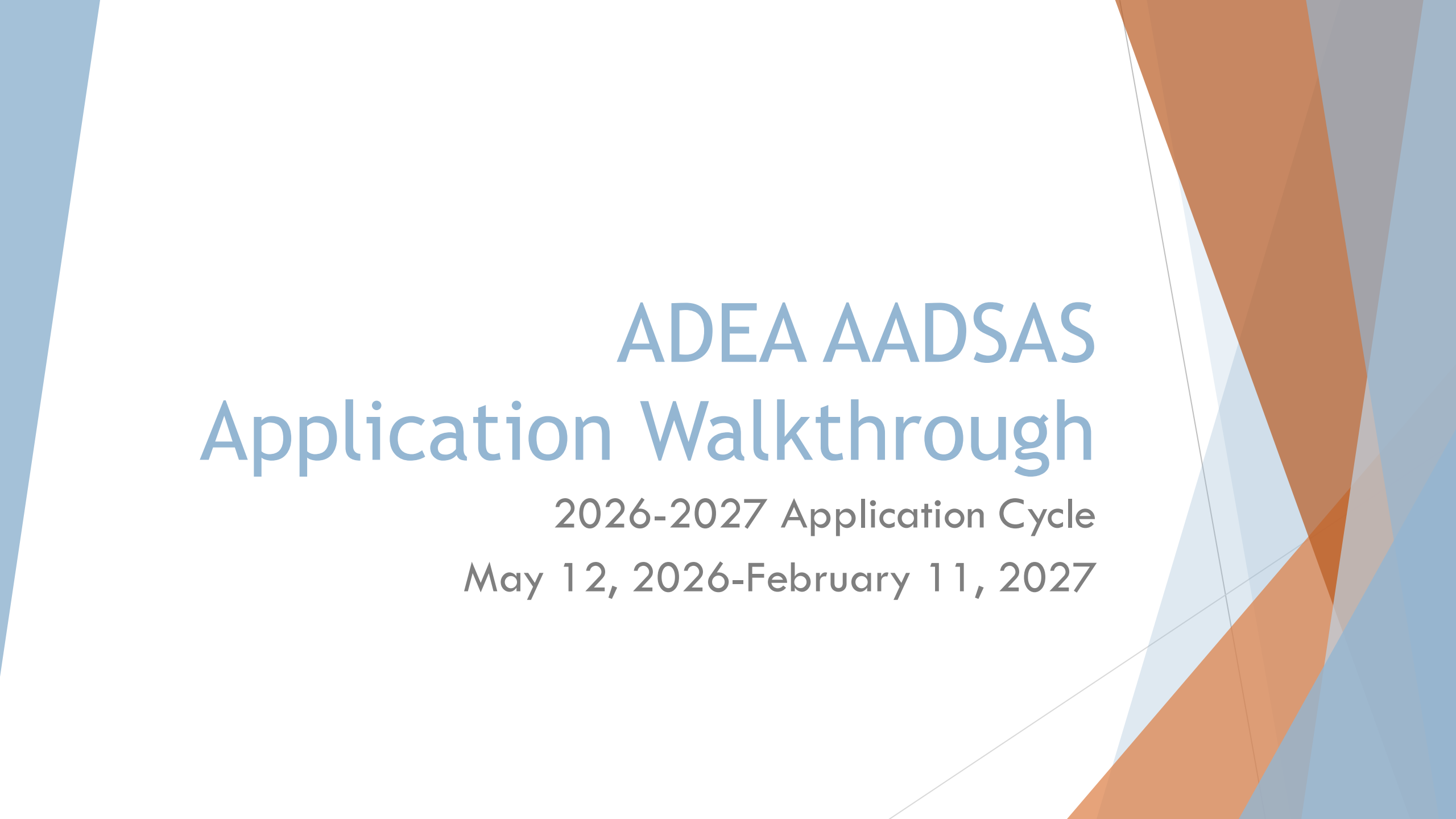


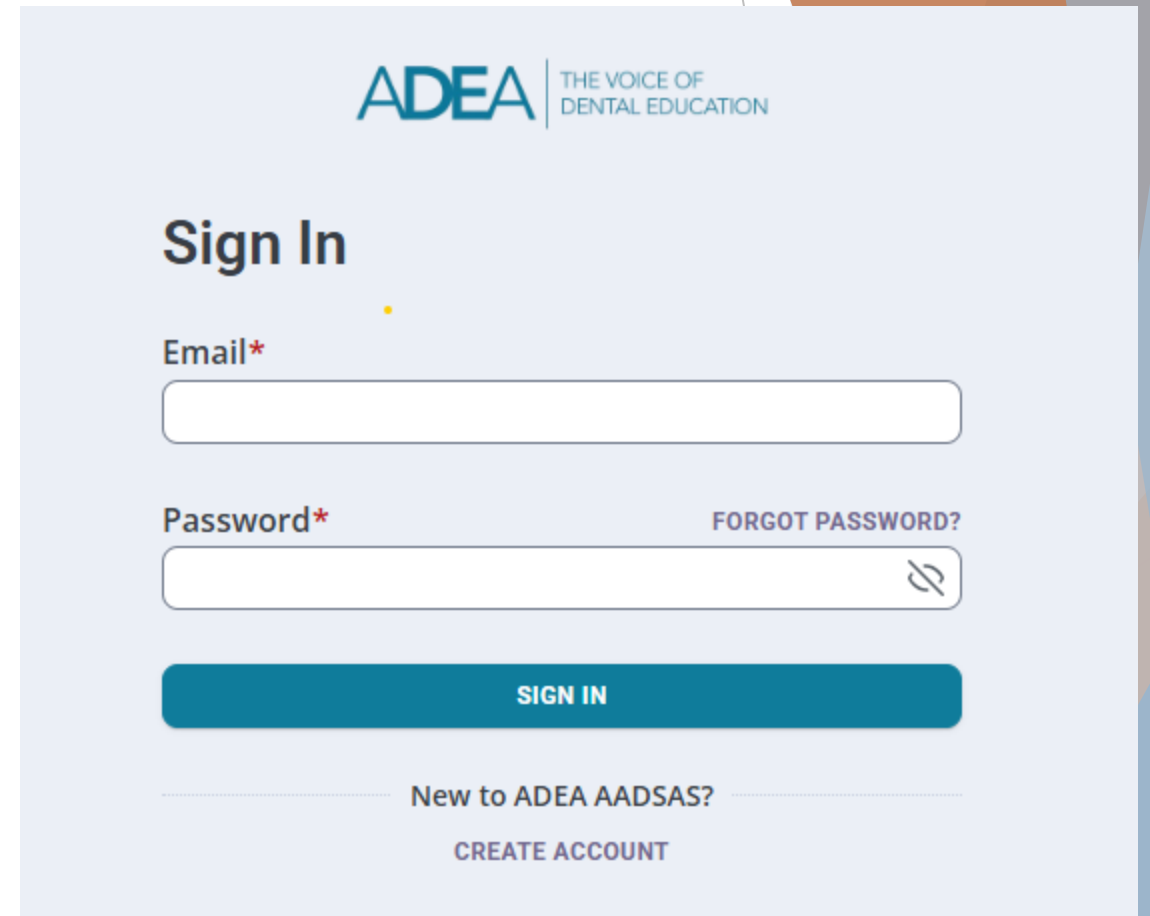


ADEA AADSAS Application Walkthrough

2026-2027 Application Cycle
May 12, 2026-February 11, 2027

What is ADEA AADSAS?

- ▶ The ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (ADEA AADSAS®) simplifies the process of applying to dental programs. You start by selecting the programs you wish to apply to, then you submit one application that includes all necessary materials. Once received by ADEA AADSAS, your application and materials go through a verification process before being transmitted to your selected programs. [Click here](#) to start your application.



