

Applying to Med School Part 3

Update and UAMS News

May 13, 2025

1 State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: H3/20/25*
2 95th General Assembly **A Bill**
3 Regular Session, 2025 HOUSE BILL 1833
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5 By: Representatives M. Shepherd, *Achor, F. Allen, Brooks, M. Brown, Cavanaugh, Clowney, A. Collins,*
6 *Eaves, Evans, Gramlich, Hawk, L. Johnson, Maddox, Perry, Pilkington, Torres, Tosh, Underwood,*
7 *Warren*
8 By: Senators B. Davis, J. Boyd, *Hester, G. Leding*
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10 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

11 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION;
12 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ADMISSIONS AT THE
13 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE; AND FOR
14 OTHER PURPOSES.
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17 **Subtitle**

18 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
19 ADMISSIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
20 COLLEGE OF MEDICINE.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-64-406(b), concerning the allocation of
25 enrollment positions at the University of Arkansas College of Medicine for
26 the freshman medical class among congressional districts, is amended to read
27 as follows:

28 (b) (1) (A) The board shall allocate ~~the first seventy percent (70%) of~~
29 ~~the first one hundred fifty (150) enrollment positions for the freshman~~
30 ~~medical class among Arkansas congressional districts, using the population of~~
31 ~~each congressional district as determined by the last federal decennial~~
32 ~~census to determine that district's proportion of the freshman positions so~~
33 ~~allocated and shall assign those apportioned enrollment positions for each~~
34 ~~district to those applicants who are legal residents in that particular~~
35 ~~congressional district~~ twenty-five (25) positions to each congressional
36 district.

1 (B) ~~The board shall give additional consideration to rural~~
2 ~~applicants from medically underserved areas in an effort to address health~~
3 ~~disparities. If there are not twenty-five (25) applicants from a congressional~~
4 ~~district who meet published admissions standards and accept an offer of~~
5 ~~acceptance, the remaining positions for that congressional district first~~
6 ~~shall be filled by qualified applicants who are Arkansas residents and then~~
7 ~~by applicants that are most likely to complete the program and reside in~~
8 ~~Arkansas.~~

9 (2) (A) ~~The next fifteen percent (15%) of the first one hundred~~
10 ~~fifty (150) freshman enrollment positions shall be allocated to the state at~~
11 ~~large and assigned to applicants who are legal residents of any place within~~
12 ~~Arkansas. An additional twenty-five (25) positions shall be allocated to~~
13 ~~applicants who are Arkansas residents.~~

14 (B) ~~However, in allocating the fifteen percent (15%) to~~
15 ~~the state at large, the board may allocate not to exceed one-third (1/3) of the~~
16 ~~fifteen percent (15%) of the first one hundred fifty (150) freshman~~
17 ~~enrollment positions to applicants who do not actually reside in the state~~
18 ~~but who were born and reared and attended public schools in Arkansas and who~~
19 ~~in addition thereto shall meet two (2) or more of the following criteria:~~

20 ~~(i) Applicant is a registered voter in Arkansas;~~

21 ~~(ii) Applicant holds a current valid Arkansas~~

22 ~~driver's license;~~

23 ~~(iii) Applicant or parents of applicant are Arkansas~~

24 ~~taxpayers;~~

25 ~~(iv) Parent of applicant resides in or is employed~~

26 ~~in Arkansas; and~~

27 ~~(v) Applicant meets other related criteria as may be~~

28 ~~prescribed by the board. If there are not twenty-five (25) applicants who are~~
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30 ~~offer of acceptance, then the remaining positions first shall be filled by~~
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35 ~~residents or to nonresidents, however, any qualified legal resident shall~~
36 ~~have a preference in securing an assignment to a position when compared to a~~

1 ~~nonresident, and the total number of nonresidents assigned positions shall~~
2 ~~not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the first one hundred fifty (150)~~
3 ~~freshman enrollment positions assigned for any school year~~ Positions in
4 excess of the positions provided under subdivisions (b)(1) and (2) of this
5 section may be filled by applicants at large.
6 ~~(4) The board may provide for an alteration in the percentages~~
7 ~~set forth in this subsection only if the adherence to these percentages would~~
8 ~~endanger the accredited rating of the University of Arkansas College of~~
9 ~~Medicine as determined by the standards of the Association of American~~
10 ~~Medical Colleges.~~

