

STUDENTS APPLYING TO MEDICAL OR DENTAL SCHOOL THIS YEAR FOR ADMISSION IN FALL, 2008

Many students from Southwestern University who apply to medical schools use the Pre-Medical Advisory Committee to provide recommendations. The medical schools in Texas have developed a system for students to apply to all public schools within the state, a service named the Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service (TMDSAS). This service accepts letters of evaluation and recommendation for students from the pre-health advisory committees of the colleges and universities within the state. The committees provide the TMDSAS with a "packet" consisting of the committee's overall evaluation of each applicant, and a composite letter composed of all the letters of recommendation that students want to include in their application.

The SU Pre-Medical Advisory Committee will meet in May. At this meeting, members of the committee will consider the applications of students to medical and dental schools, and make their recommendations to be forwarded to the TMDSAS. To have the best chances of being considered for interviews, it is important to submit your application to TMDSAS as early as possible. Students who apply to medical schools need to inform the chair of the premedical advisory committee when they complete and submit their applications. The committee "packets" or letters of recommendation will not be sent until students submit their application, so timely communication insures the application will be complete at the earliest date possible.

Members of the committee will need information from every student who intends to apply to medical or dental school in order to prepare their recommendations. Therefore, I am requesting that all students planning to apply to medical or dental school send me the following before April 27, 2007:

1. A brief resumé and a short letter stating your intent to apply to medical or dental school; also include a statement about your interest in pursuing a career in medicine
2. A list of the medical or dental schools you will apply to
3. The names of 3-4 professional or personal references who will write letters on your behalf supporting your application to medical or dental school
4. When you plan to take the MCAT (dates for computerized exam given on web)
5. A signed Request to Prepare a Committee Letter of Recommendation form (obtain from the committee chair)

Please inform the people you ask to write your letters of recommendation that they should send their letters to the Chair of the Pre-Medical Advisory Committee before May 21, 2007. Instruct them to send their letters as Word documents attached to an e-mail message to the address given for Dr. Bruns. Also be sure to thank them for their help.

For students who will be applying to private schools (like Baylor) or to schools outside of Texas, please inform the chair of the Pre-Medical Advisory Committee when those schools request secondary applications. Your committee "packet" will be sent to those

schools directly when you are submit your secondary applications. When you inform the chair of the committee that you are submitting your secondary applications, please include complete mailing addresses for the schools you wish to have your recommendations sent.

Thank you for your cooperation in this process. The members of the Pre-Medical Advisory Committee are available to answer questions you might have. Their names are:

Dr. Kerry Bruns, Chair (Chemistry and Biochemistry)

Dr. Steve Alexander (Physics)

Dr. John Chapman (Mathematics and Computer Science)

Dr. Frank Guziec (Chemistry and Biochemistry)

Dr. Rebecca Sheller (Biology, Department Chair)

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