

# Quick Tips for Completing Your AMCAS® Application

## Before You Apply

- Read the current AMCAS Applicant Guide ([aamc.org/amcasguide](http://aamc.org/amcasguide)).
- 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 (Coursework 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 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/msar](http://aamc.org/msar)).



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Association of American Medical Colleges.

[aamc.org/amcas](http://aamc.org/amcas)

## 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 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.

