

HOW TO APPLY TO VETERINARY SCHOOL

Preparing your application is the first step you'll take on your journey to becoming a veterinarian. The AAVMC's VMCAS is a user-friendly system for applying to veterinary medical schools.

Please review the **"How to Prepare"** document for information and tips to help you prepare for applying to veterinary medical school. Also, join us for interested applicant [Webinars](#) throughout the year.



VMCAS
Veterinary Medical College
Application Service

[VMCAS Application](#)[Application Instructions](#)[VMSAR School Directory](#)

ABOUT VMCAS

VMCAS is the centralized application service for Colleges of Veterinary Medicine. Through VMCAS you can complete one application and send all your required materials through this service. Your application is then processed, verified for accuracy, and sent to the veterinary medical schools you designate.

READ OUR POLICIES ON

- [Collection, Use and Dissemination of Applicant Data](#)
- [Acceptance Date](#)

VMCAS APPEAL PROCESS

If your VMCAS application was not verified and you believe an extenuating circumstance occurred, then your final recourse is to file an appeal with the AAVMC Admissions & Recruitment Committee. This appeal is only regarding the status of your VMCAS application and does not apply to the admissions decisions made by individual universities. Decisions made by the committee are considered final.

Submit your appeal here: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/00d0925a9cbc46e8a7b4bf216202f460>

KEY DATES FOR 2025-2026 VMCAS APPLICATION CYCLE

VMCAS Application Opens	1/22/2025
Colleges Available/Applicants Can Submit Applications	5/8/2025
VMCAS Application Deadline <i>VMCAS final deadline for all application materials (VMCAS does not accept ANY late materials).</i>	9/15/2025: 11:59PM Eastern Time

VMCAS CUSTOMER SUPPORT

Contact VMCAS customer support for help with application-related questions:

- Chat available in the [VMCAS Help Center](#) (via the icon in the lower right corner)
- Email: support@vmcas.myliaison.com
- Phone: 617-612-2884
- Hours of operation: Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Eastern Time
 - Be sure to have your CAS ID number (located under your name in the upper-right corner of the application) when contacting VMCAS.

IMPORTANT VMCAS RESOURCES

2026 VMCAS Applicant Guide

[VMCAS Quick Start Guide](#)

VMCAS 2026 Sample Application

[How and Where to Send Your Transcript](#)

Letters of Recommendation

[Transcript Verification](#)

[VMCAS Application Fees](#)

What does my application fee cover?

Your VMCAS fee covers the following services

1. The processing and transmission of your VMCAS Electronic Application
2. The processing and transmission of your Letters of Recommendation
3. Application verification
4. VMCAS Student and Advisor support

NOTE: VMCAS does not provide refunds under any circumstances, including when an applicant accidentally chooses the wrong school.

Fees

VMCAS charges \$241 for the first program you apply to and \$132 for each additional program. Application fees are calculated based on the number of colleges to which you are applying.

Fee Assistance Program:

A limited number of VMCAS fee waivers are provided to qualified applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until allotted funds are exhausted. Each waiver covers only the initial application fee, so if you wish to apply to additional programs, you are responsible for the remaining balance. If you receive a fee waiver (fee reimbursement) during a previous cycle, you may still apply for fee assistance in the next cycle. The VMCAS fee assistance program will open in June. For more information see the following [fee assistance program information page](#).

Supplemental Applications and Fees

Some VMCAS institutions require a supplemental application and/or fee, which should be paid directly to the institution—not to VMCAS. Check each college's **requirement s**) entry for supplemental fee and/or application requirements and deadlines.

Note: Submitting a supplemental application or fee does not necessarily mean your VMCAS application is complete. Each college may have additional requirements. **Refer to the [Veterinary Medicine Admission Requirements](#) directory and VMCAS application instructions for full details.**