

AMCAS® Choose Your Medical School Tool



What is the Choose Your Medical School tool?

The AAMC American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) created this tool to support medical schools' enrollment management processes and help applicants communicate their intentions about which medical schools they plan to attend. Successful use of the tool depends on schools including it in their school-specific policies and communicating those policies to applicants.

How does the tool work?

Beginning **Feb. 19**, applicants can select "Plan to Enroll" in the AMCAS application for one school that has accepted them. Making this selection allows schools to view the number of applicants who selected their school for "Plan to Enroll."

- Until April 30, applicants can continue to hold other acceptances, remain on alternate lists, and interview at other schools.
- If applicants receive new offers, they can update their selection at any time, but they can select only one "Plan to Enroll" school at a time.
- Being able to see the number of applicants who have selected a given school or another school in the AMCAS tool helps schools manage enrollment.
- When an applicant selects "Plan to Enroll" for a school, AMCAS informs the other schools that have made offers to the applicant that this selection has been made but does not identify the applicant or the selected school.

Beginning **April 30**, accepted applicants have two options to select: "Plan to Enroll" or "Commit to Enroll." Selecting "Commit to Enroll" indicates the applicant has made a final selection and withdrawn all other applications.

- Starting April 30, the AMCAS tool identifies the applicants who make either selection. This applicant-specific information will be visible only to schools where the applicant has been accepted or has an alternate-list position.
- When an applicant selects "Commit to Enroll" for a school, the tool automatically notifies all the other schools currently offering an acceptance or alternate-list status of this commitment and the applicant's identity – but not of the name of the school selected.
- **Selecting "Commit to Enroll" does not automatically withdraw applications from other medical schools. Applicants must communicate directly with all schools about their final decision according to each school's policy.**

Important Considerations for Medical Schools

- Medical schools should provide guidance to applicants about their individual Choose Your Medical School policies and timelines.
- Schools are encouraged to include their Choose Your Medical School guidelines in all materials for applicants and on their website.
- Schools should be in direct communication with accepted and alternate-list applicants, especially about their Choose Your Medical School policies. AMCAS does not provide applicants with school-specific policies and timelines.
- Schools should ensure that their school's admission instructions, deadlines, and requirements are current in the Medical School Admission Requirements™ (MSAR®) database.
- Schools should submit timely admissions actions throughout the cycle to ensure that applicant selections, withdrawals, and rejections are up to date and reports generated from the data are accurate.

What can applicants and medical schools do and when?

	FEBRUARY 19**	APRIL 15**	APRIL 30**	OCTOBER, Post-Cycle
Milestone	"Plan to Enroll" becomes available for applicants to select in the AMCAS application.	Applicant protocols ask applicants to narrow their acceptance offers to three.	"Commit to Enroll" becomes available to applicants in the tool, and "Plan to Enroll" remains available.	AMCAS application cycle closes.
Applicant Activity	Applicants can begin to select "Plan to Enroll" using the tool at the direction of the schools.	Applicants holding more than three acceptances narrow their acceptances to three schools. There is no impact on alternate-list offers.	Following the direction of the medical schools, applicants have the option to select "Commit to Enroll," indicating they have made their final selection and withdrawn all other applications by communicating directly with each school.	Applicants have matriculated.
Medical School Activity	<i>Medical schools can find out how many applicants in their pool have selected "Plan to Enroll" for their school or for another school.</i>	<i>Medical schools continue to submit timely admissions actions to the AMCAS program.</i>	<i>Medical schools can run detailed reports to identify their accepted and alternate-list applicants who have selected "Plan to Enroll" or "Commit to Enroll" for their school versus another school.</i>	<i>Medical schools can see where applicants in their pool matriculated.</i>

*AMCAS will email applicants who have an acceptance about the best practices of the Choose Your Medical School tool and the significance of the protocols.

**If a date falls on a weekend or holiday, the next business day applies.

Example of an applicant who followed medical school-specific policies and the information medical schools see

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p>Feb. 1 Alex the AMCAS applicant holds four acceptances, from Medical Schools A, B, C, and D, and is on three alternate lists, at Schools E, F, and G.</p> <p>Feb. 19 Alex selects "Plan to Enroll" for Medical School A in the AMCAS Choose Your Medical School tool.</p> <p><i>Medical School A will see an increase of one in their "My School" count. Schools B, C, and D will see an increase of one in their "Another School" count.</i></p>	<p>March 15 Alex is accepted by Medical School E and changes his "Plan to Enroll" selection from School A to School E. He is still holding four other acceptances and remains on two alternate lists.</p> <p><i>Medical School E will see an increase of one in their "My School" count. School A will see a decrease of one in their "My School" count and an increase of one in their "Another School" count.</i></p>	<p>April 15 Alex follows the applicant protocols and narrows his selection to three acceptances (Medical Schools A, B, and E) by withdrawing his acceptances from Schools C and D through direct communication with the schools. He remains on the alternate lists of Schools F and G.</p> <p><i>Medical Schools C and D will see a decrease of one in their "Another School" count.</i></p> <p>April 30 Alex narrows his selection to Medical School E by withdrawing from Schools A and B. He remains on two alternate lists. He reviewed the school-specific policy for School E, and he is not required to select "Commit to Enroll" yet.</p> <p><i>Medical School E will see that Alex has selected "Plan to Enroll" for their school ("My School"). Schools F and G will see that Alex has selected "Plan to Enroll" for some other medical school ("Another School").</i></p>	<p>May 15 Alex receives an offer from Medical School F. He accepts and selects "Plan to Enroll" for this school in the AMCAS tool, where he sees that School F matriculates on June 29 and requires applicants to select "Commit to Enroll" 21 days before matriculation. He withdraws his application from School E by communicating with the school directly and remains on one alternate list, at School G.</p> <p><i>Medical School F will see that Alex has selected "Plan to Enroll" for their school ("My School"). Medical School E will see that Alex changed his "Plan to Enroll" selection from their school to some other medical school ("Another School"). Once they update his action to "Withdrawn After Acceptance," he will no longer appear in the Detailed Report. Medical School G will see that Alex has selected "Plan to Enroll" for some other medical school ("Another School").</i></p>	<p>June 8 Alex selects "Commit to Enroll" in the tool based on the school-specific policy of School F requiring applicants to select "Commit to Enroll" 21 days before matriculation. He withdraws his application from School G through direct communication with the school.</p> <p><i>Medical School F will see that Alex selected "Commit to Enroll" for their school ("My School"). School G is notified that Alex has selected "Commit to Enroll" for some other school ("Another School"). Once they update his action to "Withdrawn After Acceptance," he will no longer appear in the Detailed Report.</i></p>