Genetics
- Histology Immunology
- Microbiology
- Molecular Biology
- Neuroscience
- Physiology
- Zoology

Chemistry (CHEM)

- Biochemistry
- Chemistry
- Physical Chemistry
- Thermodynamics

Physics (PHYS)

 Astronomy Physics

Mathematics (MATH)

- Applied Mathematics
- Biostatistics
- Mathematics
- Statistics



Behavioral & Social Sciences (BESS)

- Anthropology
- Economics Family Studies
- Psychology
- Sociology

Business (BUSI)

- Accounting
- Finance
- Human Resources Studies
- Management
- Marketing
- Organizational Studies

Communications (COMM)

- Journalism
- Media Production & Studies
 - TV, Video & Audio

Computer Science & Technology (COMP)

- Computer Science Computer Engineering
- Information Systems
- Telecommunications

Education (EDUC)

- Counseling & Personnel Services
- Curriculum & Instruction Educational
- Administration Educational Policy
- Health Education
- Human Development Physical Education (Except
- for sports courses.) Special Education

- **Engineering (ENGI)** Aerospace Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering Electrical Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering

English Language & Literature (ENGL)

- Composition & Rhetoric
- Creative Writing
- Literature

Fine Arts (ARTS)

- Art
- Art History
- Dance Fine Arts
- Music
- Photography Theatre

Foreign Languages, Linguistics, &

- Literature (FLAN) American Sign Language
- Comparative Literature
- Foreign Language(s) & Literature
- Linguistics

Government, Political Science, & Law (GOVT)

- Criminology & Criminal Justice
- Government
- International Relations & Studies
- Law/Legal Studies
- Political Science Public Affairs & Policy Urban Policy & Planning
- **Health Sciences**

(HEAL) Allied Health

- Chiropractic
- Dentistry
- Hearing & Speech Studies Hospital Administration
- Kinesiology Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy Optometry
- Osteopathy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant

- Public Health
- Pharmacology &
- Pharmacy Sports Medicine
- Veterinary Medicine

History (HIST)

History

Natural & Physical Sciences (NPSC)

- Agriculture
- Animal & Avian Sciences Environmental Science &
- Policy Forestry
- Geography
- Geology
- Horticulture
- Landscape Architecture
- Meteorology
- Natural Resources
- Oceanography

Other (OTHR)

(All courses that do not fit appropriately in another classification)

- Architecture
- Library Science
- Military Science
- Sports (tennis, golf, aerobics, etc.)

Philosophy & Religion (PHIL)

- Ethics
- Logic Philosophy
- Religion
- Theology

Special Studies (SSTU)

- Afro-American Studies
- American Studies Gender Studies



What if AMCAS or other App disagrees, and "pauses" verification?

If a verifier disagrees with a designation you have made, they will "pause" your verification. They will communicate this to you and let you know why. You have two weeks to "petition" for a change to their decision. The two main ways this might show up (though it's rare) are:

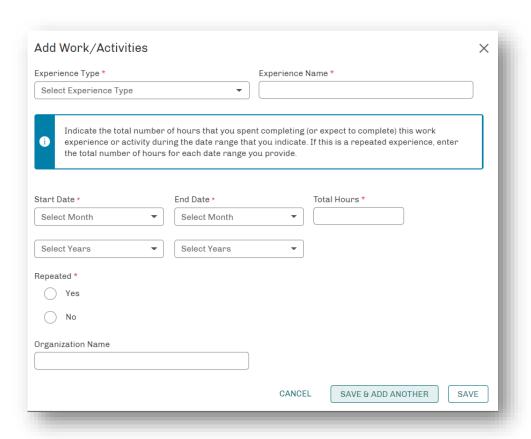
- If they mistakenly disagree that your FYS or Writing 5 are approved as English designations, use the statement in our FAQ's to describe the intent of FYS and W5 at Dartmouth. No worries.
- If you designated a Neuro or Engs course, for example, as Biology, and they disagree, send them the course description and/or syllabus.

Be in touch with HPP if there are communication complications.

PS: You are not "in trouble" if they pause you/disagree with your designation.