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12 /s/M. Shepherd
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Congressional District Comparison

2025	<u>Apps</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>MCAT</u>	<u>% Rank</u>
• District 1	46	3.76	503	58 %
• District 2	120	3.71	505	64 %
• District 3	105	3.69	504	61 %
• District 4	47	3.72	499	45 %
• Arkansans	318	3.71	504	61 %
• Non-Arks	180	3.80	512	84%

Act 806 of 2025 (b) (1) (A)

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	<u>Old Law</u>	<u>Act 806</u>
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District 4	27	25
Total	108	100

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22 driver's license;
23 (iii) Applicant or parents of applicant are Arkansas
24 taxpayers;
25 (iv) Parent of applicant resides in or is employed
26 in Arkansas; and
27 (v) Applicant meets other related criteria as may be
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Published Admissions Standards

2. The applicant must have achieved a score of 502 or greater on the Medical College Admission Test. An applicant whose MCAT score is 501 or below will not be invited to complete a secondary application or be invited for a faculty interview. Therefore, the applicant's application will not be considered by the Admissions Committee.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Arkansas residents	382	328	315	288	318
Non-Arkansas	2,632	2,402	2,161	2,494	3,072
Total Applicants	3,014	2,730	2,476	2,782	3,390

Non-Arkansas

interviewed	79	77	73	85	180
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- **2021:** 5 Non-Arkansas residents matriculated
- **2022:** 10 Non-Arkansas residents matriculated
- **2023:** 5 Non-Arkansas residents matriculated
- **2024:** 16 Non-Arkansas residents matriculated

EY2026 AMCAS Application Dates

Date	Event
April	2025 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

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 www.aamc.org/amcasdeadlines

2025 Application Dates – AMCAS, TMDAS, PMAC

Date	AMCAS	PMAC
April	2025 AMCAS resources available	MCAT Time
May 1	AMCAS and TMDAS application opens	MCAT Time
May 27	AMCAS application submission begins (TMDAS May 15)	PMAC Cycle 1: deadline June 2 PMAC interviews in June
June 27	Initial transmission of application data to medical schools – AMCAS TMDAS: transmission once processed	Cycle 1: committee letters uploaded Cycle 2: deadline – July 7, interviews July
August 1	Early Decision Program deadline	Cycle 2: committee letters uploaded PMAC fall cycle deadline – Aug 25
Sept.-Dec.	Application deadlines Texas interviews July-, most start in Aug UAMS interviews: Oct - Jan	PMAC fall cycle interviews, committee letters uploaded UAMS application deadline Nov 1

2026 AMCAS Application Changes



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.

Letter Requests Update

We are pleased to announce an important update regarding the letter of evaluation submission process for the American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®) program. Beginning with the 2026 AMCAS application cycle, the AMCAS application will integrate with the AAMC Letter Writer Portal.

About the New AAMC Letter Writer Portal

The AAMC Letter Writer Portal streamlines the letter submission process and provides an enhanced user experience for both authors and applicants. The portal offers:

