



Texas Medical & Dental Schools  
Application Service

# Quick Start Guide to the TMDSAS Application

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Packed with Scannable QR codes, website links, podcasts, and videos.

Look for these icons:



Access video here:





## Before gathering what you need, check these helpful resources



College Freshmen and Sophomores



First Gen Students



Non-traditional, Military and Veterans



Reapplicants

Pre-Dental



Pre-Medical /  
Podiatry



Pre-Veterinary



# What you will need:

[tmdsas.com/application-guide](https://tmdsas.com/application-guide)

Professional digital photo of yourself

Official transcripts from every school attended

Contact Information

Coursework: college credits while in High School

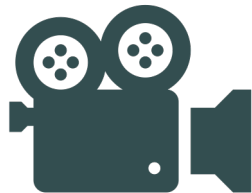
List of all present, planned, and future activities

Essays

Credit Card

Do you  watching videos?

**Check this TMDSAS application  
walkthrough**





## Connect with us!



Texas Health Education Service  
YouTube channel



TMD SAS Instagram

## Application Guide

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The highlighted table of content sections in the Application Guide mirror the sections on the application



## Quick-Start to the TMD SAS Application Guide

# Applicant User Agreement

The application will time out after 60 minutes –  
Save often!

You can start your application WITHOUT your  
Test Scores and letter of evaluation (LOE) – You  
can submit them later.

TRANSCRIPTS – Do not submit them unless  
contacted by TMDSAS.

Print and review your application prior  
submission.

All communications between applicant and  
TMDSAS will be through the Internal Messaging  
Portal.



# Select Schools

## TMDSAS Network Institutions:



4 Dental Schools



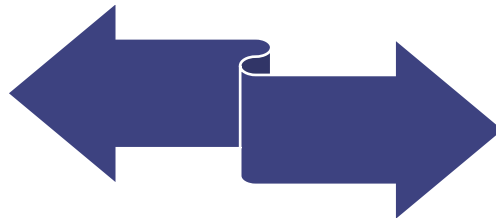
14 Medical Schools



1 Podiatry School



2 Veterinary Schools



Click here or scan the code to learn more about **the school(s)** you are applying



# Applicant History

THIS

OR

THAT

Applicant:

- means you never applied before, or if you applied, your application was withdrawn before submission.

Re-applicant:

- means your application was transmitted to the schools.
- Make sure you answer **YES** to the first question on the application.



Click here or scan the code to learn more about **Applicant History** section

# Personal Information

## PHOTO

Memes



Cartoons



Beach attire



Professional



**Size:**

No more than 100KB

**File formats:**

jpg, gif, png, or bmp



Click here or scan the code to learn more about the **Personal Information section**

# Education History

## HIGH SCHOOL

Don't forget any college courses taken while in high school



## COLLEGES ATTENDED

Includes past, present, and future schools



## RELEASE OF INFORMATION

If you are submitting an HPAC, you must select "YES" to release information. If you check NO, your advisor will not be able to upload your HP packet to TMDSAS.



## TERMS ATTENDED

Make sure you enter term by term per each school. Do not lump all terms of coursework into one.



Click here or scan the code to learn more about **Education History** section

# Coursework

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS** are needed for entering your coursework!

Don't forget to enter:  
APs, Dual, and IB  
Credits

For planned  
enrollment courses  
use NY grade

College Credit earned  
20 years ago or three  
months ago must be  
entered



← Don't know how to code a course?



← Study abroad Coursework: Check these scenarios



← Course Listings

# Vibe Check:



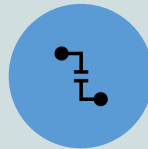
Take a break



Take a walk



Take a nap



Disconnect,  
Recharge



Continue

# Activities

Think outside the walls of your activities!

No limits to the number of activities -

Busting Myths  
about activities



**Current Activity:**  
Started before October 2024

**Planned Activity**  
Will start on November 2024 –  
end date 2025

**Ongoing Activities:**  
Beyond the application  
deadline.  
These activities can be both  
current and planned.

Activities cannot be  
updated/changed after you  
submit your application



Click here or scan the code to learn  
more about **Personal Biography &  
Activities** section

# Residency

## Option 1



TX high school graduate

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Live in TX for 36 months

+



Live in TX continuously for 12 months immediately preceding the application deadline

## Option 2

*Any one of these plus*



Gainful employment



Own and operate a business in TX



Be married for one year to a person who has established domicile



Sole or joint marital ownership of residential real estate property in TX



Live in TX continuously for 12 months immediately preceding the application deadline

**If applicable, the system will prompt you to upload documents.**





Click here or scan the code to learn more about **Residency** section

# Essays

Save often!

Up to 5000 characters including spaces

 Lol, brb, yolo, ynk

 Spell out all words

Avoid cut and paste – Type your essay directly into your TMD SAS application



Check Podcast



Click here or scan the code to learn more about **Essays** section



# Letters of Evaluation



LOE with missing info or the wrong format **will be rejected**. Detailed requirements here



## Medical/Dental Applicants Only:

Using the Health Professions Committee Packet – Answer YES



Print and review your application prior submission

### Release Information

Would you like to release your information to the health professions advisor at any school(s)?\*

Yes  No

Checking [Yes] permits your advisor to view your application as well as upload your health professions committee packet. Your TMDASAS

TMDASAS strongly encourages you to give permission to release selected information about the status of your application to your health professions advisor about the success of students from your college/university in being admitted into medical/dental/vet schools. However, your application v

Select the school(s) where you would like to release information to the health professions advisor.\*

<input type="checkbox"/>	[Redacted School Name]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[Redacted School Name]



# Transcripts

If TMDASAS requests your transcripts



Send transcript

If TMDASAS did **NOT** request your transcripts



Do not send transcript



Office Hours session:  
Transcript Truths



Click here or scan the code to learn more about **Transcripts** section

# Test Scores

How do I release my DAT Scores?



How do I release my MCAT Scores?



Retaking your DAT/MCAT



Always double-check these are entered correctly:

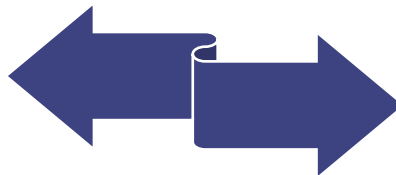
**AAMC ID or DENT PIN**

**Test Dates**

**DOB**



**Office Hours:  
Submitting Letters & Test  
Scores**



Click here or scan the code to learn more about **Test Scores** section



# Chronology of Activities

This section is **BUILT AUTOMATICALLY** from the information you entered!

Includes: HIGH SCHOOL thru AUGUST 2025

Does not include GAPS longer than 3 MONTHS

Only first 50 Characters are imported



Click here or scan the code to learn more about **Chronology of Activities** section

# Certification and Payment

## IMPORTANT:

Once you pay, your application is submitted. After submission, some sections cannot be changed. Check which ones.



## Certification Statements:

Read all statements before going to the payment section!



## Payment:

Pay \$ and Submit

Frequently  
Asked Questions



Click here or scan the code to learn more about **Certification & Payment** section

# After Submitting

CONGRATULATIONS YOU DID IT!



Now What?

Check your MESSAGES in the  
TMDSAS application portal

Secondaries Applications



What changes can I make after  
submission?



Click here or scan the code to learn  
more about **After Submitting** section