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Welcome to TMDSAS

This Application Handbook was created by the Texas Medical & Dental Schools Application Service (TMDSAS) to assist applicants in completing the application for the 2018 entering class. Reading the instructions will give you an edge and make completing your application much easier. It is your responsibility to read, understand and follow all TMDSAS instructions throughout the application process.

About TMDSAS

TMDSAS is the centralized application processing service for applicants to the first-year entering classes at all state supported public medical, dental and veterinary schools in the state of Texas. TMDSAS simplifies the application process for both the applicants and the participating schools. We provide one standardized application, relieving students of the need to complete a separate application for each of the participating schools. The participating schools benefit by receiving uniform information on all applicants and by designing the questions on the application. TMDSAS serves only as an information clearinghouse and does not influence the schools' review of the application or their selection of applicants to interview and accept.

Participating Schools:

**Medical**
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
McGovern Medical School *(formerly UT Health Science Center at Houston Medical School)*
The University of Texas School of Medicine at San Antonio
Texas A&M Health Science Center, College of Medicine
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in Lubbock
University of North Texas—Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso Paul L. Foster School of Medicine
The University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine

**Dental**
Texas A&M University College of Dentistry
The University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston
The University of Texas School of Dentistry at San Antonio

**Veterinary**
Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine
Contact TMDSAS

If you have questions and need to speak with a TMDSAS representative, contact us at the number below or by email.

Customer Service Contact Information:
Hours: Monday-Friday (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Central Time), except Federal holidays
Phone: 512-499-4785
Email: info@tmdsas.com
Website: www.tmdsas.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/tmdsas
Twitter: www.twitter.com/tmdsas

To ensure a quick response, include your TMDSAS ID number and full name in all correspondence. TMDSAS will only discuss an application with the applicant and the applicant’s designated schools. Due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, FERPA, TMDSAS will not discuss an application with parents, spouses, relatives, friends or employers.

Before You Start

APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITIES:
1. As a TMDSAS applicant, it is your responsibility to become familiar with the application procedures at each school to which you apply. All application documents, including primary application forms, transcripts, letters of evaluation and fees must be submitted to TMDSAS in a timely manner, by the deadline. Secondary applications (if applicable) must be submitted directly to the respective schools.
2. Prior to submitting an application, you should read and understand the Technical Standards/Essential Functions for admission and graduation at each school to which you are applying. If accepted to medical/dental/veterinary school, you will be required to sign a statement indicating you are able to meet these standards with or without accommodations.
3. You can submit only one application per cycle. You cannot submit multiple applications. Therefore, it is critical that you thoroughly review your application before submitting to ensure it is complete.
4. After submitting your application, you must notify TMDSAS of certain changes to the application.
   a. You are able to make changes to the following sections by logging back in to the application: Contact Info, Colleges Attended, College Coursework, Planned Enrollment, My Account and Test Scores.
   b. You must notify TMDSAS in writing via either email or a message in the application of the following changes:
      - **Change of Evaluator**: Once you have secured a different evaluator, please notify TMDSAS of the new evaluator via email or through the application message system. Include your full name, TMDSAS ID and indicate the name of the evaluator that needs to be removed. Provide the following information for the evaluator that should be added:
        - Salutation (i.e. Dr, Prof, Mr, etc.)
        - First name of Evaluator
        - Last name of Evaluator
        - Suffix (i.e. MD, PhD, etc.)
        - Relationship to you
      - How evaluator will submit letter (via TMDSAS Evaluator Portal, Interfolio or regular mail)
      - Email address of evaluator (if submitting via TMDSAS Evaluator Portal)
      - Whether or not you release your right of access to the letter
• **Felonies & Misdemeanors:** After the date of submission of your TMDSAS application, if you are charged, convicted of, plead guilty, or no contest to a felony or misdemeanor crime, you must inform TMDSAS as well as the admissions office of each school to which you have applied. You must notify TMDSAS and each school within ten business days of the occurrence of the criminal charge or conviction. **Failure to disclose this information could result in the rejection of your application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, dismissal after enrollment, or rescission of any degrees granted.**

• **Disciplinary Action:** After the date of submission of your TMDSAS application, if you become the subject of an institutional action or disciplinary action by a State Licensure Board, you must notify TMDSAS as well as the admissions office of each school to which you have applied. You must notify TMDSAS and each school within ten business days of the occurrence of the institutional action. **Failure to disclose this information could result in the rejection of your application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, dismissal after enrollment, or rescission of any degrees granted.**

5. You must respond promptly to all invitations for interview. In those instances, when you cannot appear for a previously scheduled interview, you are responsible for promptly notifying the school. You should notify the school of the cancellation initially by telephone, followed by an email.

6. If you will be unavailable (e.g. foreign travel) at any time during the application process, you should instruct and grant authority to a parent or other individual to act on your behalf. You must notify TMDSAS of this designation via email.

7. If you choose to withdraw your application from one or more schools, you must notify each school and TMDSAS of your decision in writing via email.

8. Once you have made a final decision on the school you plan to attend, you have the obligation to **promptly withdraw** your application from all other schools.

**TMDSAS applicants will also:**

1. Arrange for all official transcripts from all schools attended to be delivered to TMDSAS. **Transcripts must be submitted from each school attended even if:**
   - Coursework appears as transfer credit on another school’s transcript
   - Coursework does not count toward a degree
   - Coursework was taken while attending high school

2. Print a Transcript Request Form from the TMDSAS website for each college/university attended and request that the Registrar’s offices attach the form to all transcripts sent to TMDSAS:

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<th>TMDSAS</th>
<th>Address for overnight package delivery (e.g. Fed Ex):</th>
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<td>Attn: Transcripts 210 W. 6th Street</td>
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<td>P.O. Box 2175 Room B.140E</td>
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<td>Austin, TX 78768 Austin, TX 78701</td>
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3. Arrange for TMDSAS to receive a course-by-course Transcript Evaluation Report from a certified education credentials evaluation service for all international (foreign and French-speaking Canadian) institutions attended.

4. Respond immediately to ALL notices, comments, instructions and questions received from TMDSAS and each school to which you apply. **Applicants are responsible for regularly checking their email and TMDSAS application accounts for these important notices and questions.**

5. Submit the application fee by the deadline.

6. Print and retain a copy of the completed TMDSAS application.

7. Submit updated transcripts throughout the application cycle.

8. Monitor the status of the application online. Checking the status of your application online allows you to follow the progress of your application and the supporting documents received on your behalf. *(refer to page 9 for instructions)*
Completing the TMDSAS Application

The application will be available beginning Monday, May 1, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Central Time. The deadline to submit your application is Friday, September 29, 2017 by 5:00 p.m. Central Time.

The application deadline for the following programs is August 1, 2017:
• AAMC Early Decision Program – Texas Tech University HSC School of Medicine
• Early Decision Program – University of North Texas HSC – Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
• Partnership for Primary Care Program (PPC) – Texas A&M HSC College of Medicine
• The Premed Fellows Early Admission Program (PMF) – Texas A&M HSC College of Medicine
• The Engineering to Medicine Early Admission Program (E2M) – Texas A&M HSC College of Medicine

You can access the entry year 2018 TMDSAS Application through our website, www.tmdsas.com.

Once you have registered for a TMDSAS account, you are ready to begin filling out the application. You may login to update your information as often as you wish prior to submitting your application. It is highly recommended that before you submit the application, you take time to review each section thoroughly as no changes can be made after submission (other than the changes indicated in the responsibilities above). After any changes, be sure to click the [Save] button before leaving the page.

TECHNICAL DETAILS
The TMDSAS application supports only the following browsers. Not using one of these may cause you to experience various technical issues.

For PC Users:
Internet Explorer
Firefox

For Mac Users:
Firefox

RE-APPLICANTS
If you have registered for an account or if you applied since 2010, it is not necessary to go through the registration process again. You will sign in to TMDSAS using the same email address and password that you used for the previous application. If your email address has changed, sign in with the old email address. Once you have logged in, you can update your email address via the [My Account] link in the upper-right hand corner of the application.

The majority of the information entered into the previous year’s application will “roll-over” to the current application. It is still necessary to go to each section, review the information for accuracy, make corrections where necessary, and then SAVE the page.

Information entered in the following sections will NOT rollover: Select Schools, Demographic, Family Info, Financial Info, Essays, Letters of Evaluation, Proof of Residency, Planned Enrollment, Chronology of Activities and Certification Statement. These sections will need to be completed again. After you have saved each section of the application, go to the Certification and Payment sections to complete your application.

You must re-send your transcripts, letters of evaluation, MCAT scores, and pay a new application fee. It is recommended that you do not send the same letters from the last application cycle. Letters of evaluation should be updated or come from new evaluators.
**Important**: If you are a re-applicant, **do not forget to update the [Application History] section**. Your answers from the previous application cycle will roll forward and do **not** reflect that you have previously applied. Therefore, the information must be updated and saved.