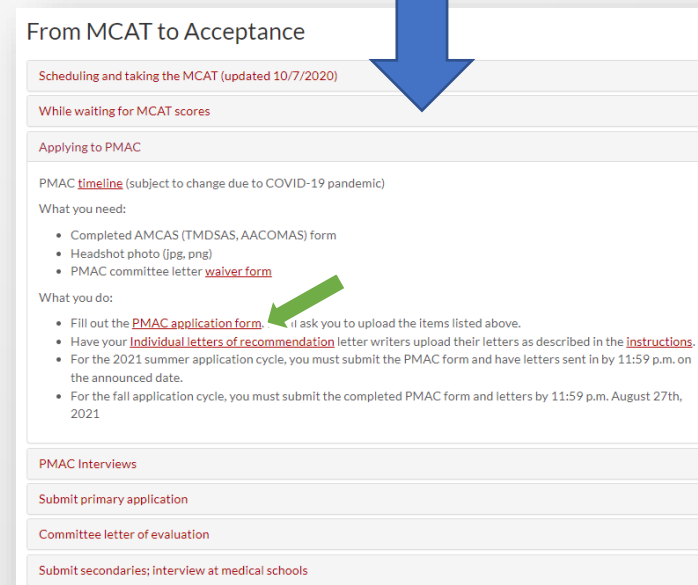
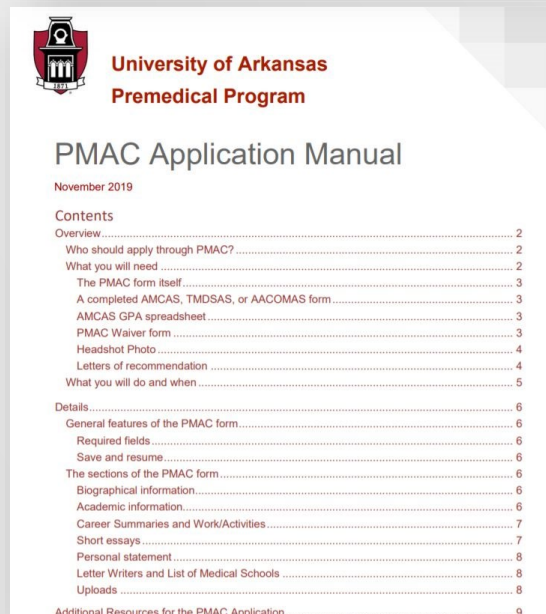
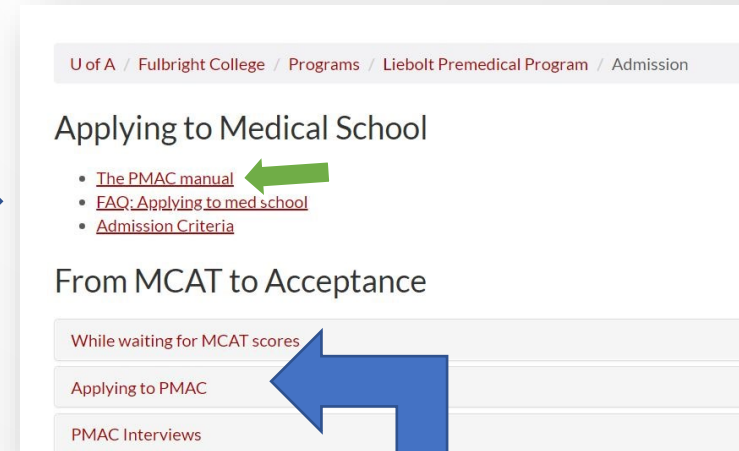
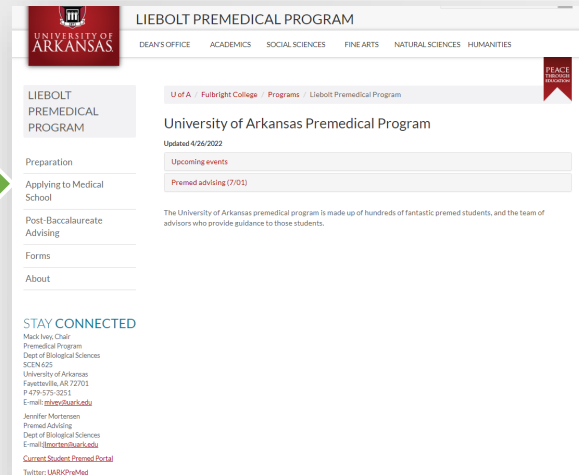
- Convenient email-based access to letter requests.
- A new dashboard with improved request management.
- The ability for applicants to send letter requests directly from the AMCAS application.

[Access resources for the AAMC Letter Writer Portal, including user guides and FAQs.](#)

Submitting Letters of Evaluation to the AMCAS Program

- For 2025 AMCAS applicants: Please continue to use the current AMCAS Letter Writer application.
- For 2026 AMCAS applicants: The new AAMC Letter Writer Portal will be integrated with the AMCAS application. Submit letters of evaluation for 2026 applicants through the AAMC Letter Writer Portal.
- Interfolio: The platform will remain available as an option for letter of evaluation submissions to the AMCAS program for all application cycles.