The screenshot shows the ADEA AADSAS Sign In page. At the top right is the ADEA logo with the tagline 'THE VOICE OF DENTAL EDUCATION'. Below the logo is the heading 'Sign In'. There are two input fields: 'Email*' and 'Password*'. The 'Email*' field is a simple text box. The 'Password*' field is a text box with a toggle icon on the right. To the right of the 'Password*' field is a link that says 'FORGOT PASSWORD?'. Below the input fields is a large blue button labeled 'SIGN IN'. At the bottom of the page, there is a link that says 'New to ADEA AADSAS?' followed by 'CREATE ACCOUNT'.

ADEA | THE VOICE OF DENTAL EDUCATION

Sign In

Email*

Password* [FORGOT PASSWORD?](#)

[SIGN IN](#)

[New to ADEA AADSAS?](#) [CREATE ACCOUNT](#)

Prior to the Start of the Application Process:

- ▶ Research [programs](#) you wish to apply to. Pay special attention to:
 - [Cycle dates](#) and deadline requirements. In some instances, the individual program's deadline may differ from the application's cycle dates.
 - [Application fees](#). ADEA AADSAS charges \$264 for the first program you apply to and \$115 for each additional program. Some programs may have a supplemental fee; contact your programs to learn if they require this and how to pay it.
 - Evaluation requirements.
 - Minimum requirements, including prerequisites, standardized test scores, supplemental applications, foreign evaluations, etc.
- ▶ Utilize the [ADEA Dental School Explorer](#) online for stats, deadlines and other information on each school.
- ▶ Use the [UGA Pre-Professional Planner](#) to take notes about your experiences.
- ▶ Make sure to use Chrome or Firefox as these browsers work best with the application.

DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH

- ▶ This presentation is meant to serve as a resource for you in completing your application. It does **NOT** cover all aspects of the application so please be diligent about doing your own research.
- ▶ If you do not find the answer to your question in this walkthrough, click [here](#) to look in the ADEA Application Help Center for more detailed information.
- ▶ For the quickest response, use the chat icon at the lower right corner of the application.
- ▶ If your question is not answered by either this walkthrough or the Application Help Center you can **contact ADEA AADSAS for further assistance:**
 - Phone: 617-612-2045 (applicant inquiries only – open M-F, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET)
 - Email: support@adeaaadsas.myliaison.com (ADEA AADSAS usually provides responses to emails within two business days; however, response times can take up to three business days when they are at their busiest.
 - Be sure to have your CAS ID number (located in the Applicant Menu (person icon) in the lower-left corner of the application) when contacting ADEA AADSAS.

ADEA 2026-2027 ADEA AADSAS IMPORTANT DATES:

- ▶ **March 21, 2026** | ADEA GoDental Recruitment Event, a free in-person event, takes place.
- ▶ **April 15, 2026** | 2026-27 [ADEA AADSAS Fee Assistance Program \(FAP\)](#) application opens.
- ▶ **May 12, 2026** | 2026-27 ADEA AADSAS application opens.
- ▶ **TBD** | ADEA GoDental Virtual Fair, a FREE online event, takes place. Applicants can chat with over 60+ dental schools.
- ▶ **June 2, 2026** | First day to submit your 2026-27 ADEA AADSAS application.
- ▶ **Aug. 13 - Sept. 29, 2026** | Academic Update period (1st academic period)
- ▶ **Dec. 1, 2026 - Feb. 5, 2027** | Academic Update period (2nd academic period)
- ▶ **Dec. 15, 2026** | 2026-27 dental school acceptance notification date
- ▶ **Feb. 5, 2027** | 2026-27 ADEA AADSAS closes.
- ▶ **Feb. 11, 2027** | Last day to submit all official documents to ADEA AADSAS.