**APPLICATION PROCESSING**

TMDSAS will begin to process your application once the online application has been submitted and the following items have been received:

1. **Application Fee** *(payable by credit card, electronic funds transfer/ACH or by mailing in a money order/cashier’s check drawn on a U.S. bank)*.
2. **Copy of Permanent Resident card or Visa** *(if applicable)*

**Note**: Your Spring 2017 Grades *(or Winter 2017 grades if on a quarter system)* **must** be entered in the [College Coursework] section **before** you can submit your application. These grades must also appear on the transcript for it to be accepted by TMDSAS.

You may submit your application **before** your transcripts or letters of evaluations have been received. Applications will be processed and transmitted to schools without these supporting documents. Schools will be updated with these materials as they are received.

**CHECKING YOUR APPLICATION STATUS**

To check your status, sign in to your application and click on the [Status] status link from the menu on the right-hand side of the application. The [Status] link is the first option under the [Application Info] heading.

The top portion titled [Section Status] shows the date each section of the application was completed/last saved. To see the status of your supporting documents, scroll down towards the bottom of the page until you reach the [Supporting Documents] heading. If a document has been received, the receive date will appear next to the document name.
Application Tips

Start Early
What’s the best way to make sure you get everything done on time? Start early.

Do not wait until the last minute to submit your TMDSAS application. Many schools begin interviewing candidates in July and August. Applications received early have a much better chance of being considered.

Be Prepared
The application is lengthy and requires planning to ensure you submit one that best conveys who you are. Having the following items ready to go before you start the application will ensure that you submit the best application possible.

- Copy of transcript from every college attended to aid in completing [College Coursework] section
- Dates and hours of all employment, community service, research, leadership, and healthcare activities
- Dates that DAT/MCAT/GRE exams were taken or will be taken
- ACT/SAT test dates and scores
- Contact information for evaluator(s)

Quality Matters
Although you may be tempted to rush through the process of applying for admission, remember that the quality of the items you submit will make a difference.

During review, the schools consider every factor that has contributed to your academic achievement and your personal achievement. Every item entered on the application will be considered and compared to others in that same group. Therefore, the quality of your application may be the thing that makes you stand out from the crowd—and that results in you getting the decision you’re looking for.

Important Note
Do not use the “back” button while completing the application. Using the navigation buttons and features of your browser is very likely to cause errors and other unpredictable behavior. Instead, use the application’s internal navigational features to move from section to section.

Deadlines
Applications must be submitted by the posted deadline.

Submit your supporting documents as soon as possible to avoid delaying the review of your application by the schools. During peak periods, TMDSAS can receive hundreds of individual application items by mail each day. We process items as they arrive, but it may take several days for an item to be processed, loaded into our system and appear on your [Status] page. Please be patient and check your [Status] page regularly. Given the number of applications TMDSAS receives, we regret we cannot verify receipt of materials by phone or email. Such inquiries significantly slow down the process.
# Deadlines

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| **August 1** | Submission deadline for application to the following programs:  
1. AAMC Early Decision Program - Texas Tech University HSC SOM  
2. Early Decision Program – UNT HSC - Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine  
3. Texas A&M HSC COM - Partnership for Primary Care Program (PPC)  
4. Texas A&M HSC COM - The Premed Fellows Early Admission Program (PMF)  
5. Texas A&M HSC COM - The Engineering to Medicine Early Admission Program (E2M)  
All supporting documents (transcripts, evaluation letters, test scores) for Early Decision Program applicants **must** be received at TMDSAS.  
* Failure to submit documents by these dates may result in disqualification from Early Decision Program consideration. |
| **September 29** | Submission deadline for TMDSAS Medical and Dental School Applications and for application to Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine.  
All sections of the application must be complete and the application must be submitted by 5:00 PM CT. **No exceptions will be made.** If paying by credit card or electronic funds transfer, payment section must be completed in order to submit your application by the deadline. |
| **October 6** | If paying by money order/cashier’s check, application fee **must be received** in our office by 5:00 pm CT. **No exceptions will be made.** |
| **October 13** | All supporting documents (transcripts, evaluation letters) for applicants should be **post-marked** by this date.  
* Failure to submit documents by these dates may result in the disqualification of your application.  
* Some schools will not extend an interview offer until all supporting documents have been received. |
| **January 19** | Submission deadline for School Preference Rank for the TMDSAS admissions match - to be entered online by 5:00 pm CT. |

## Secondary Applications

Links to the secondary applications are available on the TMDSAS website. Secondary applications should be completed as soon as you submit your TMDSAS application. Any questions relating to a secondary application should be directed to the school. Any secondary application required documents and/or fees should be sent directly to the school and NOT to TMDSAS. The following schools require a secondary:

- UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas
- UT Austin Dell Medical School
- UT Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine
- Texas A&M HSC College of Medicine
- Texas Tech University HSC School of Medicine
- The University of North Texas HSC – Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Texas Tech University HSC El Paso Paul L. Foster SOM
- Texas A&M University College of Dentistry
- Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine
**Section Overview**

**[SELECT SCHOOLS] SECTION**

**SELECT SCHOOLS:**
In this section, you will first indicate if you are applying through any special/assured admission program such as JAMP or the Texas A&M COM Partnership in Primary Care Program.

Check the box of each school you wish to apply to. If you plan to apply to any of the dual degree programs offered at each school (e.g. DO/PhD, DDS/PhD, MBA/MD, FMAT), check the box of each dual degree program you wish to apply to. Next, you will indicate if you are applying to any MD/PhD programs through AMCAS. You will also indicate if you intend to apply to any non-TMDSAS schools for the current application cycle.

**APPLICATION HISTORY:**
In this section, you will indicate if you have previously applied to medical, dental or veterinary school. You will indicate the school(s) applied to, the entry year you applied for, if you were accepted and if you are currently enrolled. If you were accepted, indicate if you were ever dismissed or withdrawn from medical, dental, or vet school.

**Important:** If you are a re-applicant, **do not forget to update this section**. Your answers from the previous application cycle will roll forward and do not reflect that you have previously applied. Therefore, the information must be updated and saved.

**[QUESTIONS] SECTION – PERSONAL INFORMATION**

**CONTACT INFO:**
*You may make revisions to this section any time during the application process*

**Legal Name**
Enter your first, middle and last names. You will also enter any salutations or prefixes associated with your name.

**Other Names**
If you prefer to be addressed by a **different** first name other than your legal first name, you will indicate that information in this section.

Also, if there are any other last names listed on your academic records than what you have already entered, you must **indicate each additional last name** then click the [Add Name] button. Examples include maiden names or hyphenated last names.

**Email/Phone**
Indicate your email address. If you need to change your email address, do so through the [My Account] link in the upper right-hand corner of the application. Note that email is the primary mode of communication between TMDSAS and applicants.

Provide the cell phone number where TMDSAS and/or admissions officers can contact you. If you do not have a cell phone, you will answer “No” to the question “Do you have a cell phone?”
You will also provide your work phone number – if applicable. Email is the primary mode of communication between TMDSAS and applicants. Urgent TMDSAS correspondence will only be sent to you via email. Be sure to keep your email address updated at all times. It is the applicant’s responsibility to regularly check both their email and TMDSAS application for important messages from TMDSAS. Providing an incorrect email address will prevent you from receiving important messages from TMDSAS and/or the schools to which you are applying.

Email messages are often sent to multiple applicants, which some email systems identify as spam or junk email. Some email providers use filters to prevent users from receiving spam. Email filters may interpret an email from TMDSAS or a school as spam and automatically delete a message to you about the status of your application. To avoid missing important TMDSAS emails, turn the “spam” or “junk” email filters off during the application cycle. If your email provider does not allow you to turn the filter off, you may have to access a “junk mail file” that archives all messages identified as sent to multiple addresses. Periodically check your spam/junk email file for TMDSAS or school related messages.

**Mailing Address**

- **Address 1** - Enter your current mailing address. TMDSAS and the schools you apply to will use this address to send you any correspondence.
- **Address 2** - If needed, enter an apartment number or additional address information in this field. If not, leave this field blank.
- **City** - Type the name of your city.
- **Country** – Select your country from the pull down menu.
- **State** - Select your state from the pull down menu.
- **County** – Select the US County of your mailing address from the drop-down menu – if applicable.
- **Zip Code or Postal Code** - Enter your zip or postal code.
- **Phone number** - Provide the phone number where TMDSAS and/or admissions officers can contact you.

**Permanent Address**

Enter your Permanent Address information if different from your Mailing Address. If your Permanent Address is the same as your Mailing Address, answer “Yes” to the question “Is your Mailing Address also your Permanent Address?” and the information will pre-populate from what you entered under Mailing Address.

- **Address 1** - Enter your permanent address.
- **Address 2** - If needed, enter an apartment number or additional address information in this field. If not, leave this field blank.
- **City** - Type the name of your city.
- **Country** – Select your country from the pull down menu.
- **State** - Select your state from the pull down menu.
- **County** – Select the US County of your permanent address from the drop-down menu – if applicable.
- **Zip Code or Postal Code** - Enter your zip or postal code.
- **Phone number** - Provide the phone number for your permanent address.

**Demographic Info:**

*You will not be able to make any changes to this section once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting*

**Birth Information**

- **Date of Birth** – enter your date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy).
- **City** – Enter the city where you were born.
- **Country** – Select the country in which you were born from the drop-down menu.
- **State/Possession/Canadian Province** – Select the state, possession or province where you were born.
- **County** – Select the US County in which you were born from the drop-down menu – if applicable.
Home Town
The following questions refer to what you consider your “home town”.

