



# The Dental School Application Process

Pre-Dental Society

Attendance:



# ADEA AADSAS

- ❖ American Dental Education Association  
Associated American Dental School Application  
Service
- ❖ The online application for dental schools
  - Verifies Transcript
  - Calculates GPA
  - Application is sent to chosen schools for  
review

# BEFORE YOU APPLY

- ❖ All pre-requisite classes (varies slightly per school)
- ❖ The DAT
- ❖ Shadowing
- ❖ Secured letters of recommendation
  - 2 Science Professors
  - 1 Dentist
  - 1 Other
- ❖ Personal Statement
- ❖ Researching/Picking schools
  - Application is sent to every school you choose
  - First school- \$264
  - All other schools-\$115

# IDEAL TIMELINE

- ❖ April/May:
  - Research schools
  - Take the DAT
  - Order transcripts
  - Secure letters of recommendations
  - Complete personal statement
- ❖ Beginning of June:
  - Submit application (the earlier, the better)
- ❖ July-August:
  - Complete secondary applications
- ❖ Fall/Spring term
  - Interviews
  - Offers of acceptances/notice of denials - starting December

# THE APPLICATION

- ❖ 2024-2025 cycle dates (new cycle TBA)
  - May 14th-Application opens
  - June 4th-Submission opens
- ❖ Separated into 4 sections
  - Personal information
  - Academic History
  - Supporting Information
  - Program Material
- ❖ Prepare; some sections are lengthy



# PERSONAL INFORMATION

- ❖ Biography Information: Your name, age, place of birth, etc
- ❖ Contact Information: Address, phone number, email
- ❖ Citizenship Information
- ❖ Environmental Factors: Academics, upbringing, connections to dentistry
- ❖ Parents/Guardians: Academics, occupation
- ❖ Race & Ethnicity
- ❖ Other Information: DENTPIN (for DAT), matriculation year into school, criminal/academic infraction status, manual dexterity, COVID-19 impact (optional)

# ACADEMIC HISTORY

- ❖ Colleges attended
  - Attach official transcripts
- ❖ High School attended
- ❖ Manual transcript entry
- ❖ Standardized test
  - DAT entry: date taken, score



# SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- ❖ Evaluations: Letter of Recommendations/HPEC packet
- ❖ Experiences: Jobs, shadowing, extracurriculars
  - Dates, descriptions, number of weeks/hours per week
  - Star 6 most important
- ❖ Achievements: Awards, Honors, Scholarships
  - Organization, description, date issued
- ❖ Licenses: Hygienist/Dental Assistant, Dental tech, etc
- ❖ Personal Statement: 4500 character limit

# PROGRAM MATERIAL

- ❖ Individual requirements from each school (varies)
- ❖ Prerequisite classes
  - Manually assign from your transcript
- ❖ Supplemental questions (only some)
  - Why do you want to go to OUR school?
  - What do you want to do after dental school?
  - Ties to school (applied before, undergrad applied, family members)
  - Short essays (personal mission statement, facing ethical dilemma, memorable dental experience, etc)

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**QUESTIONS?**

# Additional Helpful Links

## [Dossier - Interfolio](#)

- This is a portal you can use to confidentially store your LOR's (if not using HPEC) and later upload them to your application
- Make sure to ask professors at least 8 weeks before the date you plan to submit your application
- Once they agree, you can enter their name/email in the portal and it will send an automated email instructing them on how to submit

## [UMBC HPEC](#)

- If you are planning to start dental school in Fall 2026, the HPEC application opens in December 2024

## [Dental School Stats Spreadsheet](#)

- These are the stats for each school which is helpful to look at when deciding where to apply