Click [HERE](#) for changes
this cycle

FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

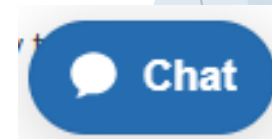
Click [HERE](#) for Information about the Fee Assistance Program (FAP)

Highlights/Important Notes

- ▶ Read the entire [**ADEA AADSAS application instructions**](#) carefully before you apply. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to your advisor.
- ▶ ADEA AADSAS applications **will not be processed until all official undergraduate transcripts are received.**
- ▶ After the ADEA AADSAS application, fee payment and official transcripts are received, it usually takes about **four to six weeks to process an application.** To help you keep track of your application and all materials, refer to the CAS Status section at the top of the application.
- ▶ Most dental schools will email a request for additional information and fees shortly after you submit the application. Fulfill **supplemental application requirements within 2 weeks of receipt.**
- ▶ **APPLY EARLY!** We suggest **submitting your application during the summer.** Do not wait until deadlines approach to submit your application. Each dental school has its own application deadline. ADEA AADSAS does not send your application to a school if your application is received by ADEA AADSAS after the school's deadline.

When You Should Contact a Program Directly

- ▶ [ADEA AADSAS](#) can assist with application-related questions. Many of your questions can be answered from the chat located on the bottom right of your application.
- ▶ For all other inquiries, including the following, please contact your program directly:
 - Admission requirements and policies
 - Deadline requirements
 - Prerequisites
 - Supplemental materials
 - Requirements regarding the identity of evaluators
 - Status of your application after it has been verified
 - Admission decisions and interview questions
 - Content and duration of a particular school's program
- ▶ Once you have submitted your application, the school will not provide guidance regarding your competitiveness.



Chat button located in the bottom right on every page of your ADEA AADSAS

ADEA AADSAS Background Checks

► Overview

- Background checks vary widely from program to program. Some programs require applicant background checks prior to acceptance, while others require these checks as a condition of matriculation. For questions about background checks – including when in the application process this must be completed – contact each of your programs directly.
- Background checks reflect all prior convictions, guilty pleas, city ordinance citations (such as public intoxication), illegal possession(s) including possession of alcohol under the legal age, payments of fines (including those for traffic violations), and in some cases, prior records thought to have been expunged. Note that in some states, common traffic violations can be considered misdemeanors.
- Programs that Require Background Checks: ADEA AADSAS has partnered with [Certiphi Screening](#) to offer participating programs the option of a national criminal background check (CBC) process for accepted applicants. If you receive an offer of admission from a CBC participating program, Certiphi Screening will email you with instructions on how to complete the background check process. Receipt of this email indicates that the CBC is required as part of your acceptance to the program.
- Fee Payment: Before a CBC can be completed, you must pay a required fee of \$75 USD.

ARE YOU RE-APPLYING?

► Overview

- You can use an existing account from a previous cycle to re-apply in the current cycle. You also keep the same CAS ID number from the previous cycle. To avoid processing delays and difficulties, do not create a new account. Duplicate accounts and any documents associated with those accounts are deleted.
 1. Log in to the application. A welcome screen appears; confirm you want to begin the re-application process by clicking **Start Reapplication**.
 2. Ensure your profile information, including your contact information, is correct.
 3. Decide if you want to copy application data. Your selection cannot be changed.

► If You Choose to Start a Fresh Application

- The data from your previous application cycle is wiped clean and you proceed with a blank application.

Click [HERE](#) for More
Instructions on
Re-Applying

Creating a New ADEA AADSAS Account

► Account Basics

- When creating an account, consider the following:
 - Create only one account to avoid processing delays and difficulties. Duplicate accounts and any documents associated with those accounts are deleted.
 - For your own security, do not share your password or account information with anyone.
 - Usernames and passwords are case-sensitive.
 - Use an email address that you check frequently to avoid missing important updates.

Click [HERE](#) for instructions on creating a new account

Selecting ADEA AADSAS Programs

► Before Selecting a Program

- **Check the program's deadline requirements.** Ensure you have enough time to apply. Determine if ADEA AADSAS or your program requires evaluations, transcripts, or other supplementary materials – if so, these must be received prior to the deadline for your application to be considered complete. Once your application is complete, it takes on average two weeks to be verified.
- **Confirm your eligibility.** Research the program and determine if you are eligible to apply. Contact the program directly if you have any questions regarding your eligibility. We do not verify prerequisites and requirements; it is your responsibility to ensure you are eligible.
- **Confirm that the program still has seats available.** Some programs fill their classes prior to their posted deadline, even if they do not specifically state they offer rolling admissions. We strongly encourage you to contact your programs and ensure seats are still available before submitting your application. ADEA AADSAS cannot offer refunds if a school you selected has already filled its class, nor can they transfer the payment to another program.