- **City** – Enter the city name of your hometown.
- **Country** – Select the country from the drop-down menu.
- **State/Possession/Canadian Province** – Select the state, possession or province from the drop-down menu.
- **County** – Select the US County of your hometown from the drop-down menu – if applicable.
- **Approximate population** – Select the approximate population range from the drop-down menu.
- **Describe the area** – Select: Rural, Urban, Inner City, Suburban, Military or Government Installation or Other. (Definitions will be provided)
- **Primary language spoken at home** - Select the primary language spoken from the drop-down menu.

**Gender**
Indicate whether you are male or female.

**Ethnicity**
Indicate whether you are:

- a. Hispanic or Latino
- b. Not Hispanic or Latino

**Race**
Select one or more of the displayed racial categories that best describe you.

**Race or Ethnic Group Descriptions**
Ethnicity and Race questions are asked for federal and/or state reporting purposes. These questions are voluntary, and applicants will not be at a disadvantage in the admissions process if they are not completed.

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<th>Hispanic or Latino</th>
<th>A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.</th>
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<td>Black/African American</td>
<td>A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Asian</td>
<td>A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.</td>
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<tr>
<td>American Indian or Alaskan Native</td>
<td>A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community attachment. Applicants may be expected to provide official documentation/certification of active affiliation with a recognized tribe or reservation community.</td>
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<tr>
<td>White/Caucasian</td>
<td>A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</td>
<td>A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.</td>
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<tr>
<td>International</td>
<td>A person who is not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States and who is in this country on a temporary basis and does not have the right to remain indefinitely. A person who is PR pending (applied for permanent resident status but has not yet received permanent resident status) should be classified as international status until permanent residency has been granted. Note: A Non-Citizen who has been lawfully admitted for permanent residence is to be reported in the appropriate racial/ethnic categories along with United States citizens.</td>
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**Socioeconomic Info:**
*You will not be able to make any changes to this section once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting*

The questions in this section ask:
- Are you a member of the first generation in your family to attend or graduate from an undergraduate program? **First-generation** is defined as a student with neither parent having any education beyond high school (includes education outside the US).
- Are you a member of the first generation in your family to attend or graduate from a graduate or professional program? **First-generation** is defined as a student with neither parent having any education beyond an undergraduate degree (includes education outside the US).
- Are you a parent or guardian of dependent children?
- What do you consider your primary language?
- Are you bilingual or multilingual?

You will also be asked several questions that pertain to the household in which you were raised or spent the majority of your life from birth to age 18. If you moved frequently during this time period, enter the information for the location you spent the majority of your childhood.

**Military Service:**
*You will not be able to make any changes to this section once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting*

You will answer questions concerning whether or not you have served in the United States military.

**Family:**
*You will not be able to make any changes to this section once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting*

You will enter information regarding your parents as well as any significant male and/or female figures in your life. You will indicate how many siblings you have. You may include step-siblings if you choose. You will then indicate the following for each of your siblings:
- Age
- Relationship – brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister
- If they have ever attended college

**Dental Applicants Only – Relatives in Dentistry**
The purpose of these questions is to demonstrate to admissions committees the extent of your knowledge, background and experiences with the dental profession. List any relatives who are dentists, are in dental school, or who have studied or are studying Dental Hygiene, Dental Assisting, Dental Laboratory Technology or related dental fields.

**Medical Applicants Only – Parent Physician**
You will list any parent who is a physician (MD, DO, MBBS) or who is in medical school.
FINANCIAL INFO:
*You will not be able to make any changes to this section once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting*

You will enter the percentage of your college expenses provided by family, spouse, academic scholarships, financial need-based scholarships, loans, employment or other sources. The total percentage must add up to 100%.

If you have graduated college, you will also be asked to indicate the percentage of your living expenses provided by family, spouse, employment or other sources. The total percentage must add up to 100%.

FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS:

You will disclose and explain any felonies or misdemeanors that may appear on your record. You need NOT disclose information about any of the following:

- You were arrested but not charged
- You were arrested and charged, but the charges were dropped
- You were arrested and charged, but found not guilty by a judge or jury
- You were arrested and found guilty by a judge or jury, but the conviction was overturned on appeal
- You received an executive pardon
- A juvenile or criminal record that has been sealed or expunged. Failure to disclose information that is not in fact expunged or sealed may result in the applicant being denied admission
- Minor traffic violations

Important: After the date of submission of your TMDSAS application and prior to matriculation, if you are charged, convicted of, plead guilty, or no contest to a felony or misdemeanor crime, you must inform TMDSAS as well as the admissions office of each school to which you have applied. You must notify TMDSAS and each school within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of the criminal charge or conviction. Failure to disclose this information is grounds for rejection of your application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, dismissal after enrollment or rescission of any degrees granted.

[QUESTIONS] SECTION - EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION:
*You will not be able to make any changes to this section once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting*

Indicate how you completed your high school education: High School, GED or Home Schooled.

High School Graduates
Enter the Country and State, if applicable, in which your high school is located. Enter part of the high school name and then click [Search] to search for your high school. The less you type in the [High School Name] field, the more results you will get back. Try entering words that are unique to your high school's name.
For example, if you attended The Woodlands High School, simply enter “Woodlands” not “The Woodlands”. Below are the results you will receive.

From the search results, click on [Add School] next to the correct listing – doing so will pre-populate the following information:

- High School Name
- Zip Code
- City
- State
- County

If your high school was not found, you will need to add the school manually in the designated [High School Information] fields.

Next, enter graduation month, graduation year, class size and class rank, if applicable, in the designated fields.

GED
For applicants who have received their GED certificate, please list the city, zip code, country and state where the certificate was awarded. Enter the graduation month and graduation year the certificate was received.

Home Schooled
For applicants who were home schooled, please list the city, zip code, country and state where you were home schooled (or received your diploma). Enter the graduation month and graduation year.

SAT or ACT Results
If you have taken either the SAT or ACT, you must enter your score(s). Contact your college admissions office, College Board or ACT if you don’t remember your score.

Colleges Attended:
*You may make revisions to this section any time during the application process. You will be able to add new colleges/universities as well as newly completed course work*

- List ALL undergraduate, graduate, and professional schools you have attended, including colleges where you completed dual credit coursework. You must also enter information about ALL schools you plan on attending between now and the completion of Summer 2018.
- If you will be taking coursework in the future, you should list your end date as that future term. For example, if you will be taking courses through Spring 2018, your attendance dates would be: Fall 2014 - Spring 2018.
• List each school once for each type of degree even if there was a break in attendance. For example, if you attended Houston Community College in the summer of 2010 and 2012, you would list the school once with attendance dates as: Summer 2010 – Summer 2012.

• If you attended the same school for undergraduate and graduate/professional programs, list each degree program separately.

• Include foreign colleges. You do not need to list a foreign college if it was part of an official study abroad program through your home institution and the coursework appears on the official transcript. If the sponsoring school is different than your home institution, such as Arcadia University, University of Minnesota Danish Institutes of Study Abroad, or International Studies Abroad (IES), you must list the sponsoring school.

• Failure to list all colleges and universities may delay processing of your application and may be considered a violation of your application certification statement.

Click on the [Add College or University] button. Enter the country, state and a distinctive part of the college or university name and a list of matching institutions will appear. Keep in mind that the less you type in the [College Name] field, the more results you will get back. Try just entering words that are unique to your college name. For example, if searching for The University of Texas at Austin, just enter Austin. Click the [Search] button to obtain your search results.

Select the correct institution and click [Select] to add the school to your list of Colleges Attended. This will fill in the required [Institution Information] fields for the college listing.

If your college was not found in the search, you will need to add the college manually.

Enter attendance dates and degree information. Majors and minors are listed alphabetically. If your major/minor is not listed, select “Other” and enter your major/minor in the designated field. Next, indicate if you were enrolled in an honors program at this school.

Click [Add College Attended] on the bottom left corner of the screen. Continue to enter additional colleges and universities attended by clicking on the [Add College or University] link. Once you have entered all schools, check the box that states: “Click the checkbox if you have no more colleges to enter at this time”. Your colleges will not be saved until you have checked this box and clicked [Save] or [Save and Continue].

COLLEGES ATTENDED QUESTIONS:
This set of questions asks if you were admitted to any undergraduate public institution under the Texas Academic Fresh Start provision.

Important: You will also be asked if you want to release your information to the Health Professions Advisor at this school. Checking [Yes] permits your advisor to view information about the status of your application. Your TMDSAS application will be processed regardless of how you answer the question. TMDSAS strongly encourages you to give permission to release selected information about the status of your application to your health professions advisor. Having this information helps your advisor provide services to you and informs the advisor about the success of students from your college/university in being admitted into medical/dental/vet schools. However, your application will not be adversely impacted if you do not agree to have your information released to your health professions advisor.
**TERMS ATTENDED:**
Enter all terms during which you have taken coursework at each school listed in the [Colleges Attended] section as well as any future terms you plan to take coursework (i.e. Summer 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018).

