Time to Start Thinking About Your Medical School Application

The American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®) is the AAMC's centralized medical school application processing service, which allows you to apply to any school with just one online application. While filling out your AMCAS application is straightforward, this is not something you can complete overnight! With the 2017 AMCAS application cycle just around the corner, we've highlighted tips and resources to help you better prepare for completing your application.

Learn More →

How Federal Budget Changes Could Affect Your Future Medical Training

Many organizations—like the AAMC, medical schools, and teaching hospitals—work to ensure that aspiring physicians, like yourself, will have access to the educational and research opportunities necessary to become well-trained physicians. If you missed the news on President Obama's budget proposal last month, we've summarized a few important points of interest for those pursuing a career in medicine.

Learn more →

What Does it Mean To Make Sure You "Fit" with a School's Mission?
It's easy to forget that it's not just about medical schools deciding whether you are good fit for their programs. It's also about you choosing a school that is the right fit for you. Learn more about what mission fit means and why it is important in this presentation *Mission-Fit: Applying to the Right Medical Schools.*

**Watch now →**

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**Inspiring Story Highlight**

Never let anyone else decide that medicine isn't right for you.

"When I struggled in chemistry my freshman year, I was told maybe medicine wasn't right for me. Now I'm a pediatrics resident at the University of Illinois at Chicago."

[Read Sarah Mongiello Bernstein’s story](#) about her decision to become a physician.

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**FIRST Tip of the Month**

Did you know that when it's time to pay back your student loans, your payment could be as low as $0/month? With federal student loans, income-driven repayment plans are available to make payment affordable. Read more about these loan repayment plans on [FIRST’s website](#).

Brought to you by FIRST (Financial Information, Resources, Services, and Tools) – an AAMC service that provides free resources to help you make wise financial decisions.

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**Important Dates**

**Early March**

New [Medical School Admission Requirements®](https://medicalschooladmissions.org) (MSAR®) released

**March 21**

[Ask Admissions Webinar: How To Choose Letter Writers](https://www.aamc.org/medialibrary/4/3/3/2/6/4/26446/4332661.pdf) from 8:00-9:00 PM ET. Follow [@AAMCPreMed](https://twitter.com/AAMCPreMed) for more details! See the [AAMC Pre-Med Calendar](https://www.aamc.org/aamc-pre-med/calendar) for registration details!

**March 23-27**

2016 SNMA Annual Medical Education Conference. See the [AAMC Pre-Med Calendar](https://www.aamc.org/aamc-pre-med/calendar) for registration details!
March 31-April 3
66th Annual AMSA Convention and Exposition. See the AAMC Pre-Med Calendar for registration details!

April 1
MCAT test day

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