2020 AAMC Fee Assistance Program

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“The AAMC Fee Assistance Program provides financial assistance to individuals who, without this aid, would find it very difficult — if not impossible — to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), apply to medical schools that use the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS), and fulfill other application obligations.”
Fee Assistance Program Benefits

- Reduced registration fee for MCAT® exams
- Free MCAT Official Prep Online-Only Bundle, including the practice exams and flashcards
- Free subscription to the MSAR® online database for up to two years
- Waived AMCAS® application fee for one submission with up to 20 medical school designations

Learn more about the Fee Assistance Program at aamc.org/fap.

Benefits are NOT Retroactive
$2000+

Potential savings if approved for Fee Assistance and utilize all the benefits

8969

Fee Assistance Program applicants approved in 2019
Program Benefit Calendar

How long can an applicant use these benefits?

Benefits begin on the date of approval and expire the next calendar year on Dec. 31st

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Program Eligibility

- U.S. citizen
- U.S. national
- Lawful permanent resident of the U.S. (also known as a green card holder)
- Granted refugee or asylee status by the U.S. government,
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipient
- Awaiting refugee or asylee status approval by the U.S. government and have a U.S. Employment Authorization Document (EAD card)
Program Eligibility cont’d

• Tied to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' poverty level guidelines

• Requires parental financial information and supporting tax documentation
The Application Process

- Opens in January and closes in December
- Some personal information will transfer from an applicant’s AAMC profile
- Automatic and manual reviews
- Upload any required documents to the application
- AAMC will grant a final decision within 5 business days
Required Documentation

All required supporting documentation must be accompanied by a signed Consent and Certification Form.
Supporting Documentation

Previous tax year
• Copy of Federal Income Tax Forms (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, etc.)
• Copy of W-2 or 1099
• Social Security Documentation
• Welfare Documentation
• Alimony/Child Support

Financial Aid Award Letters
• Fall and Spring Academic Years
Common Errors

Unacceptable to determine eligibility

• FAFSA Form
• 1098-T Tax Form
• Loan Statement
• Semester Bill

Do NOT withdraw application to make corrections

• Error Explanation Letter

Handwritten Signatures Required
We’re here to help

- We will be in contact if documentation provided is insufficient to process an application.
- If an applicant has extenuating circumstances and able to provide official documentation of emancipation. We will accept it in lieu of parent(s) information.
Application Status

Eligible
• Status is submitted and on hold
• Instructions for supporting documents

Automatic Denial
• Applicant income/parental income does not meet the poverty guideline
• Received fee assistance five times
• Previous Fee Assistance Program application under investigation
Application Verification

- 5 business days
- Email indicating approval
- Benefits in application
- MCAT preparation benefits
  - Elect to receive
  - Email on how to access
Where to Apply for the Fee Assistance Program?

aamc.org/fap
For Assistance

The AAMC Services Contact Center can assist and answer questions about Fee Assistance program applications.
Thanks for joining us!