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Quick Tips for Completing Your AMCAS® Application

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Before You Apply

- Read the current AMCAS Instruction Manual (aamc.org/amcasmanual).
- Request personal copies of your official transcript(s).
- If you qualify for the Fee Assistance Program, apply for benefits before you submit your AMCAS application (aamc.org/fap).

Sections 1–3 Background Info

- Keep your contact information up to date in your application—especially your email address—so medical schools can contact you.

Section 4 Course Work

- Use a personal copy of your official transcript(s) to enter your course work accurately to prevent verification delays.
- Use a Transcript Request Form to request your official transcript(s) be sent directly to the AMCAS program.

Section 5 Work and Activities

- You have 15 total entries, so focus on significant experiences.
- Medical schools are interested in quality rather than quantity.

Section 6 Letters of Evaluation

- Choose individuals who can best assess your qualities, characteristics, and capabilities to write letters on your behalf.

Section 7 Medical Schools

- Designate which schools you want to receive your AMCAS application.
- Find accurate data on U.S. and Canadian medical schools and BS-MD programs on the Medical School Admissions Requirements website (aamc.org/msaronline).

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Section 8

Essays

- Distinguish yourself from other applicants—get tips for writing your essay at aamc.org/amcas.
- Type directly into the application, or copy and paste unformatted text to avoid formatting issues.

Section 9

Standardized Tests

- Include MCAT® exams you have taken or are scheduled to take.
- Special programs (such as MD-PhD or MBA-MD) may require additional test scores.

Last Step!

Certify, Pay, and Submit Your AMCAS Application

- Before you submit your application, print a copy and proofread it carefully! Limited changes can be made after submission.
- Pay AMCAS fees or use the Fee Assistance Program award.

What's Next?

- The AMCAS program verifies your application—this process takes up to six weeks.
- Monitor your application status to confirm that the AMCAS program has received all your official transcripts.
- The AMCAS program will transmit your verified application, letters of evaluation, and MCAT scores to your designated medical schools.



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