The PMAC Application



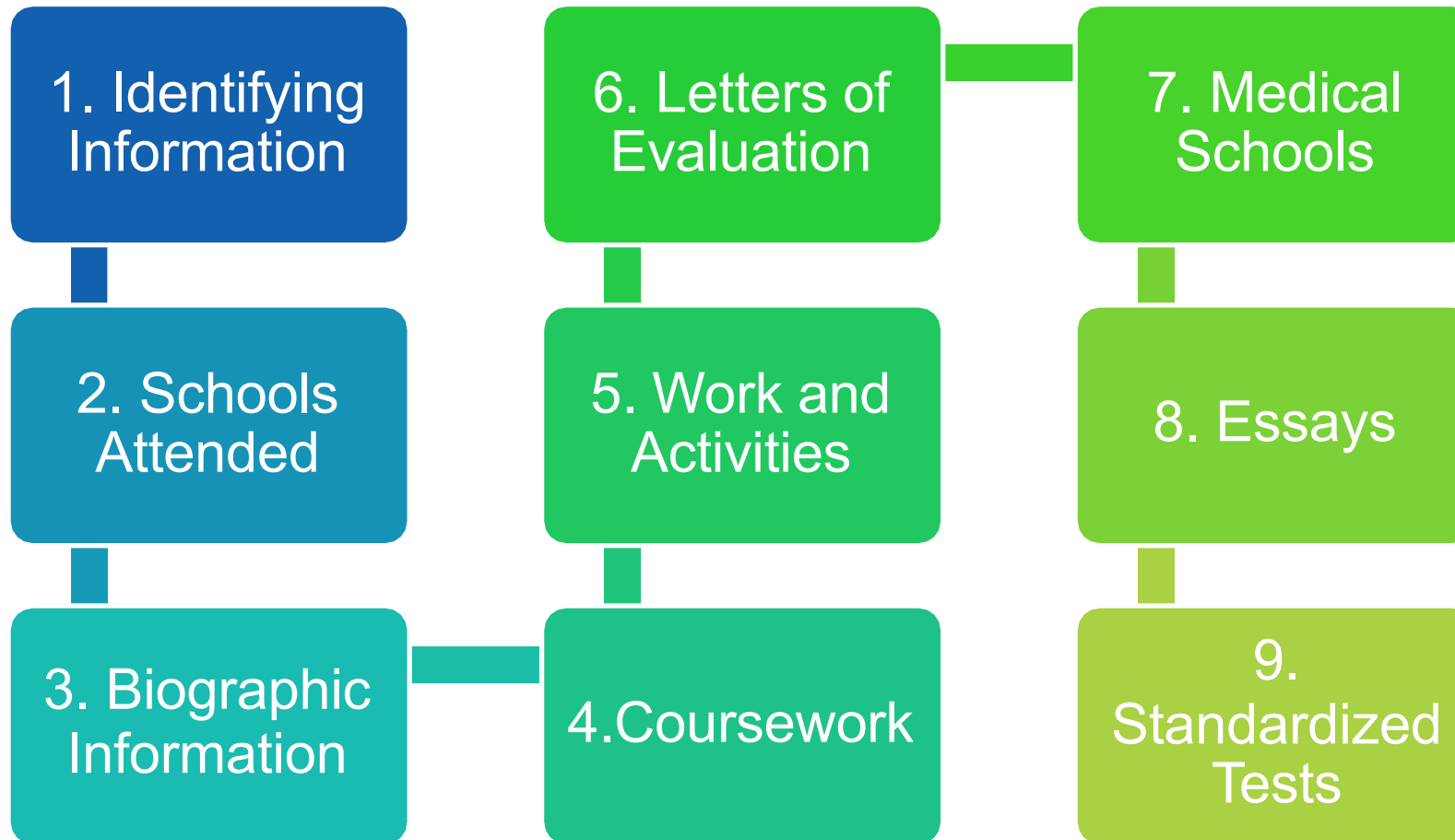
2026 AMCAS Participation

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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Female

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03/23/2000

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Birth State

NY

Birth City

New York

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Not Submitted to AMCAS

Identifying Information

✓ Completed

Schools Attended

✓ Completed

Biographic Information

⚠ Incomplete

Course Work

⚠ Incomplete

Work/Activities

⚠ Incomplete

Letters of Evaluation

⚠ Incomplete

Medical Schools

⚠ Incomplete

Essays

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Standardized Tests


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Schools Attended

Add College

Country *

Select Country

Program Type *

Select Program Type

Start Date *

MM/YYYY

End Date *

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Other Options

☐ Summer School Only

☐ Study Abroad Program

Advisor Release

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

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

Transcript Request

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

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Schools Attended

Institutional Action

You must answer "Yes" even if the action does not appear on or has been deleted or expunged from your official transcripts due to institutional policy or personal petition. [Please review these important instructions to help answer this question.](#)

Were you ever the recipient of any institutional action by any college or medical school for unacceptable academic performance or conduct violation, even though such action may not have interrupted your enrollment or required you to withdraw?