To add a term, click on the [Add Term] button next to the institution for which you wish to add a new term. From the drop-down menu, select the year, term and whether or not the credits are reported in semester or quarter hours. Click [Add This Term] to save. Once you have entered all terms, you **MUST** click [Save] or [Save and Continue] or all information will be lost.

The terms listed in this section must match the attendance dates in the [Colleges Attended] section. You cannot add terms that go beyond the attendance dates entered in the [Colleges Attended] section.

**COLLEGE COURSEWORK:**

**Before You Start**
Request an **official** transcript from each college/university you have attended to use as a reference for completing the [College Coursework] section. This helps ensure that your data is complete and accurate.

You will list **all** coursework ever enrolled in at every college you have attended and have listed in the [Colleges Attended] section. This includes:

- College-level courses taken while in high school (i.e. dual credit courses), even if they did not count toward a degree at any college.
- Colleges at which you took a course, even if transfer credit was later accepted by another school.

It is helpful if you enter courses in the same order in which they are listed on your official transcript.
**Entering Coursework Details**

After listing all colleges you have attended and plan to attend in the [Colleges Attended] section, you will list all terms you have taken coursework and plan to take coursework in the [Terms Attended] section.

**Be sure to list future/planned coursework (indicate “Not Yet Reported” as the grade for planned coursework).** If you are unsure what courses you will be taking, add a placeholder course so that you can enter the coursework at a later date.

For example, if you are taking coursework during the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 semesters, you need to list these future terms in the [Terms Attended] section. Then in the [College Coursework] section you can list the courses you plan on taking. You will indicate “Not Yet Reported” for the grade. If you are unsure of the courses you plan on taking, list at least one placeholder course such as:

### Add a Course

- **Academic Status:**
- **Course Type:**
- **Prefix:**
- **Course Number:**
- **Course Name:**
- **Course Area:**
- **Transcript Grade:**
- **Credit Hours:**
- **Was Last Time Taken:**

All courses that appear on your official transcript(s) and for which a grade and credit was ever assigned will be included in the TMDSAS GPA calculations, even if they are not included in the GPA calculations of the transcript-issuing school. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Courses that have been repeated
- Courses that you failed, regardless of whether they have been repeated
- Courses you took in high school for college credit that appear on a college transcript
- Courses taken at American colleges overseas

TMDSAS verifies your self-reported courses against your official transcript(s) and will report any discrepancies to your selected institutions. TMDSAS does not enter courses for you. TMDSAS will contact you and return your application for corrections or explanations if it identifies a significant number of course discrepancies or omissions. Failure to properly enter all course information and to make corrections as requested may result in processing delays and may jeopardize your chances for admission.
Select the term you wish to enter coursework for by clicking on the [Add Course] button.

**Academic Status**

1. Indicate your academic status for the term. See options and descriptions below.
### Academic Status

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<td><strong>PF: Pre-Freshman</strong></td>
<td>Any advanced placement, CLEP or dual credit courses that you received credit for BEFORE beginning college, i.e. while in high school.</td>
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| **FR: Freshman** | *Once you have graduated high school, the count resets to 0*  
Approximately 0 - 30 semester hours completed. |
| **SO: Sophomore** | Approximately 31 - 60 semester hours completed. |
| **JR: Junior** | Approximately 61 - 90 semester hours completed. |
| **SR: Senior** | Approximately 91 - completion of undergraduate degree. |
| **PB: Post-baccalaureate** | Courses taken after completion of the Bachelor’s degree including those for a subsequent Bachelor’s degree, but not while enrolled in a graduate degree program. Includes graduate level course work not applied to a graduate degree. |
| **GR: Graduate** | Courses taken while enrolled in a graduate degree program. |

### Course Type

1. Indicate course type for the course you are entering. Course types are:
   - **Regular Class**: regular class taken in the classroom – no special designation.
   - **Distance Learning/Online Course**: indicate if the course was completed via on-line, correspondence or other form of learning at a distance.
   - **Honors**: an honors course is one taken as part of an undergraduate honors program, not a course for which you may have received academic honors.
   - **Study Abroad**: indicate if you enrolled in courses at a foreign university as part of a Study Abroad program, and received credit for those courses on a US or Canadian school transcript. (Courses completed overseas that are not part of a Study Abroad program should be treated as foreign coursework and will not be included in the TMDSAS GPA computation.)
   - **Advanced Placement/CLEP**: indicate if you have received credit on your transcript from Advanced Placement or CLEP examinations. AP/CLEP credit is accepted only if the school granting the credit lists the specific course(s) and number of units granted per course on an official transcript. Lump sum credit is not accepted. If these do not appear on the transcript, an official letter from the registrar is required. List AP credit only once, even if more than one institution granted credit.

   AP credit appearing on the transcript without subject or course names will be classified as non-science unless official documentation is received. If a letter grade is shown on the official transcript, the letter grade should be listed in the Grade column and will be included in your GPA calculations. If a letter grade is not given on the official transcript or the course is indicated as being passed, then enter the semester hours and, under Grade column, select CR – credit.

   - **International Baccalaureate**: indicate if you have received credits on your transcript for completion of an International Baccalaureate Program, an intensive pre-college curriculum sponsored by the International Baccalaureate Organization.
• **Credit by Institutional/Departmental Exam**: indicate if you have received credits on your transcript for successful completion of an institutional or departmental examination.

• **Audit**: any course you attended without attempting to earn credit. These courses will not be included in your TMDSAS GPA.

• **Developmental**: these are remedial courses or courses that prepare students for college-level courses. Generally, courses with course numbers starting with a zero or numbers less than 100 are considered developmental courses. Developmental courses will not count towards the GPA nor will they be calculated into the overall hours.

• **Dual Credit**: college credit earned when a high school student is taking a college course for both high school and college credit. If you took college courses while in high school and received both high school and college credit, you should indicate this Course Type as “Dual Credit”. The credit must appear on an official transcript from the college. Courses may be taken at the high school or at the college, but need to be listed on the application under the name of the college.

**Prefix**
1. Enter the departmental prefix for the course as it appears on the official transcript. For example, CHEM, BIOL, PSYC, ENGL, etc.

**Course Number**
1. Enter the course number as it appears on the official transcript. Do not enter the section number.

**Course Name**
1. Enter the course name.
   - If the course name is abbreviated on the transcript, you may enter the abbreviation or the full name.
Course Area

1. Indicate the course area for each course. Please select course area classification based on the primary content of the course. Refer to the course area guide below. For courses that are not listed, use your judgment – TMDSAS will determine the correct course area during processing.

Biology:
- Anatomy
- Bacteriology
- Biology
- Cellular Biology
- Cellular Physiology
- Ecology
- Genetics
- Histology
- Immunology
- Microbiology
- Molecular Biology
- Neuroscience
- Parasitology
- Pathophysiology
- Physiology
- Virology
- Zoology

Calculus or Statistics:
- *list of approved courses available on website
- Biostatistics
- Calculus
- Statistics (computational)

Physics:
- Electricity & Light
- Magnetism
- Mechanical Heat
- Physics
- Thermodynamics

Other Science:
- Agricultural Science
- Astronomy
- Bioengineering
- Chiropractic
- Computer Science
- Dental Hygiene
- Electronics
- Engineering
- Epidemiology
- Geology
- Math (other than Calculus or Statistics)
- Meteorology
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Physical Anthropology
- Physical Geography
- Physical Science
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant
- Radiology
- Research seminars in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Math
- Respiratory Therapy

Non-Science:
- Acting
- Archeology
- Art
- Astrology
- Behavioral Science
- Bioethics
- Business
- Communications
- Cultural Geography
- Economics
- Education
- Emergency Med-Tech
- Ethics
- First Aid
- Foreign Language
- Forestry
- Geography
- Government
- Health
- History
- Humanities
- Kinesiology
- Law
- Logic
- Medical Terminology
- Military Science
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physical Education
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Public Speaking
- Religion

Transcript Grade

1. Enter the grade exactly as it appears on the official transcript. If you earned an A, select A.

2. If narrative evaluations are used in your system in lieu of grades, list "Pass" if pass credit was awarded. Copies of narrative evaluations will be forwarded to your designated colleges.

3. As you enter your grades, the application system will convert the grade to a TMDSAS Grade. The TMDSAS grading system standardizes the grades to be used in the GPA calculation and to be reported to the medical, dental or vet schools. TMDSAS Grades include: A, B, C, D, F, Credit, Pass, Quit, Failed, Incomplete and Not Yet Reported (for future or planned coursework).
Credit Hours
1. Enter the credit hours as they appear on your official transcript. You can enter hours up to one decimal place (00.0).

2. All entries must be made in semester or quarter hours. You will indicate whether your school operates on a semester or quarter system when adding the terms in the [Terms Attended] section.

3. Do not list any course where 0 credit hours were earned, for example, chapel, orientation, etc. If you withdrew from a course, list the number of hours you would have earned had you completed the course.

Note: all Texas schools report credit in semester hours.

Some institutions grant credits as course units. If your grades are reported as units, you will need to convert them to either semester or quarter hours. The back of your transcript should have the conversion. If not, contact your Registrar for the conversion.

