

# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

## Application Requirements

The University of Louisville School of Medicine participates in the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS). Applications can be found at [www.aamc.org/students/applying/amcas/](http://www.aamc.org/students/applying/amcas/) (<https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/amcas/>) beginning mid-May of each year. Applications are screened once they have been verified by AMCAS, regardless of residency status. Allow 4-6 weeks for AMCAS to verify applications. The ULSOM's AMCAS application deadline is November 1st.

Selected applicants are notified by email to complete the secondary application. There is a non-refundable application fee unless you received a fee waiver through the AMCAS fee assistance program. Candidates should log in to the secondary application site within two weeks of notification; however, the deadline to complete and submit the secondary application online is December 1st. Most competitive candidates should submit the secondary application as soon as possible.

## Admission Test (MCAT)

All applicants must take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). The MCAT should preferably be taken during the second semester of the applicant's junior year, or the summer term immediately thereafter. In no case should it be postponed later than the fall of the year prior to the one in which the applicant intends to enter medical school. The MCAT should not be attempted before the major basic science requirements are completed.

MCAT information may be obtained from the applicant's pre-medical advisory personnel or by going online at the following web address: <https://students-residents.aamc.org/prepare-mcat-exam/> <https://students-residents.aamc.org/prepare-mcat-exam/prepare-mcat-exam/>.

The ULSOM accepts the most recent score, and will not accept any MCAT scores older than two years old.

## Letters of Evaluation

The University of Louisville School of Medicine requires letter of evaluation as part of a complete application. Letter requirements can be fulfilled in one of the following ways:

**Committee letter or letter packet:** If your college/university has a committee letter process or compiles letter packets through an advisor, this packet fulfills the requirement in full.

**Individual letters:** If no committee letter exists for your primary institution, an applicant must provide (3) individual letters including:

- One letter from a faculty member who taught the applicant in an area of biology, chemistry, physics, or mathematics (BCPM). See AMCAS Course Classification Guide (<https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fstudents-residents.aamc.org%2Fapplying-medical-school-amcas%2Famcas-course-classification-guide&data=05%7C02%7Cheather.moore%40louisville.edu%7Ca79361332e064c244b4808dd6634c5cc%7Cdd246e4a54344e158ae391ad9797b209%7C0%7C0%7C638779099024120782%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOjXaW4zMiltSkFOIjoiTWFpbClslldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C>)

<https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fstudents-residents.aamc.org%2Fapplying-medical-school-amcas%2Famcas-course-classification-guide&data=05%7C02%7Cheather.moore%40louisville.edu%7Ca79361332e064c244b4808dd6634c5cc%7Cdd246e4a54344e158ae391ad9797b209%7C0%7C0%7C6387790990241388%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOjXaW4zMiltSkFOIjoiTWFpbClslldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C> for more information.

- One professional letter, which may include a faculty member, research or other supervisor, or physician whom you shadowed.
- Candidates may submit two additional letters, ideally, from sources that speak to the candidate's suitability for medicine.
- Applicant's who have not been continuously enrolled for more than three (3) years may substitute one academic letter for a second professional letter if desired, but must have at least one faculty reference. If you have been enrolled in a post baccalaureate or graduate program for one year at the time of application, one of your letters should come from a faculty member at your current institution.
- Letters must be on letterhead, signed by the author, and submitted via the AMCAS letter service. More information on letter submission may be found at the [AMCAS Letter Service](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fstudents-residents.aamc.org%2Fapplying-medical-school-amcas%2Famcas-letter-service-advisors-and-other-letter-authors&data=05%7C02%7Cheather.moore%40louisville.edu%7Ca79361332e064c244b4808dd6634c5cc%7Cdd246e4a54344e158ae391ad9797b209%7C0%7C0%7C6387790990241388%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOjXaW4zMiltSkFOIjoiTWFpbClslldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C) (<https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fstudents-residents.aamc.org%2Fapplying-medical-school-amcas%2Famcas-letter-service-advisors-and-other-letter-authors&data=05%7C02%7Cheather.moore%40louisville.edu%7Ca79361332e064c244b4808dd6634c5cc%7Cdd246e4a54344e158ae391ad9797b209%7C0%7C0%7C6387790990241388%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOjXaW4zMiltSkFOIjoiTWFpbClslldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C>) webpage.
- **Letters of evaluation must be submitted in order for your secondary application to be considered complete and under further consideration for interview invitation.**

## Criminal Background Check

A Criminal Background Check (CBC) will be administered through AAMC on all applicants at the time of acceptance, and on alternate applicants at the request of the Admissions Office. Applicants must consent, submit to, and satisfactorily complete a criminal background check investigation as a condition of matriculation into ULSOM.

More information on the CBC policy (<http://louisville.edu/medicine/admissions/policies/criminal-background-check-policy/>) can be found on the ULSOM website.

## Personal Interview

The Office of Admissions arranges appointments for interviews with all applicants whose qualifications indicate that further consideration is appropriate. If an applicant is eligible for an interview, the applicant will be notified via email.