Work/Activities



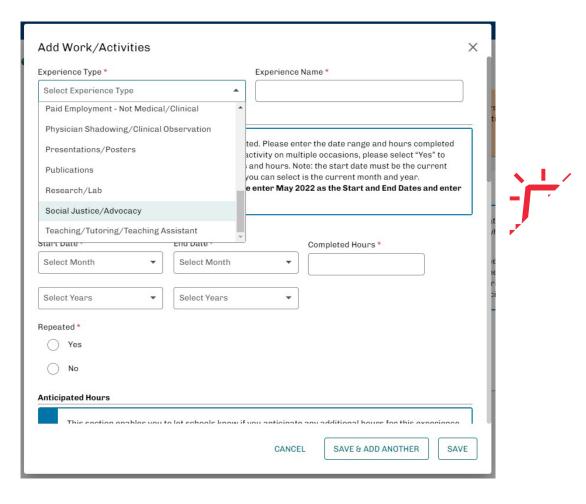
- Maximum of 15 entries
 - Applicants can enter 3 additional date ranges for repeated activities
 - Applicants can enter anticipated hours
- •Maximum of 3 "Most Meaningful"



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Work/Activities







Activities and Personal Statement Writing What's included+Character Counts, includes spaces



AMCAS (ALLOPATHIC)

Personal Statement (5300 Character)-Your Motivation for Medicine

15 Experiences (700-character description)

3 Most Meaningful (700 characters, PLUS an additional 1325 characters)

For MD/PhD, two additional essays

- Why MD/PhD? (3000 characters)
- Significant Research Experience Essay-Research Experience Details (10,000 characters)

AACOMAS (OSTEOPATHIC)

Personal Statement (5300 Character) Unlimited experiences, 600-character description

Don't go overboard on # of experiences!

TMDSAS (TEXAS)

- ESSAYS
 - Medical personal statement (5000-character limit);
 - Personal characteristics essay (2500-character limit);
 - 3) Optional essay (2500-character limit)
- Experiences (300-character description)

DENTAL

- Personal Statement (4500 Character)
- Experiences (600 characters)

VETERINARY

Under Personal Information

• Three Distinct 2000-character essays

Under Supporting Information

Experiences 600 characters



Essay

Personal Comments Essay

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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



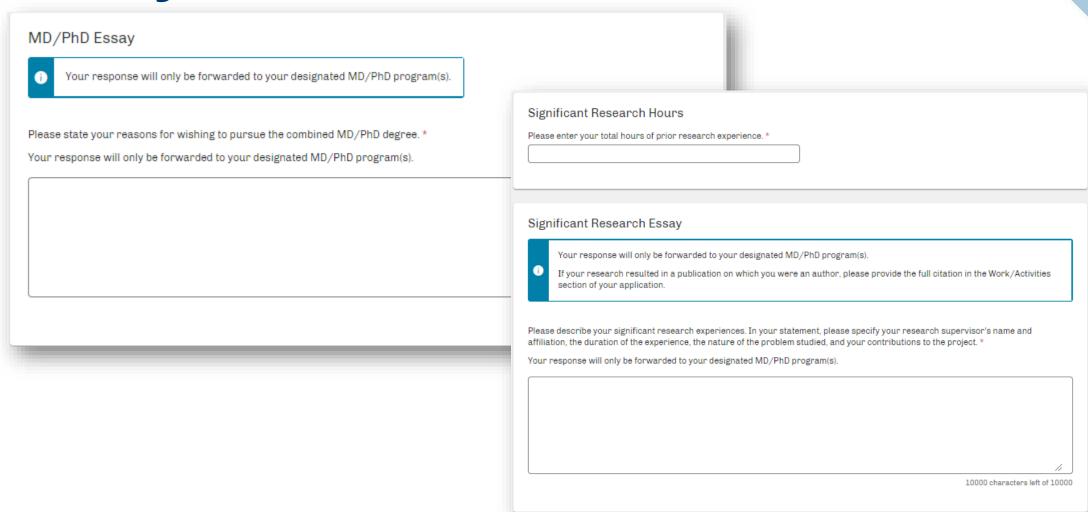
Consider and write your Personal Comments carefully, many admissions committees place significant weight on this section. Make sure you proofread carefully because no changes may be made after you submit your application. What information should I consider including in my personal comments?

