



# Application Quick Links: Premedicine

Association of American Medical Colleges: <https://www.aamc.org/>

American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine <https://www.aacom.org/>

## Instructions and FAQs:

MD <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/applying-medical-school-process/applying-medical-school-amcas/>

DO [https://help.liasonedu.com/AACOMAS\\_Applicant\\_Help\\_Center](https://help.liasonedu.com/AACOMAS_Applicant_Help_Center)

Program Directory: search and compare program information to find a good match for you.

MSAR <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/applying-medical-school-process/medical-school-admission-requirements/>

Student Guide to Osteopathic Medical Colleges <https://www.aacom.org/student-guide>

## Central Application Service

**MD:** The AMCAS application for allopathic medical school opens May 1, 2019. You may begin submitting the application May 30, 2019. AMCAS processing fee is \$170 for one medical school designation and \$40 for each additional designation.

**Fee Assistance:** If approved for the Fee Assistance Program, you will receive a waiver for all AMCAS fees for one (1) application submission with up to 20 medical school designations (\$930 value), submitted by December 31, 2020. Benefits are not retroactive.

**DO:** The application cycle for AACOMAS opens in May and closes the following April. Deadlines vary by college, so be sure to confirm deadlines for the schools to which you are applying <https://choosedo.org/college-application-deadlines/>

**Fee Assistance:** A limited number of fee waivers are available through the AACOMAS Fee Assistance Program for the 2019-2020 AACOMAS Application Cycle and are worth \$195 each. Fee waivers are given out to qualified applicants until available funds run out for the cycle. Funds typically run out for the cycle. Please read the [AACOMAS Application Instructions](#) to see who qualifies. These waivers cover the initial application fee. If an applicant receives a fee waiver and wishes to apply to more than one school, they are still responsible for the additional fee of \$45 per program.

## Social Media

MD: Follow AAMC Pre-Med <https://www.facebook.com/aamcpremed/> and <https://twitter.com/aamcpremed>

DO: Follow AACOMAS <https://www.facebook.com/AACOMAS/> <https://twitter.com/AACOMASPreMed> for DO MCAT Exam

<https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/taking-mcat-exam/> The MCAT has limited offerings throughout the year, and costs \$315 to register. Test takers receive scores within a month of completing the exam.





## Application Tips

### Transcripts:

You will need to have transcripts from all institutions where you have completed coursework. At KU, order transcripts through the Office of the Registrar <https://registrar.ku.edu/order-transcript>

### Letters of Recommendation:

Make appointments to meet with potential evaluators at least one month before you need their letters. Explain why you would like to become a health professional and how your activities have informed and prepared you for this profession. Make sure to tell them they will receive an email from the application service to complete their evaluation. A frequently used letter storage service is Interfolio <https://www.interfolio.com/dossier/>

You should provide your evaluator with a reasonable deadline that aligns with the timing of the application process. Check to make sure all of your letters arrive, and gently remind writers if they miss your initial deadline. Thank your evaluators in writing for their help, and let them know if you are accepted! KU does not provide committee letters.

### Personal statements:

There is no exact template for an effective personal statement, which is one of the reasons they can be so challenging! Allow yourself ample time for multiple

revisions to incorporate feedback from constructive feedback. Be sure to utilize the KU Writing Center by scheduling an appointment:

<http://writing.ku.edu/hours-locations>

Here are a few helpful resources:

<https://ocs.yale.edu/get-advice/writing-personal-statement-medical>

<https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/article/7-tips-write-your-essay/>

<https://prehealth.ku.edu/faqmedical>

### Demonstrate professionalism:

Your qualifications as an applicant are not solely based on official application materials. Communication via email, phone, throughout the interview day (even during informal interactions) can be a part of your evaluation as an applicant. Consider closely how you interact on social media and be aware of the impact of all communication.

### Prepare for next steps

Your preparation should not stop once you've submitted your application. Stay motivated by continuing to be involved academically and through hands on experiences. Identify gaps in the overall strength of your application and actively work to address them. This will allow you to have more to share in secondary essays, interviews, or possibly reapplication.

## PreHealth Student Resources: University Career Center

**Health Careers Expo:** April 1, 2020

**April is Application Month!** Attend workshops to learn more about the application process. We partner with other university offices to provide assistance with

- Application Process Overview
- Personal Statements
- Financing your education
- Drop-in hours for quick application questions

**Mock interviews:** schedule a time to prepare for your upcoming interview

<http://career.ku.edu/about>

**PreHealth Newsletter:** receive information about jobs and internships, career fairs and events, employers, and more! <http://career.ku.edu/joinacommunity>

