AMCAS Preparation

AMCAS Homepage:  http://www.aamc.org/audienceamcas.htm

Application Availability: The AMCAS application typically opens each year on June 1st.

Sections of the AMCAS

Identifying Information
Requests information about your name, previous names, and Social Security Number.

Schools Attended
Requests information about the high school(s), colleges and universities, and any other graduate or professional schools you have attended. Additionally, it requests information about any unacceptable academic performance or conduct violations at previous institutions.

Biographic Information
Includes information about your address, residency, race and ethnicity, languages, information about your family, felony and misdemeanor offenses and descriptions, and military discharge.

Course Work
List of courses completed at each institution attended.

Work/Activities
Includes a maximum of 15 entries. Entries include the name the experience or title you held, beginning and end dates, average hours/week, Organization name (if applicable, contact name and title, experience description (1325 characters of one quarter of a page maximum). Biomedical Science students should consider including: Paid jobs, lab experiences, publications, poster presentations, service experiences.

Letters of Evaluation
Allows applicants to provide information about their letters of evaluation for medical schools that accept these letters from AMCAS. Applicants can include information about the evaluation and his or her institutional affiliation as well as to which institution the letter will be submitted.

Medical Schools
List all medical schools to which you wish to apply.

Essay(s)
The personal statement is limited to 5300 characters (approximately one page). It is the applicant’s opportunity to include information about why you wish to go to medical school. Use the “Writing a Personal Statement” resource to assist with this section. Additional Essays for MD/PhD applicants are (1) Reasons for pursuing the combined degree (3000 characters) and (2) Significant Research Experience Essay (10,000 characters).

Standardized Tests
Requests results of the MCAT and the date on which you plan to take the MCAT (if applicable).

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