You can add more
programs later



Add Program
icon on left of
dashboard

Actions



Click +

Filling Out Your ADEA AADSAS Application

Personal Information Section

Once the application **opens on May 12, 2026**, the **FIRST** thing you should do is enter your personal information. This section includes Agreement Statements, Biographic Information, Contact Information, Citizenship Information, Environmental Factors, Parent/Guardian, Race & Ethnicity, and Other information.

Personal Information



4/8 SECTIONS

[Agreement Statements](#)



[Biographic Information](#)



[Contact Information](#)



[Citizenship Information](#)



[Environmental Factors](#)

[Parent/Guardian](#)

[Race & Ethnicity](#)

[Other Information](#)

[VIEW LESS](#) ^

Click [HERE](#) for
instructions on Personal
Information section

School Selection

- 1st school with application \$264
- Each additional program \$115
- Some programs may have an additional supplemental fee; contact your programs to learn if they require this and how to pay it.
- Average is 10 schools
- 10 schools = \$1,299

APPLY EARLY!

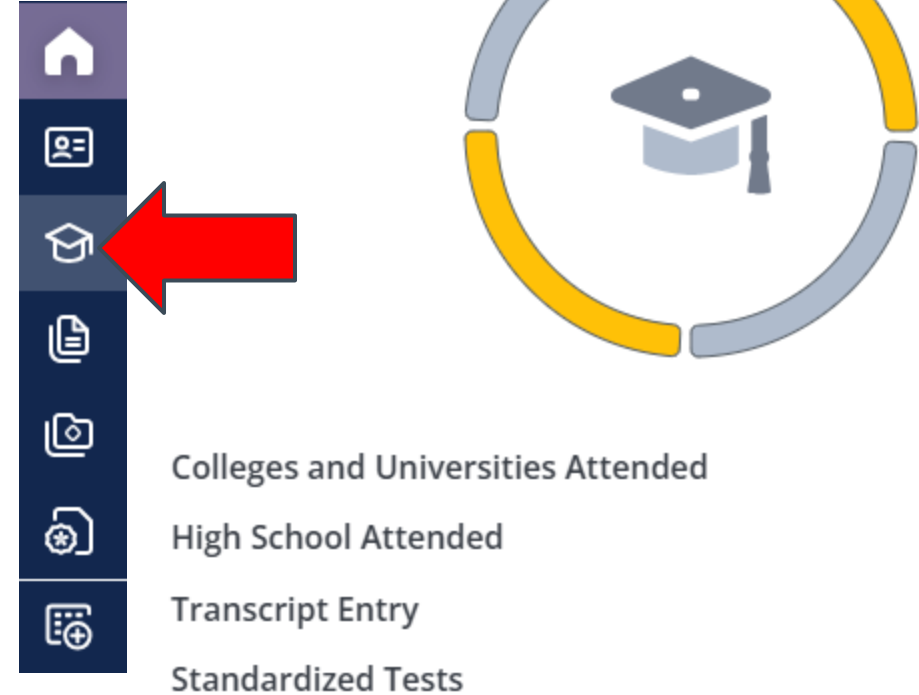
- ▶ Applicants who submit early are more successful in being invited to interviews.
- ▶ AADSAS Processing takes 4-6 weeks before it is mailed to schools
- ▶ Under the **Submit Application** tab you can see the total cost before you confirm your application.
- ▶ You can select certain schools to apply to in a batch and check-out only for those selected schools.