Common conversion examples:
Austin College: 1 unit = 4 semester hours
Duke University: 1 unit = 4 semester hours
Northwestern University: 1 unit = 4 quarter hours

Last Time Taken
Last Time Taken is asking, “Was this the last time you took this course?” Most coursework will be answered as [Yes].

Courses repeated for additional credit, but not for a better grade, such as physical education, chorus, band, or thesis/research are not considered a repeat course and should be answered [Yes].

Instances where you would answer [No]:
1. If you withdrew and re-took or plan to take the course again. For the first time you took the course enter [No]. When retaken, enter [Yes].
2. If you received a C, D, F, took a Pass/Fail or Credit/No-Credit course then re-took the course for a better grade, enter [No] for the first time taken and enter [Yes] for the last time taken.

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<th>Received C, D, F, Pass/Fail, Credit/No-Credit and re-took course for a higher grade</th>
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<td>Enter Yes (&quot;Y&quot;)</td>
<td>Enter No (&quot;N&quot;) first time course was taken</td>
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Click the [Add Course] button.

You can continue to add courses for the selected term by clicking [Add Another Course for this Term].
Once you have entered all courses for the selected term, click on the [Done for this Term] button.

This will return you to the main [College Coursework] page so you can select the next term to enter coursework for.

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When you have finished adding all courses for all terms listed, click on the [Save] button. Then click the [Continue to Next Section] button to continue with the application.

**Military Credit**

Individuals in the U.S. Armed Services frequently receive credit for special courses that they have taken while in service. These courses are considered post-secondary, but do not appear on a college transcript. In other situations, information about these courses may be posted to a Joint Services Transcript. **TMDSAS does not consider these courses to be college courses and they should not be added to the application.**

In certain situations, colleges/universities may award academic credit for these same military courses, or for experiences gained during military service. Such credit is usually considered “life experience credit” and is awarded as credit hours towards the completion of a degree. In situations such as this, the applicant should indicate the credit hours on the TMDSAS application, under the college/university granting the credit. Only the credit hours actually awarded by the college/university should be included in the TMDSAS application.

You can submit your JST to TMDSAS and we will forward it to the medical/dental/veterinary school for their review.
Transcripts
You must arrange for a sealed official transcript accompanied by a TMDSAS Transcript Request Form to be sent directly to TMDSAS. One official transcript is required from every regionally accredited U.S., U.S. Territorial or Canadian college attended. This includes:

- Colleges at which you took a course, even if transfer credit was later accepted by another school
- College-level courses taken while in high school, even if they did not count toward a degree at any college

TMDSAS will accept a transcript sent by an applicant as long as it is in the official sealed envelope from the Registrar. Transcripts submitted by applicants cannot be more than a year old.

While TMDSAS will accept transcripts that are not attached to a TMDSAS Transcript Request Form, TMDSAS is not responsible for transcripts that cannot be matched to your application due to the absence of a TMDSAS Transcript Request Form. You are strongly encouraged to utilize these forms. Be sure to inform the registrars that this form should be attached to the transcript when it is sent to TMDSAS.

TMDSAS recommends that you also obtain an official copy of each transcript for your records to help you properly complete the [College Coursework] section of your application.

It is your responsibility to verify and ensure that TMDSAS has received all of your official transcripts. Check the status of your transcripts regularly by logging into your application and viewing the [Status] page. Scroll down towards the bottom of the page until you reach the [Supporting Documents] heading. If a document has been received, the receive date will appear next to the document name.

Transcript Request Form
1. Print the Transcript Request Form from the [Transcript Request Form] section of the TMDSAS website or from the [Colleges Attended] section on the application.
2. Fill out the Transcript Request Form.
3. Submit to the Registrar’s office of every accredited U.S. and Canadian college/university you have attended.
4. Be sure to advise the Registrar’s office to enclose the Transcript Request Form with your official sealed transcript and mail it directly to TMDSAS. Transcripts that are not accompanied by the Transcript Request Form can result in a delay in processing the document.

Canadian Transcripts
Follow steps 1 – 4 above to have your English-speaking Canadian transcripts to be sent to TMDSAS.

Study Abroad
If you participated in a Study Abroad program under the sponsorship of a U.S. or Canadian institution and the international coursework appears on the U.S./Canadian transcript as regular itemized credit, only list the U.S. or Canadian institution on your TMDSAS application. DO NOT list the foreign institution. If the sponsoring school is different than your home institution, such as Arcadia University, University of Minnesota Danish Institutes of Study Abroad, or International Studies Abroad (IES), you must list the sponsoring school.

Arrange for only the U.S. or Canadian transcript to be sent to TMDSAS. TMDSAS processes study-abroad coursework in the same manner as U.S. and Canadian coursework.

Overseas U.S. Institutions Overseas U.S. institutions are:
1. Located outside U.S. borders
2. Accredited by a regional institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education
3. Use English as the primary language of instruction and documentation
If you attended an overseas U.S. institution, report it to TMDSAS in the same manner as your U.S. and (English-speaking) Canadian institutions and arrange for an official transcript to be forwarded to TMDSAS. List all coursework on your TMDSAS application. U.S. institutions with campuses overseas are also considered U.S. colleges for which transcripts are required and all coursework must be listed.

**International Transcripts**
Enter coursework taken at all international colleges/universities in the [College Coursework] section. Although TMDSAS permits you to list foreign coursework in your application, TMDSAS does not verify this coursework for authenticity and does not use grades from international transcripts in computing TMDSAS GPA’s.

You are required to submit one transcript from every international college/university you have attended. TMDSAS also encourages international applicants to submit a copy of any evaluation of international coursework that has been completed by an official credential evaluation service. TMDSAS will forward a photocopy of your international transcript and evaluation to your designated medical/dental/veterinary schools.

If you have difficulty obtaining an official transcript from your foreign institution, TMDSAS will accept a copy from your personal records.

**Electronic Transcripts**
TMDSAS accepts electronic transcripts from Credential Solutions (formerly eScrip-Safe) only. You can find a list of institutions they serve on their [website](#).

**PLANNED ENROLLMENT:**
*You may make revisions to this section any time during the application process*

Indicate if you plan to take any future coursework between the time of application and **Summer 2018**. You will indicate the college, term and year for all future coursework. You will still need to list future terms in the [Terms Attended] section AND the planned courses in the [College Coursework] section.

**DISCIPLINARY ACTION:**
*You will not be able to make any changes to this section once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting*

You will answer questions concerning your education. Below are the questions:

- Has your education or vocation ever been interrupted for any reason?
- Were you ever the recipient of any action by any college or professional school for unacceptable academic performance (e.g. academic probation, suspension, dismissal, etc.)?
- Were you ever the recipient of any action by any college or professional school for conduct violations?
- Have you ever been sanctioned or received disciplinary action by a State Licensure Board of any kind (e.g. nursing, pharmacy, legal, etc.)?

If you become the subject of an institutional action or state licensure board action after the date of original application submission you must notify TMDSAS as well as the admissions office at each school at which you have applied. This communication must occur within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of the institutional action. **Failure to disclose this information is grounds for rejection of your application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, dismissal after enrollment or rescission of any degrees granted.**
Questions Section - Employment & Activities

*You will not be able to make any changes to these sections once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting.*

Keep in mind that your [Chronology of Activities] will be automatically built from the information you enter in all other sections of the application. **Your chronology MUST account for all time between high school graduation and August 2018; therefore, you must account for this time period in all the sub-sections of the [Employment & Activities] section.**

**Dental/Medical Applicants:** If you have activities that fit into more than one of the categories below, you should list the activity in each section. We recommend that you list activities in multiple sections if they meet the criteria in more than one category.

**Veterinary Applicants:** Please select one category that best describes each of your experiences. Do **not** list experiences more than once in the sections below. Refer to the diagram below to determine where to list your activities.

### Veterinary Experiences

In which sections should I include my experiences?

1. **Research Experience Section**
2. **Veterinary Supervised Experience Section**
3. **Animal Experience Section**

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**Academic Recognition:**

List academic honors, awards and other recognitions received since beginning college to the present (veterinary applicants should list activities since beginning high school to the present).

Indicate the Award Title, date received, city, country, state and a brief description of the award. Click on [Submit] to save the record. Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add An Award] link.

**Non-Academic Recognition:**

List non-academic honors, awards and other recognitions received since beginning college to the present (veterinary applicants should list activities since beginning high school to the present).

Indicate the Award Title, date received, city, country, state and a brief description of the award. Click on [Submit] to save the record. Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add An Award] link.
LEADERSHIP:
List any leadership roles or positions of responsibility held since beginning college to the present (veterinary applicants should list activities since beginning high school to the present). Examples may include leadership roles in clubs/organizations, supervisory roles, etc.

Indicate the Role Title, start date, end date, city, country, state and a brief description of the position. Click on [Submit] to save the record.

Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add a Leadership Role] link.

EMPLOYMENT:
List all jobs (paid work experience) held since graduating from high school to the present, including military service.

Indicate the employer, job title, when the job was held, start date, end date, city, hours worked per week, country, state and a brief description of the job. Click on [Submit] to save the record.

If you held a job every summer, enter each time period as a separate record.

Veterinary Applicants: Do not include any experience that you listed in Veterinary, Animal, or Research experience.

Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add an Employment Activity] link.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:
List any significant research activities (paid or volunteer) you have participated in since beginning college to the present (veterinary applicants should list activities since beginning high school to the present).

Include any publications (submitted as well as published), abstracts and posters. Indicate the Research Activity Name, start date, end date, city, approximate hours worked per week, total cumulative hours, country, state and a brief description of the research. Click on [Submit] to save the record.

Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add a Research Activity] link.

HEALTHCARE ACTIVITIES:
List any healthcare related community service, volunteer, employment OR shadowing experience you have participated in since beginning college to the present.

Veterinary Applicants: include only human healthcare related activities. You may list activities since high school.

Indicate the Activity Name, start date, end date, city, hours worked per week, total cumulative hours, country, state and a brief description of the activity. Click on [Submit] to save the record.

Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add a Healthcare Activity] link.
**VETERINARY SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE: – VETERINARY APPLICANTS ONLY**

List all experiences where >50% of your time was spent interacting with or under the direct supervision of a veterinarian.

Veterinary experiences should relate to veterinary clinical, agribusiness, or health science experiences that you have had with veterinarians. Include all relevant experiences, whether they are voluntary, paid, or academic experiences.

The experiences reported in this section should be different from those entered for Animal and Employment experience. Experiences gained in high school may be included. Do NOT include future expected hours of experience.

Indicate the Activity Name, whether it is volunteer experience or paid experience, location, veterinarian name, start date, end date, city, total cumulative hours worked, country, state and a brief description of the experience. Click on [Submit] to save the record.

Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add a Veterinary Supervised Activity] link.

**ANIMAL EXPERIENCE: – VETERINARY APPLICANTS ONLY**

List any animal experiences not supervised by a veterinarian or any other general animal experiences. Include all relevant experiences, whether they are voluntary, paid, or academic experiences. *Only 100 hours of pet ownership per species (with a maximum of 2 species) will count towards overall animal experience.*

They should include farm and ranch experiences, 4-H membership, animal training, agility, working in a boarding kennel or other similar activities, and **should NOT have occurred under the supervision of a veterinarian.**

The experiences you report in this section should be different from those entered for Veterinary and Employment experience. Experiences gained in high school may be included. Do NOT include future hours.

Indicate the Activity Name, whether it is volunteer experience or paid experience, location, supervisor name, start date, end date, city, total cumulative hours worked, country, state and a brief description of the experience. Click on [Submit] to save the record.

Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add an Animal Experience Activity] link.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

List any non-healthcare related community service or volunteer activities you have participated in since beginning college to the present (veterinary applicants should list activities since beginning high school to the present).

Indicate the Activity Name, start date, end date, city, approximate hours per week, total cumulative hours, country, state and a brief description of the activity. Click on [Submit] to save the record.

Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add a Community Service Activity] link.

**EXTRACURRICULAR AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES:**

List any significant extracurricular, leisure activities or hobbies you have participated in since beginning college to the present (veterinary applicants should list activities since beginning high school to the present).

Indicate the Type of Activity, start date, end date, city, approximate hours per month, total cumulative hours, country, state and a brief description of the activity. Click on [Submit] to save the record.

Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add an Extracurricular/Leisure Activity] link.
**PLANNED ACTIVITIES: – DENTAL/MEDICAL APPLICANTS ONLY**
Indicate future activities you plan on participating in between now and **August 2018**. This should include any future employment as well as any future research, healthcare, community service, or extracurricular activities.

Indicate the Activity Type, start date, planned end date, city, total projected hours, country, state and a brief description of the activity. Click on [Submit] to save the record.

Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add a Planned Activity] link.

**[QUESTIONS] SECTION - ESSAYS**
*You will not be able to make any changes to this section once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting*

To avoid formatting issues, we recommend typing your essay directly into the TMDSAS application rather than cutting and pasting your essay from other software. Copying formatted text into the application may result in formatting issues that cannot be edited once your application has been submitted. Be sure to proofread carefully. No changes to your essay(s) will be permitted after the application has been submitted.

**DENTAL APPLICANT PERSONAL STATEMENT**
The personal essay asks you to explain your motivation to seek a career in dentistry. You are asked to discuss your philosophy of the dental profession and indicate your goals relevant to the profession.

The essay is limited to 5000 characters, including spaces.

**MEDICAL APPLICANT PERSONAL STATEMENT**
The personal essay asks you to explain your motivation to seek a career in medicine. You are asked to include the value of your experiences that prepare you to be a physician.

The essay is limited to 5000 characters, including spaces.

**VETERINARY APPLICANT PERSONAL NARRATIVE**
The personal essay asks you to discuss your personal understanding of the roles of a veterinarian as it relates to your career goals. What do you have to offer the profession?

The essay is limited to 5000 characters, including spaces.

**PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS – REQUIRED OF ALL APPLICANTS**
Learning from others is enhanced in educational settings that include individuals from diverse backgrounds and experiences. Please describe your personal characteristics (background, talents, skills, etc.) or experiences that would add to the educational experience of others.

The personal characteristics essay is limited to 2500 characters, including spaces.

**OPTIONAL ESSAY – THERE IS ONE OPTIONAL ESSAY AVAILABLE TO ALL APPLICANTS**
The optional essay is an opportunity to provide the admissions committee(s) with a broader picture of who you are as an applicant. **The essay is optional; however, you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.**

Optional Essay:
Briefly discuss any unique circumstances or life experiences that are relevant to your application which have not previously been presented.
This is not an area to continue your essay or reiterate what you have previously stated: this area is provided for you to address any issues that have not previously been addressed.

Optional Essay is limited to 2500 characters, including spaces.

**DO/PhD Program Essays**

1. Explain your motivation to seek a MD/PhD or DO/PhD dual degree. Discuss your research interests and career goals as an applicant to a dual degree program.
2. Describe your significant research experiences. Include the name and title of your research mentor as well as your contributions to the project. List any publications that have resulted from your work.

Each essay is limited to 5000 characters, including spaces.

**[Supporting Documents] Section**

*You will be able to make changes to this section once you have submitted your application. You will be able to add or remove planned test dates.*

**Upload Photo:**

As part of your application, you are required to upload a digital photo of yourself. It must be smaller than 100 KB and be in one of the following file formats: jpg, gif, png or bmp. If you don’t have access to a digital photo of yourself, many print shops such as Kinko’s can provide you with one.

**Test Dates:**

* Important: Any change in planned test dates MUST be immediately reported to TMDSAS. You can update this information by logging into your application. Failure to do so will cause your application to be incomplete which could affect your evaluation at one or more of the participating schools.

**DAT Scores - Dental Applicants Only**

The Dental Admission Test, DAT, is required for admission to dental school. The DAT must be taken within the last five years. A test score from a DAT taken before 2013 will not be considered for the 2018 entry year application.

The DAT must be taken for the first time before December 1 of the application year to be considered for the current application cycle. Dental schools begin making offers of admission December 1st; therefore, waiting to take the DAT until that late date will delay any consideration for admission until after your test scores are released. It is recommended that you take the DAT in the spring or summer prior to applying.

Applicants are required to request their DAT scores be released to each of the dental schools they are applying to. All DAT scores released to the three Texas dental schools will automatically be sent to TMDSAS.

1. **DENT PIN** – Enter your DENT PIN given to you by the ADA.
   The DENT PIN is a unique identifier for applicants and students involved with the U.S. dental education system and standardized testing programs. You must register to retrieve a DENT PIN from the ADA site and use it to proceed with your application. If you do not know your DENT PIN, please go to the ADA website and follow instructions there to create or retrieve it.

2. **DATs Taken** – Enter all dates you have taken the DAT.

3. **DATs Planned** – Enter all dates you PLAN to take the DAT between the time of application and December 1, 2017.
MCAT Scores – Medical Applicants Only
All admission test score(s) MUST be reported directly to TMDSAS by AAMC. Scores submitted from your personal score report will not be accepted.

The MCAT is required for admission to medical school. The exam must have been taken no earlier than 2013 and no later than September of the year preceding enrollment into medical school (e.g. if you are applying for entry year 2018, September 2017 is the last month you can take the MCAT). No score from a test taken within the year of enrollment will be accepted. MCAT scores can be no more than five years old.

We strongly encourage taking the MCAT exam in January, April or May so that your application will be completed and in the pool for the start of the interview season. The interview season generally begins at the end of July or early August and closes sometime in early December. Applicants who wait to take the examination for the first time in July, August or September find action on their application delayed until late in the admission season.

Applicants MUST release their MCAT scores to TMDSAS by using the MCAT Testing History (THx) Report System. Applicants must request the release of their scores to TMDSAS as soon as they become available to the applicant. From the MCAT Testing History Report System, select [Send All of My Scores], then select [Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service] (6th on the list under [Application Services] - the last service in the first box). Applicants MUST request that the scores of ALL tests taken be released to TMDSAS.

1. **AAMC ID** – Enter your AAMC ID given to you by the AAMC. This is the 8-digit number assigned to you by AAMC for all correspondence.
2. **MCATs Taken** – Enter all dates you have taken the MCAT. *(You do not need to list test dates if you had the score voided)*
3. **MCATs Planned** – Enter all dates you PLAN to take the MCAT between the time of application and September 9, 2017.

