

## HOW DO I APPLY TO MEDICAL SCHOOL?

- 1) Take the MCAT exam: It is given electronically several times from January till September. Acceptance into UAMS in the past has generally required a total in the high 20's on the three parts of the MCAT exam that are scored by numbers. The writing portion of the test is more difficult to figure in, but the farther down the alphabet the better.
- 2) Complete the application form that is available from the Association of American Medical Colleges. Go to <http://www.aamc.org/students/amcas/> and follow the directions. You can apply to as many medical schools as you like (and can afford) with the same form.
- 3) Contact UAMS in Little Rock ([www.uams.edu](http://www.uams.edu)). The phone number for the admissions office is 686-5354. They will start a folder on you and will schedule a date for your interview. Their mailing address is

College of Medicine, UAMS  
Office of Student Admissions, Slot 551  
4301 West Markham  
Little Rock, AR 72205-7199

- 4) Arrange to get an official UCA recommendation from the Premedical Advisory Committee. You will receive
  - a) a request for recommendation form that will identify the individuals you have selected to provide input into your recommendation and the schools to which you are applying and
  - b) an individual evaluation form for each of the individuals you have selected. You should fill out the top, mark the appropriate line concerning confidentiality, and sign the form before taking it to the faculty member. You should have 4 to 6 of these. Select faculty members who know you well, who will give you a positive recommendation, and who articulate things well. At least 3 recommendations should be from science faculty members. It is helpful if you prepare a brief biography and give a copy to each of your references along with the form.
- 5) You can also arrange for individual recommendations from other individuals who know you well, such as family physicians, pastors, or work supervisors. Three is the maximum for UAMS. Remember that these are optional, not required, recommendations.
- 6) Start thinking about things like "Why do I want to be a doctor?" etc because someone will ask you questions like that. Don't make up something you think will sound good; be honest with yourself.