The screenshot shows the ADEA AADSAS 'Submit Application' page. At the top, there are three tabs: 'My Application', 'Add Program', and 'Submit Application'. The 'Submit Application' tab is active. Below the tabs, there is a message: 'If you were approved for the 2022-23 ADEA AADSAS FAP, your fee assistance covers the first three dental school programs you apply to. You must submit to at least three programs at once to redeem your full fee assistance. Otherwise, you forfeit any remaining funds and cannot use them in the future. Visit the [Applicant Help Center](#) for more information.' Below this is a yellow warning box: 'Please note: Apply for the Fee Assistance Program (FAP) before you submit your application.' In the center, there is a summary section with 'APPLICATIONS READY FOR SUBMISSION' set to 0 and 'TOTAL FEE(S)' set to \$379.00. Below this is a table of selected schools. The first school is 'Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University (DCG)' with a deadline of 09/30/2022. The second school is 'University of Florida College of Dentistry (FLA)'. Each school has a progress bar and a 'Submit' button. A red arrow points from the 'APPLY EARLY!' text to the 'TOTAL FEE(S)' field.

School	Term	Deadline	Progress	Action
Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University (DCG)	Fall	09/30/2022		Submit
University of Florida College of Dentistry (FLA)				Submit

Academic History

- ▶ This section is where you input the colleges you attended. Additionally, you can provide information about tests you have taken or plan to take, such as the DAT.
- ▶ In this section, **ONLY** complete the **High School Attended** and **Colleges and Universities Attended** sections for now.
 - Return to this section later



Click [HERE](#) for instructions

Academic Records

- ▶ This is where you will be ordering transcripts. See next three slides for instructions on sending UGA transcripts.



Click [HERE](#) for instructions on sending transcripts from schools other than UGA

Sending UGA Transcripts

For UGA transcripts, Click on **Order** and select **Parchment**. On the instruction pop-up, click **Copy** to capture your Transcript ID. **DO NOT** visit the Parchment site. It will only redirect you to the UGA Office of the Registrar. You will need the Transcript ID to complete your transcript order through UGA. See *next slide*.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA



OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

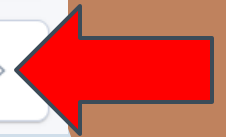
Does UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA offer transcripts through an electronic transcript service? If you're not sure, check the website of the registrar's office.

☒ Yes
☐ No

Which electronic transcript service does UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA use?



parchment



STEP 4

Include the **UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA** Transcript ID number below, which is unique to this institution only. If you do not include this specific ID, your transcript may experience processing delays.

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 COPY



Sending UGA Transcripts, Cont.

- ▶ ADEA AADSAS only accepts electronic transcripts from Credentials Solutions, Parchment, and National Student Clearinghouse.
- ▶ UGA has Parchment imbedded in its transcript ordering platform found on MyUGA. You must pay \$8.00 by credit/debit card to order your transcript.
 - Log in to the portal <http://my.uga.edu>.
 - Select **Order Transcripts**, located under **Instant Access** (pictured, top right)
 - You will login with your student ID and password
 - Select **Electronic Transcript**
 - Type **AADSAS** in the search bar and select the proper result (pictured, bottom right)
- ▶ Students requiring the inclusion of UGA spring 2026 grades on their transcript should verify the grades are correct in Athena before placing an order. Spring 2026 grades will be posted on May 12, 2026.
- ▶ Students requiring transcripts with their awarded degree from UGA should verify that their degree is posted in Athena before placing an order. Spring 2026 degrees will be awarded from May 12 – 26.

The screenshot shows the transcript ordering interface. On the left, a 'TRANSCRIPT 3.2' icon is next to the 'Electronic Transcript' section. The text states: 'Order an official electronic transcript. eTranscripts must be sent directly to the intended recipient to be official, or they can be downloaded and saved as an unofficial document for personal use.' A green 'Order' button is on the right. Below this, a search bar contains the text 'aadsas' with a magnifying glass icon and a green 'Search' button. A red arrow labeled 'TYPE' points to the search bar. Below the search bar, a blue result box displays 'AADSAS - American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Watertown, MA, US'. A red arrow labeled 'CLICK' points to this result box. To the right of the result box, the text 'TYPE: Processing Center Watertown, MA 02471 US' is visible.

Sending UGA Transcripts, Cont.