Yes

No

Please choose the appropriate Institutional Action Category from the dropdown below.

Academic

Conduct


Both

Please briefly explain each instance along with the date(s) of occurrence:

1325 characters

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

Coursework



Applicants should
use an official
transcript to complete
this section.

Add Course

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

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

Academic Year *

Select Year

Academic Term *

Select Academic Term

Year in School *

Select Year in School

Course Number

Please enter any letters or numbers. Example BIO 101

Please enter course number

Course Name *

Please enter course name

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Work/Activities

Artistic Endeavors

Community Service/Volunteer – Medical/Clinical

Community Service/Volunteer – Not Medical/Clinical

Conferences Attended

Extracurricular Activities

Hobbies

Honors/Awards/Recognition

Intercollegiate Athletics

Leadership – Not Listed Elsewhere

Military Service

Other

Paid Employment – Medical/Clinical

Paid Employment – Not Medical/Clinical

Physician Shadowing/Clinical Observation

Presentations/Posters

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Letters of Evaluation



Applicants can submit their application before AMCAS receives their letters.

*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 dates. **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, once 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, except 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 page to 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 ASSOCIATIONS

✔ 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:	8FNH-G9XN5-DMVCF
Email		Letter	

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

⚠ Please check the required acknowledgement

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Medical Schools

Add Medical School

Filters

State

Filter by State

Deadline

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Program Type

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Schools

School *

MCAS School of Medicine

VIEW THIS SCHOOL'S MSAR PROFILE

Program

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You may need **prior permission** from the medical school to select any of the following program types:

• Deferred/Delayed Matriculant

• Early Assurance

• Combined Bachelors/Medical Degree

• Other Special Program

Program *

☐ Regular M.D.

Early Decision("Applicants applying through the Early Decision program are NOT permitted to apply to other schools while under consideration for Early Decision. Interviews begin in early July. Admissions decisions will begin on July 8, 2021.")
(Restricted)

☐ Combined Medical Degree/Ph.D

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

☐ Yes


☐ No

Letters of Evaluation/Recommendation

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

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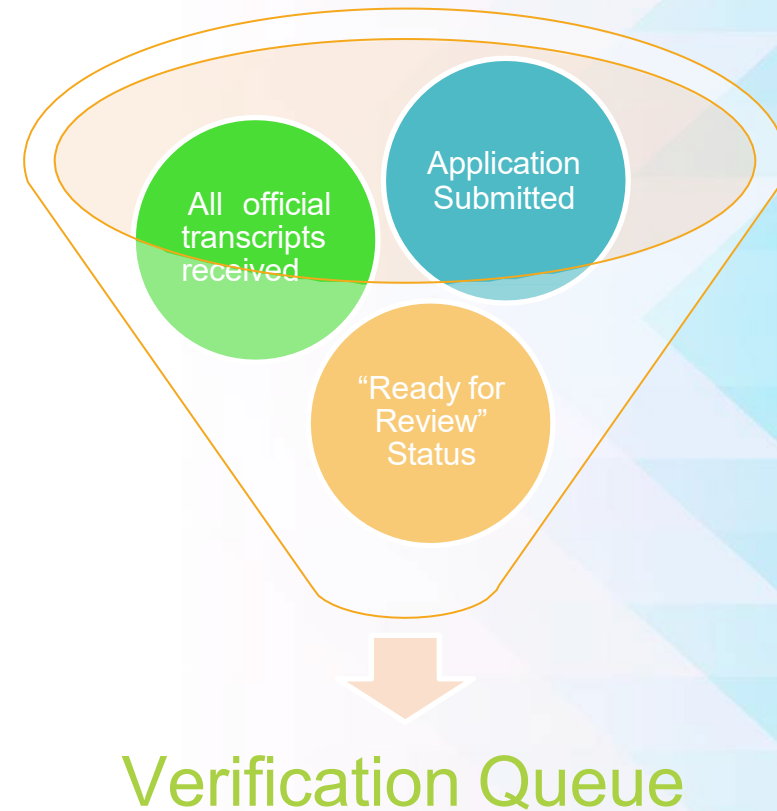
AMCAS Application Verification Process

