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

Sections 1–3
Background Info

- 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 AMCAS

Section 4
Course Work

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

Section 5
Work and Activities

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

Section 6
Letters of Evaluation

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

Section 7
Medical Schools

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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 M.D.-Ph.D. or dual degree programs) 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 FAP award

What’s Next?
• AMCAS verifies your application—this process takes about six weeks
• Monitor your application status to confirm that AMCAS has received all of your official transcripts
• AMCAS will transmit your verified application, letters of evaluation, and MCAT scores to your designated medical schools

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