

**MD Application**

**Hello! Thank you for your interest in the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Our secondary application is one  way we get to know our applicants even better. Please know our optional questions are included to help us understand more clearly how our applicants’ background and lived experiences contribute to expand intellectual perspectives in the class, and to the profession as a whole. All responses are confidential and restricted from use outside of the University of Maryland School of Medicine admissions and/or onboarding process. Inherent in the submission of this application is a commitment from the applicant that, while they may utilize mentors, peers, and/or AI tools for brainstorming, proofreading, or editing, all responses are a true reflection of the applicant’s own work and represents their experiences.**

1. Please provide your preferred first name and the phonetic spelling. Click [HERE](https://mynameis.raceequalitymatters.com/asset/NameShouts%20Phonetic%20Spelling%20Guide.pdf) for a phonetic spelling guide.
2. If you plan to apply for certain scholarships, state financial aid, or federal financial aid please provide your Tax ID# or Social Security Number (SSN). (Please enter your full Tax ID# or SSN)
3. Please share any relevant characteristic about your background and/or experiences not already described in AMCAS you feel may positively impact how you practice medicine in the future.” (200 words max)  (Optional)
4. Describe the reason why you are specifically interested in attending the University of Maryland School of Medicine. (1000 character max)
5. Have you previously met or attended/seen a presentation by a University of Maryland School of Medicine Admissions staff member at an open house, college fair, conference, school visit, etc.?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, please explain. (1000 character max)

1. Aside from summer and holiday breaks, have there been any pauses or delays in your education semesters between high school and college, during college, or after college?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, please explain. (1000 character max)

1. Please explain what you will be doing during the 2025-2026 academic year. If you graduated/will graduate in 2025, what are your plans for the coming year until you matriculate to medical school? (1000 character max)
2. If you’ve experienced academic challenges while in college and/or graduate or professional school please describe and explain below. Please be sure to include withdrawals, incompletes, poor grades, etc. (1000 character max) (Optional)
3. Have you ever withdrawn from or been dismissed from any educational institution or place of employment for reason of academic or disciplinary misconduct?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, please explain. (1000 character max)

1. Have you ever been the subject of disciplinary action that did not result in dismissal from school or place of employment?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, please explain. (1000 character max)

1. Briefly describe your most meaningful exposure to clinical medicine. (1500 character max)
2. Briefly describe your most satisfying experience related to community service. (1500 character max)
3. **Please describe how a specific element of our** [**School of Medicine mission, vision, and values**](https://www.medschool.umaryland.edu/mission/) **align with your vision for your future career as a physician?** . (1500 character max)
4. What does it mean to you to enter into a profession? (1500 character max)

Note: **After admissions decisions are completed and a student matriculates, any clinical training site may screen students in the same way the site screens employees. Students may be required to have an additional health examination, be tested for illicit drug use or be fingerprinted for a criminal background check before beginning clinical placement. The background check can be performed as early as the first week of medical school to obtain clearance for your clinical immersion experiences. Students who cannot pass clinical training site clearance requirements may not be able to fulfill the essential requirements needed to obtain a degree.  Additionally, criminal background checks are done during medical school for clinical rotations at the Baltimore VAMC (Veterans Affairs Medical Center) clinical sites, and as part of the residency application process.  Feel free to contact admissions@som.umaryland.edu if you have any questions.**