Transcripts

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

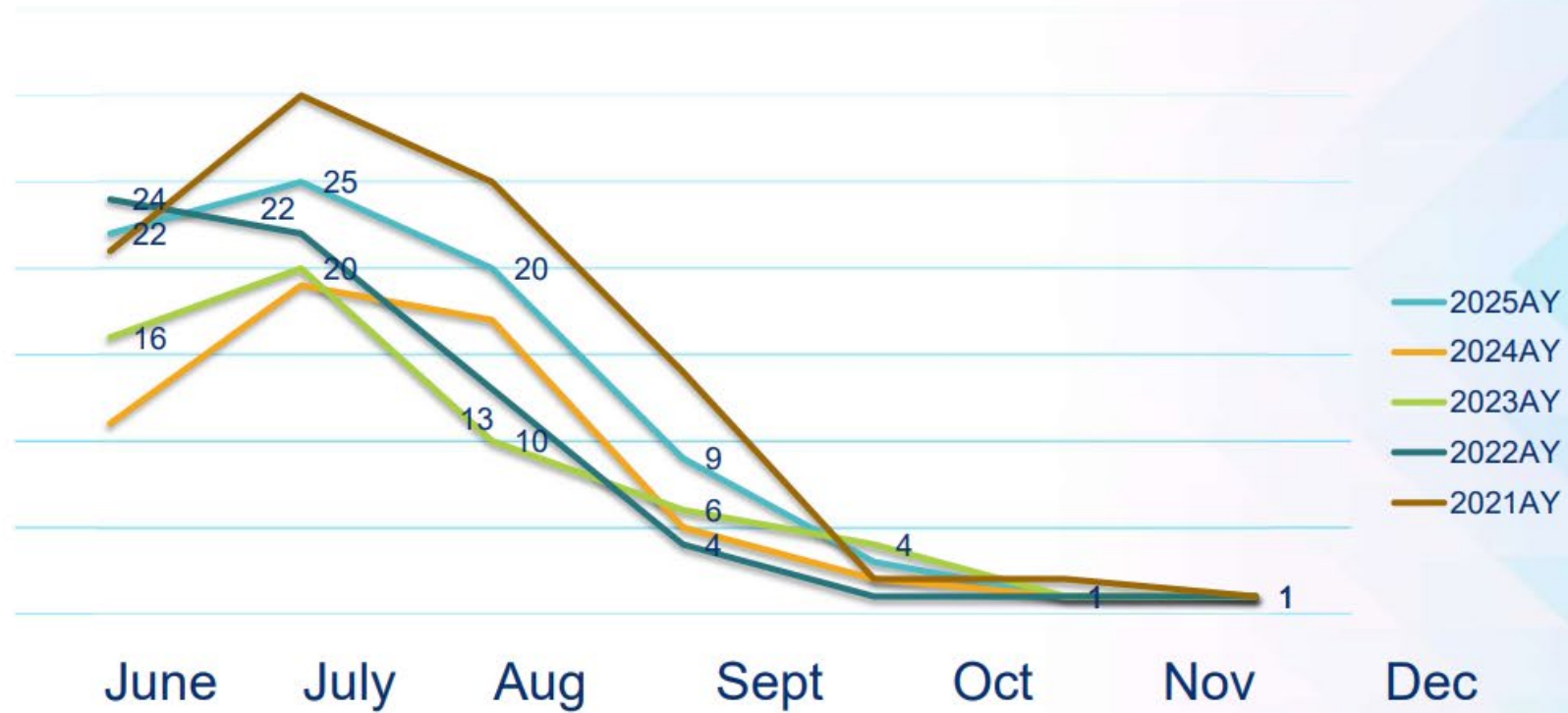
Processing

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



AMCAS Application Verification

Average number of business days to complete verification



Letters of Evaluation

Letters of Evaluation Received, 2020AY – 2024AY