Use the space provided to explain why you want to go to medical school.*

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Essay



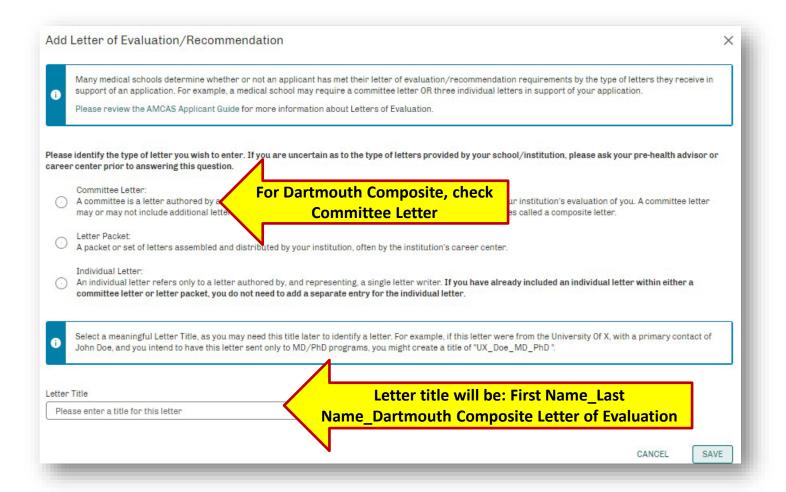
Activities and Personal Statement Writing For Your Information

FORMATTING

- Do all your writing in Word, Google docs, or whatever system you prefernot on the application.
- Do not use any formatting other than paragraph breaks (all left justified).
 Formatting does not appear to schools (no bullets, indented paragraphs, bold/italic, etc).
- When writing and editing are complete, copy and paste as plain text/can use a text app



Letters of Evaluation





Applicants can submit their application before AMCAS receives their letters.



When asked identifying information for Composite Letter

What schools are providing this letter?

Dartmouth (if you are using PrivateFolio to transmit your letters)

Letter Title: **Dartmouth Composite**

Institution: Dartmouth College

Primary Contact/Author's Prefix: Ms.

Primary Contact/Author's First Name: Rae

Primary Contact/Author's Middle Name: L

Primary Contact/Author's Last Name: **Stokes**

Primary Contact/Author's Title: **Health Professions Program Coordinator**

Primary Contact/Author's Email: Rae.L.Stokes@Dartmouth.edu

Primary Contact/Author's Phone: 603-646-3377

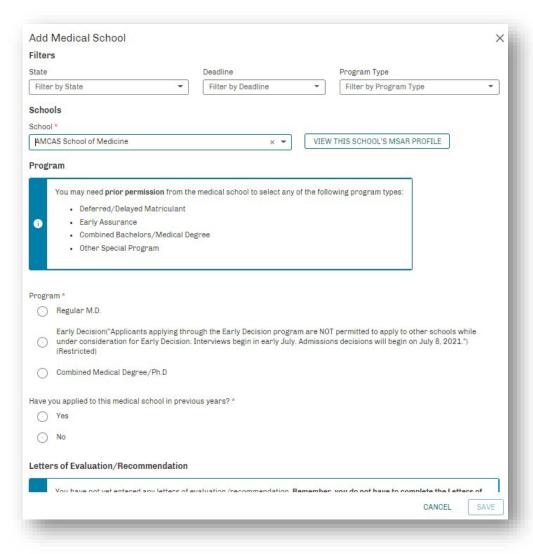
Organization Name: Dartmouth College

Address: 125 Carson, Hanover, NH 03755 USA

Letter "Author" is our Program
Coordinator, Rae Stokes so HPP can take
care of concerns or inquiries. Actual
writers usually do not know the process.



