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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](http://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](http://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 AMCAS

### 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 B.S./M.D. programs on the Medical School Admissions Requirements website ([aamc.org/msaronline](http://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](http://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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