- ▶ You will need to attach your ADEA AADSAS University of Georgia Transcript ID to your transcript order from the UGA Office of the Registrar.
 - Paste the Transcript ID you had copied from ADEA AADSAS (see instructions on Slide 16) into the box that says “Please enter SCHOOL’S UNIQUE TRANSCRIPT barcode ID”
 - Select “Graduate Admissions” as the **Purpose**
 - Sign with your mouse
 - Continue to check-out

	FROM University of Georgia Athens, GA
	TO AADSAS - American Dental Education Association (ADEA)
Delivery Method: Electronic	
Credential Fee: \$8.00	
Sales Tax: To Be Calculated	
Item Total: \$8.00	

TRANSCRIPTS TO INCLUDE SPRING DEGREES - PLEASE VERIFY YOUR DEGREE IS AWARDED AND SHOWING A GRADUATION DATE IN YOUR ATHENA UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT BEFORE SUBMITTING AN ORDER: Degrees will be awarded between May the 12th through the 26th

TRANSCRIPTS TO INCLUDE SPRING GRADES - PLEASE VERIFY GRADES ARE POSTED AND CORRECT IN ATHENA BEFORE SUBMITTING AN ORDER: Grades will be posted on May the 12th.

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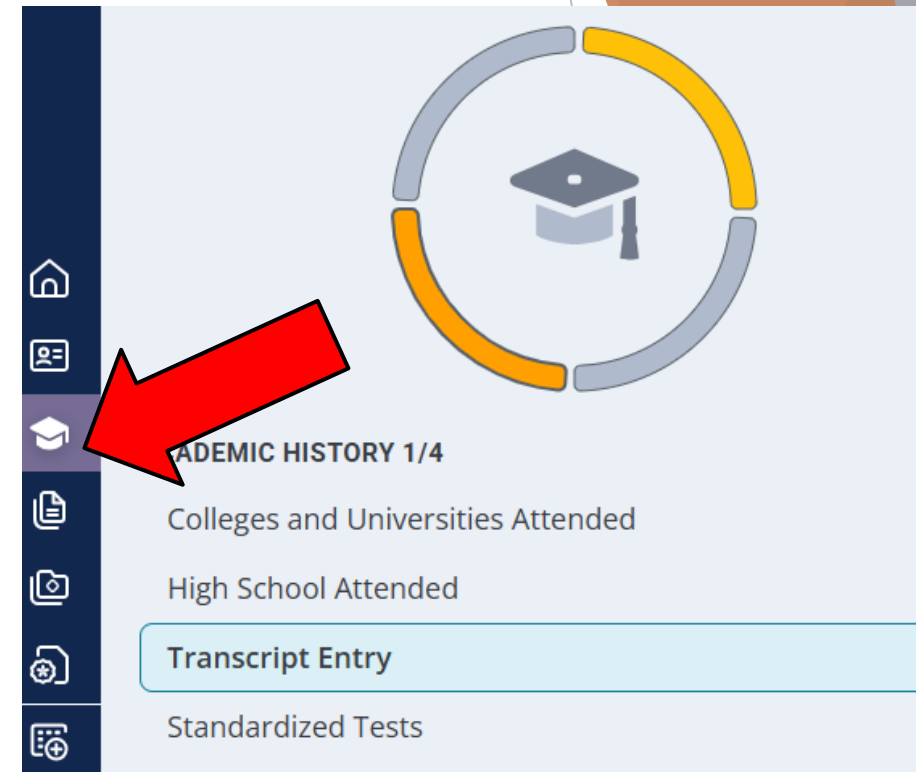
Purpose

Graduate Admissions



ADEA AADSAS Transcript Entry

- ▶ Open the **ACADEMIC HISTORY** portion of the application. Now you will choose **Transcript Entry** and begin to add in your coursework for each institution.
- ▶ For your UGA courses you may work from the unofficial transcript you can obtain free through Athena. Instructions are [here](#).
- ▶ Before you begin entering your coursework, you should review all instructions, including a video, found [here](#).



