

Medical School Letters of Evaluation Policies

Medical schools have different policies on letters of evaluation regarding their committee letter requirements and whether individual letters or letter packets are acceptable. The individual policies below were provided to the AAMC in October 2016.

Medical School	Is a committee letter preferred or required?	Are individual letters acceptable?	Are letter packets acceptable?	Notes
Albany Medical College	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Albert Einstein College of Medicine	Required	Yes	Yes	
Boston University School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University	No preference	Yes	Yes	
Case Western Reserve School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Central Michigan University College of Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	
Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Cooper Medical School of Rowan University	Preferred	—	—	
Creighton University School of Medicine	Required	Yes	Yes	
Drexel University College of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Duke University School of Medicine	Preferred	—	Yes	
East Tennessee State University Quillen College of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	We seek additional information from those who know the applicant in both academic and nonacademic areas. Those who can add information not found elsewhere in the application are most valuable to us and the applicant.
Eastern Virginia Medical School	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Emory University School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	—	
Florida Atlantic University Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	Traditional students can have either a committee letter or individual letters. For individual letters, two must be from science professors and one must be from a nonscience professor. Nontraditional students can submit three letters from supervisors.

Note: Some schools refer to letters of evaluation as letters of recommendation. These terms are interchangeable and have the same meaning.

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Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Florida State University College of Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	
George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Georgetown University School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	—	
Harvard Medical School	Preferred	Yes	—	
Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	—	
Howard University College of Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	Must have at least two science recommendations.
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California	Preferred	Yes	Yes	We have a maximum of three individual letters.
Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University	No preference	Yes	Yes	If school provides a committee letter, we prefer this.
Loma Linda University School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport	Preferred	Yes	Yes	All must be current, signed, and dated.
Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine	No preference	Yes	—	
Medical College of Wisconsin	No preference	Yes	Yes	If currently or previously enrolled in graduate school, one letter from a professor or thesis advisor.
Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	
Mercer University School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	
New York Medical College School of Medicine	Preferred	—	Yes	

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New York University School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	—	
Northeast Ohio Medical University College of Medicine	No preference	—	—	Letters are not required for direct entry (traditional admission).
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	
Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine	Required	Yes	Yes	
Pritzker School of Medicine, University of Chicago	No preference	Yes	Yes	
Rutgers New Jersey Medical School	Required	—	—	If a committee letter is not provided or not available, we assess the reason and determine if we will accept a substitute.
Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Saint Louis University School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Southern Illinois University School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
State University of New York Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
State University of New York Upstate Medical University	Required	Yes	Yes	
Stony Brook University School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	
Tufts University School of Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	
Tulane University School of Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	

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Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Universidad Central del Caribe School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
University of Alabama School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
University of Arizona College of Medicine–Phoenix	No preference	Yes	Yes	
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine	Required	—	—	Premedical Advisory Committee (PMAC) letter is required. Three faculty letters are required if the applicant’s school does not have a PMAC or if it has been more than two years since attendance/graduation.
University of California, Davis, School of Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	
University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	
University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	
University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	
University of Central Florida College of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
University of Colorado School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
University of Florida College of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	
University of Illinois College of Medicine	No preference	Yes	—	
University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine	Required	Yes	Yes	
University of Kansas School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
University of Kentucky College of Medicine	Required	Yes	Yes	
University of Louisville School of Medicine	Required	Yes	Yes	Noncommittee letter choices are acceptable only if the school does not have a committee.

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University of Maryland School of Medicine	Required	—	—	If a composite committee letter of recommendation is not available at a given school, we require that applicants submit at least three individual letters: two from science teachers and one from a nonscience teacher.
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	—	
University of Michigan Medical School	No preference	Yes	Yes	
University of Minnesota Medical School	No preference	Yes	Yes	
University of Mississippi School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
University of Missouri–Columbia School of Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	
University of Nebraska College of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine (formerly University of Nevada School of Medicine)	No preference	Yes	—	
University of New Mexico School of Medicine	No preference	Yes	—	
University of North Carolina School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences	No preference	—	Yes	
University of Oklahoma College of Medicine	Preferred	—	—	We require either the committee letter and one faculty letter <i>or</i> three faculty letters.
University of Pittsburgh Medical School	Preferred	Yes	—	
University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine	No preference	—	—	We do not require or consider institutional letters of evaluation.
University of South Alabama College of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	—	
University of South Carolina School of Medicine–Columbia	No preference	Yes	Yes	
University of South Carolina School of Medicine–Greenville	Preferred	Yes	Yes	

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University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	
University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	
University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine	No preference	Yes	—	
University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas Medical School	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
University of Utah School of Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	Individual letters must be attached to the premed committee's letter.
University of Vermont College of Medicine	Required	Yes	Yes	If a school doesn't have a committee, individual letters are OK. If the school has a committee, we require it.
University of Virginia School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
University of Washington School of Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health	No preference	Yes	Yes	
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	We are flexible regarding letters as long as they support the AAMC's <i>Guidelines for Writing a Letter of Evaluation for a Medical School Applicant</i> .
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	We prefer committee letter but will accept individual letters and packets.
Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Wake Forest University School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Washington University School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	Yes	
Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	
Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine	Preferred	Yes	—	
Yale School of Medicine	No preference	Yes	Yes	Additional letters can be submitted after application has been completed.