*It is critical that you enter your AAMC ID, test dates, and DOB correctly. Your MCAT score(s) will match to your application based on this information. If the information is entered incorrectly your MCAT score(s) will not match to your application. You should also verify that AAMC has the correct data on file.*

GRE Scores – Veterinary Applicants Only
The Graduate Record Exam, GRE, is required for admission to veterinary school. Texas A&M University considers scores on the verbal, quantitative and analytical writing sections.

Applicants must take the GRE between August 1, 2011 and September 30, 2017 to be considered for the entering class of 2018.

Scores must be submitted directly to Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine using the institution code #6812. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of the applicant’s file.

1. **GREs Taken** – Enter all dates you have taken the GRE.
2. **GREs Planned** – Enter all dates you PLAN to take the GRE between time of application and September 30, 2017.
**LETTERS OF EVALUATION:**
Look below to determine how many letters are required based on what type of applicant you are – dental, medical or veterinary.

Evaluators should know an applicant well enough to evaluate him/her both academically and personally. It is recommended that your evaluators be current/former professors that can speak to your academic ability in the sciences.

**Dental School Applicants:**
- Two individual letters of evaluation OR one Health Professions Committee Letter/Packet
- Texas A&M University College of UT School of Dentistry at Houston applicants **must** submit an additional evaluation letter from a practicing dentist.
- Option to submit 1 extra letter

**Medical School Applicants:**
- Three individual letters of evaluation OR one Health Professions Committee Letter/Packet
- Option to submit 1 extra letter

**Veterinary School Applicants:**
- Three individual **TAMU Veterinary Applicant Evaluation Forms** submitted directly to TMDSAS.
- At least one evaluation must be completed by a veterinarian.
- Only the TAMU CVM Evaluation Form will be accepted. Letters of evaluation will **not** be accepted.

Indicate which type of evaluation you will submit:

1. HP Committee Packet
2. Individual Letters

**If Submitting a Health Professions Committee Packet**
If you are submitting a HP Committee Packet, you will need to select the institution that will provide your HP Committee Packet. To do this, you must have first completed the [Colleges Attended] section.

**What is a Health Professions Committee Packet?**
Many institutions utilize a Health Professions Committee Packet for their professional school applicants. These packets come in three basic formats:

1. Committee letter with supporting letters attached.
2. Committee letter that is composed and uses quotes from various evaluators but may or may not have supporting letters attached.
3. Collection of individual evaluation letters which may also include a cover letter from an advising office or school letter service. The advising office or school letter service serves as a central collection service for the applicant, but does not make additional assessments of the candidate.

All three types of HP Committee Packets are acceptable to TMDSAS, regardless of the number of evaluations that may be contained within the document. TMDSAS respects the varying philosophies of colleges and universities as to how best to provide a HP Committee Packet and therefore does not limit the number of evaluations included. If you are having an HP Committee Packet submitted on your behalf, indicate the name of the school that will be submitting the packet.
Extra Letters
TMDSAS will forward one letter in addition to the required letters for dental and medical applicants. You will indicate in the application if you are submitting an extra letter and the name of the evaluator writing the extra letter.

If you indicate that you are submitting an extra letter, many schools will not consider your file complete until both the required letters and extra letter are received.

Delivering HP Committee Packets to TMDSAS
Your HP office can deliver your committee packet several ways:

1. They can upload the packet directly to your application using the TMDSAS Advisor Portal.
   - You must have answered “Yes” to the following question in the [Colleges Attended Questions] section: “Would you like to release your information to the health professions advisor at any school(s)?” and indicate the school that will be uploading your committee packet.

2. They can deliver the packet to us electronically using either Virtual Evals or Interfolio.

3. They can mail the packet to TMDSAS.

If Submitting Individual Letters of Evaluation
If you are submitting individual letters, placeholders for the required letters will be shown. Click the edit button to fill out and complete a letter placeholder.

- Salutation
  Indicate the appropriate salutation of your evaluator (e.g. Dr., Mr., Mrs. Ms., etc.).

- First Name
  Enter the first name of your evaluator.

- Last Name
  Enter the last name of your evaluator.

- Suffix (if applicable)
  Indicate the appropriate suffix of your evaluator (e.g. I, II, Jr, Sr, MD, DDS, DVM, etc.).

- Relationship to you
  Indicate the evaluator’s relationship to you (e.g. Academic Advisor, HP Advisor, Professor, Supervisor, Business Associate, etc.).

- Indicate how your evaluator will send your letter to TMDSAS
  - Upload directly to TMDSAS via Evaluator Portal (preferred method)
  - Send through Interfolio
  - Send through regular mail

- Evaluator’s Email
  Enter the email address of the evaluator (only if uploading letter directly to TMDSAS). Contact the evaluator for the correct email address.

- Waiver
  Indicate whether you will or will not waive your right of access to the letters of evaluation sent on your behalf.

You will not be able to save this section until you have completed every REQUIRED letter placeholder.
Delivering Individual Letters to TMDSAS

1. Evaluator can upload the letter directly to TMDSAS via TMDSAS Evaluator Portal:
   - Applicant provides evaluator's name and email address in the [Letters of Evaluation] section.
   - Once evaluator's name and email are provided, the evaluator receives an email from TMDSAS directing him or her to the TMDSAS Evaluator Portal.
   - Contact your evaluator to ensure that he/she received the email from TMDSAS.
   - Evaluator will follow instructions provided for submitting the letter of evaluation.

2. You may deliver letters electronically through Interfolio:
   - Applicant contacts evaluator and requests that he or she upload their letter of evaluation to applicant's Interfolio account. Make sure your TMDSAS ID is on your letter(s) so that they are matched to your application properly.
   - Applicant enters evaluator name in [Letters of Evaluation] section.
   - Applicant initiates letter delivery from Interfolio to TMDSAS.

3. Evaluator can mail the letter to TMDSAS through regular mail:
   - Applicant enters evaluator name in [Letters of Evaluation] section.
   - Applicant notifies evaluator to mail in letter to TMDSAS. Make sure your TMDSAS ID is on your letter(s) so that they are matched to your application properly.

Delivering Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine Applicant Evaluation Forms to TMDSAS

Your evaluators can deliver your TAMU Veterinary Applicant Evaluation form in two ways:

1. Evaluator can complete the evaluation online via the TMDSAS Evaluator Portal:
   - Applicant provides evaluator's name in the [Letters of Evaluation] section.
   - Select Upload Directly as response to “Indicate how your evaluator will send your letter to TMDSAS”.
   - Enter a valid email for the evaluator.
   - Once evaluator's name and email are provided, the evaluator will receive an email from TMDSAS with the evaluation form directing him or her to the TMDSAS Evaluator Portal.
   - Contact your evaluator to ensure that he/she received the email from TMDSAS.
   - Evaluator will follow instructions provided for completing and submitting the evaluation form and uploading it to the TMDSAS Evaluator Portal.

2. Evaluator can mail the evaluation form to TMDSAS through regular mail:
   - Applicant enters evaluator name in [Letters of Evaluation] section.
   - Select Print as response to “Indicate how your evaluator will send your letter to TMDSAS”.
   - Download and print the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine Applicant Evaluation Form. Print a form for each evaluator that will mail in evaluation form.
   - Complete the top portion of the TAMU CVM Evaluation Form.
   - Deliver the form to your evaluators. You can do this by mail, by fax or in person.
   - Your evaluator must then fill out the TAMU CVM Evaluation Form and sign it. Evaluator should mail the completed TAMU CVM Evaluation Form to:

   TMDSAS
   P.O. Box 2175
   Austin, TX 78768
[Chronology of Activities] Section

*You will not be able to make any changes to this section once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting*

Your Chronology of Activities MUST account for all time between high school graduation and August 2018.

Your Chronology of Activities will be automatically built from the information you enter in all other sections of the application. This is done for your convenience; therefore, it is to your advantage to complete all other sections before completing this section. The compiling of this data will be done only once – if you delete or change items in other sections after your Chronology is compiled, you will have to retype that information in your Chronology – you cannot re-import the data. You can edit or delete items from the Chronology – doing so will not change what you have entered elsewhere in the application.

Once the import of your data has been done, a [Show Activities Calendar] link appears. Click on the link to see a calendar displaying any gaps in your chronology. Gaps will be indicated by a blank box on the calendar. All gaps greater than 3 months must have a record. You will be able to add records to fill any gaps in time.

NOTE: this page only imports the first 50 characters of previously entered descriptions. If you do not want your description to be truncated, be sure to edit your activity descriptions appropriately after import to fit within 50 characters. The schools will see the full description within each [Employment & Activities] section.

[Proof of Residency] Section

*You will not be able to make any changes to this section once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting*

This section contains questions regarding your citizenship, state of legal residence, etc. These questions will determine whether you are classified as a Texas resident or a non-resident.

Applicants who are not U.S. citizens MUST provide TMDSAS with a copy of both sides of their Permanent Resident card or Visa stamp in their passport. An application will NOT be processed without this documentation. The documentation can be uploaded directly to the application or mailed to TMDSAS.

A non-U.S. citizen must indicate his/her country of citizenship and complete the required information regarding his/her Visa. If your Permanent Resident card has no expiration date, enter the expiration date as ten years from the issue date.