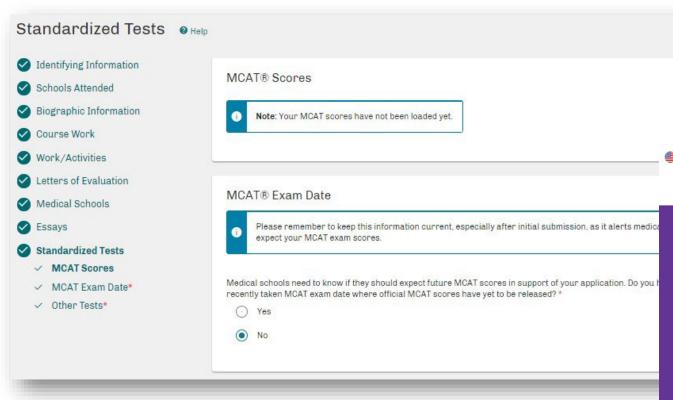
Medical Schools







Standardized Tests



Applicants should indicate any future MCAT testing dates.





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MCAT Scores

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



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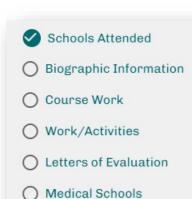
¹Test scores, like other measurements, are not perfectly precise. The confidence bands around test scores mark the ranges in which the test taker's true scores probably lie. The diamond shapes and shading show that the test taker's true scores are more likely to be their reported scores (in the second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

⁹For 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.



Standardized Tests



Standardized Tests

Essays

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

AAMC PREviewTM Scores

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Note: Your PREview Scores have not been loaded yet

PREviewTM Exam Date (Optional)

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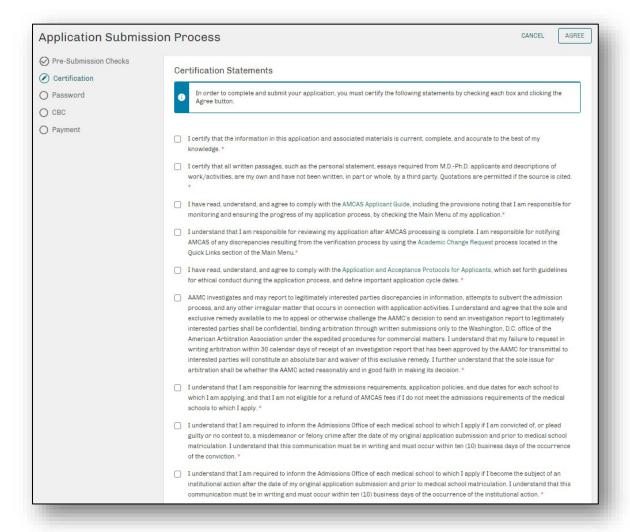
Please remember to keep this information current, especially after initial submission, as it alerts medical schools when to expect your PREview exam scores.

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?

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Certification Statements



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



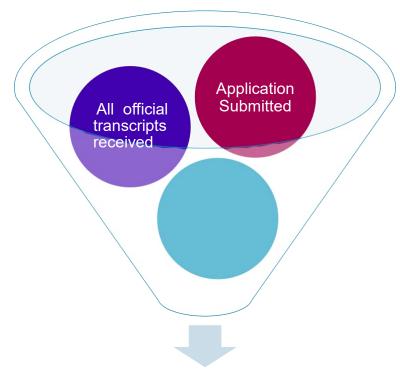
AMCAS Verification Process

Transcripts

 All required official transcripts must be received before an application can join the verification queue

Processing

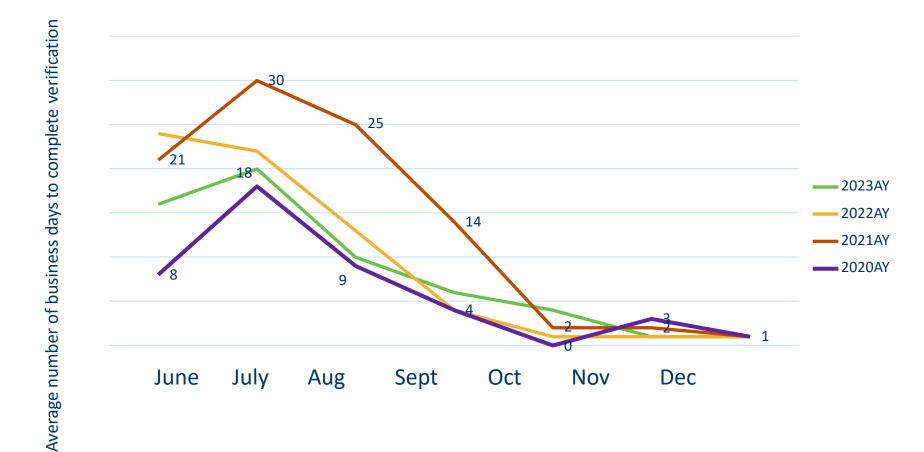
- From date of "Ready to Review" application status, about 6 weeks
- Find processing on the AMCAS application sign in page



