The 2017 AMCAS application will open on **Tuesday, May 3rd**. You will be able to start submitting your applications to AMCAS on Tuesday, June 7th. At this point we will start verifying applications as they come in. The initial transmission of applicant data to medical schools will be on **June 24th** this year. We give ourselves about a month to verify a batch of applications before sending any to medical schools, but this is the only time we send anything in “batches”, after June 24th we will send everything as it is verified. This delay also is designed to give advisors some time to get through the many letters of evaluation they are asked to write.

**Beginning June 24th** medical schools will start to receive verified applications from AMCAS that contain both old and new MCAT scores. From that point forward, we will send medical schools verified applicant data on a rolling basis. For those of you that are taking the exam on May 6, your scores will be released on June 7. If you took it on May 14, you will get scores on June 14, and the May 20th examinees will see your scores on June 21st. Scores will be released directly to AMCAS on the designated score release days.
The 2017 AMCAS application deadline dates are currently being updated and this information will be available on the AMCAS website soon. The Early Decision Program deadline for both application submission and receipt of all required official transcripts is August 1 this year.

The application fee is $160 for the application and one school designation. Additional medical school designations are $38 each.

If you have registered for the MCAT exam, the Fee Assistance Program, or the SMDEP program then you should have an AAMC ID. If so, you should use those same log in credentials to log into the AMCAS application. Only create a new account if you have never accessed the AAMC system before. If you have more than one AAMC account in our system, this could appear fraudulent.
Once you log into the AMCAS application, you will see this Main Menu. You can access the application sections from the top horizontal bar or as they are listed in the center. You can only access certain sections once you have completed others, for example. You cannot complete the Course Work section until you have listed your schools in the Schools Attended section.

Check the status of your application, letters of evaluation, and transcripts received on the left hand side of the application by clicking the “Details” link. Print the Letter Request form and Transcript Request Forms from this screen.

1. Identifying Information

This section is also self-explanatory. Enter any school issued ID numbers in order for AMCAS to more easily match transcript(s) to your AMCAS application.
Enter high school and any post-secondary institution(s) that you have attended into this section even if no credits were earned.

This section is also self-explanatory. Keep all address and other contact information updated in order for medical schools to contact you in regards to secondary applications.
4. Course Work

You should use a personal copy of your official transcript to complete this section.

Once you enter all of your coursework information you a list of the courses will appear on this page of the application. Use a copy of your official transcript(s) to complete this section. AMCAS may send back any applications that have 10 or more omissions and this may delay processing.
5. Work/Activities

- Maximum of 15 entries
- You can enter 3 additional date ranges for repeated activities
- Maximum of 3 "Most Meaningful"

6. Letters of Evaluation

You can submit your application before AMCAS receives their letters.
7. Medical Schools

You should be sure to select the correct program type and be mindful of program and transcript deadlines.

8. Essay(s)

A maximum of 5300 characters for the Personal Comment Essay, which is equivalent to one page. For those applying to M.D.-Ph.D. programs must complete two additional essays about their motivations for pursuing an M.D.-Ph.D. program and one detailing their research.
9. Standardized Tests

You should indicate any future MCAT testing dates so medical schools are aware.

Application Reminder – MCAT Scores

www.aamc.org/mcat

Beginning last year, the AMCAS application has been updated to list the MCAT scores as shown on this
Score breakdowns and confidence bands will appear in the AMCAS application.

Application Reminder – MCAT Scores

• Scores will be listed in reverse chronological order

• Old MCAT scores will now include percentile rank
The last step of the AMCAS application is to certify, submit and complete payment.

**AMCAS Verification Process**

**Transcripts**
- All required official transcripts are required before an application can join the verification queue
- AMCAS accepts PDF eTranscripts from approved senders

**Processing**
- From date of “Ready to Review” application status, about 6 weeks
- Find processing updates on Twitter (@AMCASInfo) and on the AMCAS application sign in page
These graphs depict our peak submission times during the 2015 and 2016 cycles. Due to the backlog of applications during the 2014 application cycle, we made substantial changes to our verification operations within the last two years in order to process applications more efficiently, such as a triage system that funnels more complicated applications (apps with more than one school, with study abroad coursework, etc.) to more seasoned verifiers.

Compared to the feedback we received from applicants during the 2014 cycle, applicants have seemed much more satisfied since then with the verification turn around which we plan on continuing for the 2017 application year. However, because verification times do depend heavily on the number of applications we get and when they are submitted—these charts are only for reference and are not a prediction of processing times for the 2017 application cycle.

**Post-Submission Changes**

Only these items can be updated or changed in your application after it has been submitted:

- ID Numbers
- Name
- Contact Information
- Date of birth, birth address, and sex
- Letters of Evaluation
  - Notification that a letter will no longer be sent
- Next MCAT testing date
- Addition of Medical Schools or changes to existing program types
  - Deadlines, fees, and restrictions apply
- Release application information to school-designated pre-health advisor
Criminal Background Checks

- Participating schools have checks run on accepted or waitlisted applicants
- Certiphi Screening, Inc. will notify applicants when the CBC has been initiated
- Applicants have 10 calendar days to review their report
- No additional charge to the applicant for this service

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Multiple Accept Data

- Medical schools cannot view the number or names of other schools that an applicant has applied to
- Medical schools have access to:
  - **Multiple Accept Data** (February)  
    Allows medical schools to see other schools to which an applicant they have accepted is also currently holding an acceptance decision
  - **The National Acceptance Report** (April)  
    Lists all applicants with a current Acceptance or Matriculated action

See the Application and Acceptance Protocols for Applicants