If you have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status, you should select “None” when selecting your visa type/residency status. You will then indicate in the [Optional Question] at the end of the section that you have DACA status.
CERTIFICATION:
In order to submit your application, you must certify the statements listed below. Your certification of this takes the place of your legal signature and is binding. By electronically signing these statements, you signify that you have read this information as well as all other instructions throughout the application.

* I understand that application irregularities are documented by The Texas Medical and Dental School Application Service (TMDSAS) and member schools and are reported to the Association of American Medical Colleges, American Dental Education Association, American Association of Osteopathic Medicine, Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, and other appropriate professional organizations.

* I further understand that all actions on admission to a professional program are the prerogative of each individual professional school.

* I further understand that, in accordance with the individual school’s policy, some or all TMDSAS participating schools require a criminal background check on applicants as a condition of admission or matriculation.

* I certify that the information in this application and all attachments are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I authorize TMDSAS and any medical, dental, or veterinary school to which I am applying to verify the information I have provided.

* I further understand that this information will be relied upon by TMDSAS and officials of the medical, dental, and veterinary schools in determining my residence status for admission and later for tuition purposes and that submission of false information is grounds for rejection of my application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, dismissal after enrollment, or rescission of any degrees granted.

* I further certify that I will report to TMDSAS any event which occurs subsequent to filing this application but prior to matriculation that would alter any answer provided on my application. I understand that failure to do so is grounds for rejection of my application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, dismissal after enrollment, or rescission of any degrees granted.

* I understand that I am required to notify TMDSAS and the Admissions Office of each school to which I apply if I am charged, convicted of, plead guilty, or no contest to a felony or misdemeanor crime after the date of my original application submission. I understand that this notification must be in writing and occur within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of the criminal charge or conviction. Failure to disclose this information is grounds for rejection of your application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, dismissal after enrollment, or rescission of any degrees granted.

* I understand that I am required to notify TMDSAS and the Admissions Office of each school to which I apply if I become the subject of an institutional action or disciplinary action by a State Licensure Board after the date of my original application submission. I understand that this notification must be in writing and occur within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of the institutional action. Failure to disclose this information is grounds for rejection of your application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, dismissal after enrollment, or rescission of any degrees granted.

* I certify that all written passages, such as the personal statement, optional essays, dual-degree essays, and descriptions of employment/activities, are my own and have not been written, in part or in whole, by a third party. Quotations are permitted if the source is cited.

* I have read, understand and agree to comply with TMDSAS Instructions, including the statements that I am responsible for monitoring and ensuring the progress of my application process, by frequently checking the [Status] page of my application. I also understand that I am responsible for knowing and understanding the admissions requirements for each school to which I am applying, and that I am not eligible for a refund of TMDSAS fees if I do not meet the admissions requirements of the schools.

* Any information published by TMDSAS that is related to medical, dental and/or veterinary school applications is done so with aggregate statistics. TMDSAS may also share personally identifiable data with peer not-for-profit organizations, certifying boards, licensing bodies, and other organizations involved in health education for research, eligibility determination, verification, and credentialing purposes.
**PAYMENT:**
At the time of submission, you must provide payment for any application fees. Application fee is non-refundable.

You can pay the application fee by credit card, electronic funds transfer/ACH or by mailing in a money order/cashier’s check drawn on a U.S. bank. Personal checks are not accepted.

TMDSAS considers your application complete and begins processing after the following are received:

1. Complete TMDSAS application that has been submitted online.
2. Application fee.
3. Copy of Visa or Permanent Resident card (if applicable).

TMDSAS does not hold up the processing of your application if your letters of evaluation, transcripts and/or test scores have not arrived. We will update the schools with these materials as they are received.

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**TMDSAS Application Fee**

|$150.00
Flat fee for all applicants regardless of the number of schools applying to.

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**After Submitting Your TMDSAS Application**

**MONITORING THE STATUS OF YOUR TMDSAS APPLICATION**

Checking the status of your application online allows you to follow the progress of your application and the supporting documents and test scores received on your behalf.

To check your status, all you have to do is sign in to your application. Click on the [Status] status link from the menu on the right-hand side of the application. The [Status] link is the first option under the [Application Info] heading.

The top portion titled [Section Status] shows the date each section of the application was completed/last saved. To see the status of your supporting documents, scroll down towards the bottom of the page until you reach the [Supporting Documents] heading. If a document has been received, the receive date will appear next to the document name.

Be sure to keep track of your username and password. You won't be able to access your application or status without them. Also keep track of your TMDSAS ID. You will need to include your ID on all correspondence with TMDSAS.

**COMMUNICATION AFTER SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION**

Important messages will be sent to you by TMDSAS either through email or through the internal message system within your application. If you have questions that cannot be answered by reading the TMDSAS website or by monitoring your application status online, you can contact TMDSAS either by email, sending a message through the application or by phone.
**UPDATING YOUR COURSEWORK – ACADEMIC UPDATE**

After initially submitting your application, you may want to update your college coursework history to reflect newly completed courses or planned/in progress courses following the Spring 2017 term. **Remember, you cannot submit your application until you have entered your Spring 2017 grades (or Winter 2017 if on a quarter system).**

TMDSAS provides the opportunity to update coursework online. To do so, you must first add the term to the [Terms Attended] section and then add the planned coursework to the [College Coursework] section. Indicate “Not Yet Reported” as the grade for future/planned coursework.

Be sure to submit an official transcript reflecting new grades between the application deadline and planned entry date – Summer 2018. All new grades will be verified and new TMDSAS GPA’s will be computed and made available to your designated schools.

**TMDSAS GPA**

TMDSAS calculates the following GPA’s:

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GPA CALCULATION RULES

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board determines the procedures for calculating the GPA for students seeking admission to graduate or professional school in Texas. All institutions must follow these guidelines. The guidelines are as follows:

1. Only official transcripts from regionally accredited institutions of higher education in the United States shall be accepted by the graduate and professional schools of an institution of higher education for evaluation and grade point calculation. Canadian coursework will not be used in calculating the GPA. Schools will refer directly to the official transcript for GPA information.

2. All academic work undertaken and grades or symbols assigned at each institution shall be reflected on the student’s official transcript(s). No grade may be expunged from a student’s record.

3. All grades assigned for academic coursework shall be used in calculating the GPA.

4. A 4.0 scale shall be used in computing the GPA. (A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, D=1.0, F=0.0)

5. A grade or symbol indicating failure (F, WF, NC, or in a pass/fail system, FL equals F) shall count as hours undertaken, but no grade points shall be earned.

6. Excluded from the GPA shall be any credit by examination (CR), quit (Q), withdrew (W), withdrew passing (WP), incomplete (I or X), and a pass grade within a pass/fail system.

7. The GPA shall be computed by multiplying each grade point (see 4 and 5) by the semester or quarter credit hours earned per course and totaling the products. The semester or quarter hours of courses undertaken shall then be totaled. The total of the products shall be divided by the total semester or quarter hours. The result is to be calculated to the hundredth place, giving the official cumulative GPA.

8. Academic work at foreign colleges, universities or prep schools shall be excluded from the calculation. In such cases, the GPA and credit shall be evaluated and computed as determined by the graduate or professional school to which the student is applying.

*Last updated 1/9/2017*
Application Fee

- Application fee can be paid online by credit card or electronic funds transfer/ACH. Fee can also be paid by mailing in a money order or cashier’s check drawn on a US bank.
- If paying by credit card or electronic funds transfer, payment section must be completed in order to submit your application by the deadline.
- If paying by money order/cashier’s check, fee must be received in our office by 5:00 pm CT on October 6, 2017. Any fees received after October 7 will be returned – no exceptions.

Official Transcripts

- Mail in official transcripts from each college/university you have attended, including:
  - Colleges/universities through which you earned dual credit coursework while in high school.
  - Colleges/universities through which you earned credit that was then transferred to your home institution.
- Transcripts should be accompanied by the TMDSAS Transcript Request Form. Form can be downloaded from [Transcript Request Form] page on website or from [Colleges Attended] section in the application.
- Spring 2017 grades (or Winter 2017 if on a quarter system) must be recorded on your transcript before delivered to TMDSAS.
- Transcripts for future coursework are not required until the course has been completed and a grade has been recorded.
- You must send updated transcripts to TMDSAS at the end of each term that coursework is completed between the time of application and expected date of matriculation.
- You can mail the transcript yourself as long as it remains in a sealed envelope from the registrar.

Letters of Recommendation

- Do not have letters of evaluation delivered to TMDSAS until you have completed the [Letters of Evaluation] section of the application.
- Letters must be on official letterhead and contain evaluator’s signature or they will not be accepted.

Test Scores

- To release MCAT scores: from the MCAT Testing History (THx) System, select [Send All of My Scores], then select [Texas Medical & Dental Schools Application Service].
- To release DAT scores: request that all of your DAT scores be released to one of the Texas dental schools to which you are applying. All DAT scores released to one of the Texas dental schools will automatically be sent to TMDSAS.

Additional Info

- TMDSAS will begin to process your application once the application has been submitted and your application fee has been received. We do not wait on supporting documents (letters, transcripts). We will update the schools with these materials as they are received.
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