Verification Queue



AMCAS Verification





Application Reminders

- Criminal Background Checks
- Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants





Criminal Background Checks

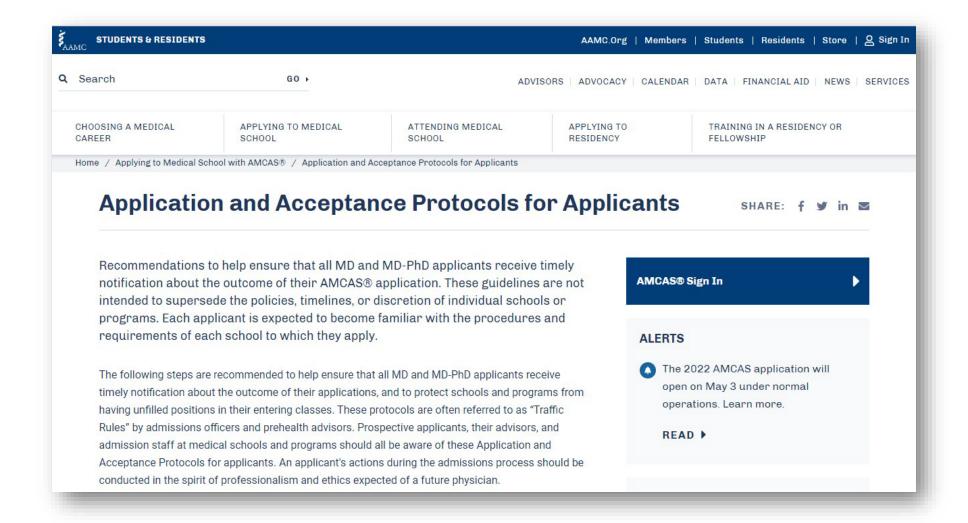
- Participating schools have checks run on accepted or waitlisted applicants
- Certiphi Screening, Inc. will notify applicants when the CBC has been initiated
- Applicants have 10 calendar days to review their report
- No additional charge to the applicant for this service

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





AMCAS Tools

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







Agenda

- AMCAS Application
- Verification
- After Submission
- AMCAS Letter Service
- The Advisor Information System (AIS)
 - Access and Reports
- The AAMC Advisor Hub
- Resources
- Q&A

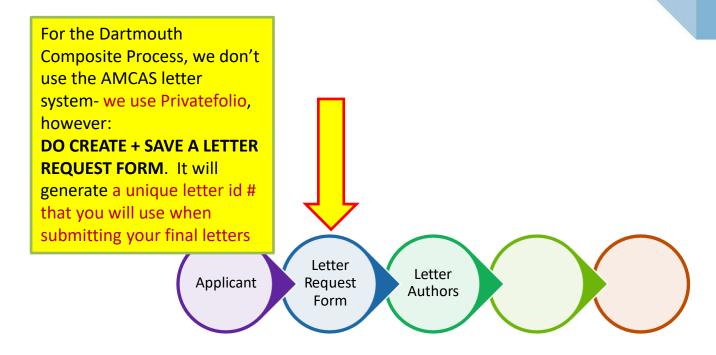




Letters of Evaluation

Submission Methods:

- AMCAS Letter Writer Application
- Privatefolio



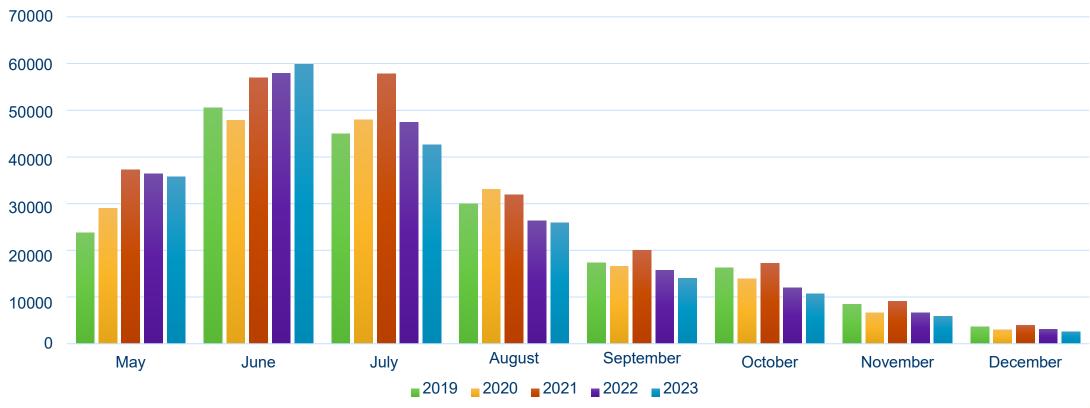
Medical schools receive letters electronically, on a rolling basis after an application is verified

aamc.org/amcasletters



Letters of Evaluation

Letters of Evaluation Received, 2019AY – 2023AY



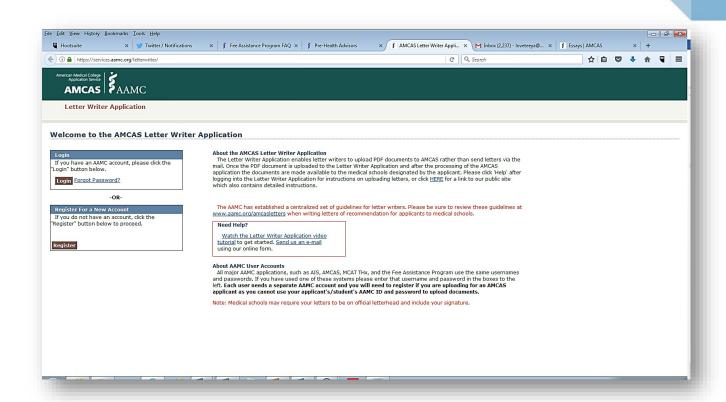


AMCAS Letter Writer Application

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

**AGAIN: We are not using this system: If you are working with HPP, letters are uploaded through Privatefolio

We will send instructions when final Composite is complete



systems.aamc.org/letterwriter



AMCAS Letter Writer Application Tips

- Have the applicant's AAMC and letter IDs.
- The letter must be a PDF file smaller than 5MB.
- Use only letters and numbers in the file name.
- Individual medical schools may require your letters to be on official letterhead and include the author's signature.
- Once you upload a letter no deletions or modifications can be made. Future letters you upload with this letter ID will be prepended to letters previously uploaded.



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.
- 2. Briefly explain your relationship with the applicant:
 - How long have you known the applicant?
 - In what capacity have you interacted (e.g., faculty, premedical advisor, supervisor)?
 - · Are your observations of the applicant direct or indirect?
- 3. Quality of information is more important than letter length. Focus on the applicant rather than details of the lab, course, assignment, job, or institution.
- Only include information on grades, GPA, or MCAT scores if you also provide context to help interpret them. Grades, GPA, and MCAT scores are available within the application.



Letter Writer Guidelines



Core, Entry-Level Competencies

Describe how the applicant has, or has not, demonstrated any of the following competencies that are necessary for success in medical school.

Thinking and Reasoning Competencies

Critical Thinking: Uses logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions, or approaches to problems.

Quantitative Reasoning: Applies quantitative reasoning and appropriate mathematics to describe or explain phenomena in the natural world.

Scientific Inquiry: Applies knowledge of the scientific process to integrate and synthesize information, solve problems, and formulate research questions and hypotheses. Is facile in the language of the sciences and uses it to participate in the discourse of science and explain how scientific knowledge is discovered and validated.

Written Communication: Effectively conveys information to others using written words and sentences.

Science Competencies

Living Systems: Applies knowledge and skill in the natural sciences to solve problems related to molecular and macro systems.

Human Behavior: Applies knowledge of the self, others, and social systems to solve problems related to the psychological, social, and biological factors that influence health and well-being.

Pre-professional Competencies

Service Orientation: Demonstrates a desire to help others and sensitivity to others' needs and feelings. Demonstrates a desire to alleviate others' distress. Recognizes and acts on their responsibilities to society locally, nationally, and globally.

Social Skills: Demonstrates awareness of others' needs, goals, feelings, and the ways social and behavioral cues affect peoples' interactions and behaviors. Adjusts behaviors appropriately in response to these cues. Treats others with respect.

Cultural Competence: Demonstrates knowledge of social and cultural factors that affect interactions and behaviors. Shows an appreciation



Advisor Information System (AIS) Access & Resources

- <u>Visit https://students-residents.aamc.org/advisors/advisor-information-system/</u>
- Get info about gaining access to AIS, report instructions, and other helpful resources





Advisor Information System (AIS)

Please click YES for
"Release to Advisor"
so we can not only
help you, but future
applicants

- Applicant data from students who have released their information to schooldesignated advisors
- Statement of Confidentiality

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AAMC Fee Assistance Program

- MCAT Benefit
 - Reduced registration fees
 - Access to all 15 online AAMC MCAT Official Prep Products
 - Stipend for updated evaluation for accommodations
- AMCAS Benefit
 - AMCAS application submission fee waiver for up to 20 schools
- MSAR Benefit
 - Complimentary access to the Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR) website
- AAMC PREview[™] Benefit
 - Waiver for AAMC PREview™ professional readiness exam registration fees

Benefits are NOT Retroactive





Fee Assistance Program Eligibility

- U.S.-based home address
- Tied to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' poverty level guidelines
- Requires parental financial information and supporting tax documentation for applicants under 26

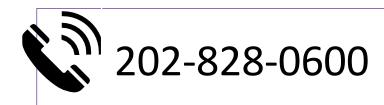




AAMC Fee Assistance Program

Website resources to direct your advisees to:

- What You Need to Apply
- 2023 Fee Assistance Program Essentials
- Fee Assistance Program FAQ's



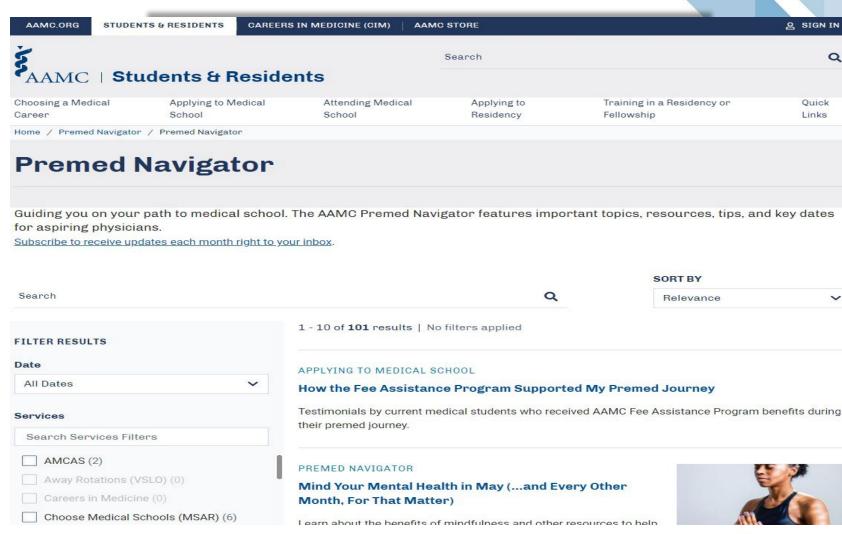






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Monthly e-newsletter for applicants and helpful web content.



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Anatomy of an Applicant

- Core Competencies
- Student Profiles







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