Professional Transcript Entry (PTE) Option

- ▶ PTE enters your coursework for you.
- ▶ This optional service costs \$85 for 1-3 transcripts, \$110 for 4-6 transcripts and \$160 for 7 + transcripts. There will be a link to the professional service within the application.
- ▶ Before PTE, you must submit your application to at least one dental school. Once your application is submitted and your transcripts are received, ADEA AADSAS will begin work on your application within ten business days. Note that applications are placed in line for PTE on a first-come, first-served basis.
- ▶ You will be required to review and approve the PTE coursework entry before your application will move forward.

Click [HERE](#) for more
information

Transcript Entry

Requirements

Enter all the coursework you completed at all US and English Canadian colleges or universities attended. See **Foreign and French-Canadian Transcripts** and **Study Abroad or Overseas US Transcripts** for guidelines on foreign coursework. Note the following:

- Reporting coursework accurately is your responsibility. Since credit values, grade values, and course subjects vary widely from school to school, your programs need some type of standardization so they can accurately compare applicants. This standardization is achieved by using your coursework to create a standard set of GPAs, ensuring you are compared to other applicants fairly and equally.
- Complete the **Colleges Attended** section before entering your courses.
- Report all courses on your transcripts, not just prerequisites. Be sure to include courses from which you withdrew, repeated courses, ungraded labs, test credits, gym courses, orientations, or other non-graded courses.
- Use official copies of your transcripts. Coursework must exactly match your official transcripts; don't use an unofficial version, like a printout from your school's website. List your courses under the correct term, year, and class level. Department prefixes and course numbers must precisely match those on your transcripts.
- Enter courses **under the institution where you originally took the course, exactly as they appear on the original school's transcript**. Don't list courses under the school in which the credits were transferred. You may need to go back to your Colleges Attended and add a school to enter the transfer credits for.

The screenshot shows the ADEA Transcript Entry application interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'My Application' and 'Add Program'. Below this, a progress indicator shows '1/4 Sections Completed' with a graduation cap icon. The main heading is 'Transcript Entry'. Underneath, it says 'UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA Transcript' and 'Fall August 2018 - Still Attending'. A sidebar on the left lists sections: 'High School Attended', 'Colleges and Universities Attended' (which is checked), 'Transcript Entry' (the current section), and 'Standardized Tests'. A video link 'Need help with Transcript Entry? Watch this video.' is also present. The main content area has a message: 'Alright, start by adding a semester.' with a '+ Add A Semester' button. Below this is a banner asking 'Is entering your coursework taking too long?' with a 'Save Time' button and a 'Tell me more' link. The 'Prerequisites Information' section states: 'Some programs to which you are applying have prerequisites. Please enter coursework that fulfills these prerequisites.' It lists two programs: 'Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University (DCG) Doctor of Dental Medicine' and 'University of Florida College of Dentistry (FLA) Doctor of Dental Medicine'. For each program, it lists required courses with blue circular icons next to them. For DCG, the courses are: General Chemistry II, English, Physics I, Principles of Biology I, Organic Chemistry I, Biochemistry I, and General Chemistry I. For FLA, the courses are: General Chemistry, Microbiology, English, Biochemistry, Biology, Organic Chemistry, and Physics (with or without calculus).

Enter AP credit with the first college where it was accepted, even if it later transferred to UGA.

Transcript Entry

- ▶ After entering a college on the application, you can add semesters completed as well as planned/in progress.
- ▶ For UGA, follow the transcript in Athena.
- ▶ Your Academic Status is freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, graduate, post-baccalaureate
 - ▶ Freshman - Senior: Rise in fall semester, regardless of credits. If you took summer classes, your level is still same as spring.
- ▶ Include all courses, not just prerequisites, including withdrawal, repeated, test credits, AP, and non-graded courses.
- ▶ Enter courses under the institution where they were first taken, not transferred.
- ▶ Enter AP courses in the first semester that you attended the college that accepted them.
- ▶ Enter the exact course code on the transcript (for example, include the H for honors, or E for online); abbreviate course title as needed.
- ▶ Enter the grade with + - as it appears, with this exception: AP courses are given a grade of CR (UGA transcript has a grade of K)
- ▶ NOTE: Courses should only be marked as repeated if you repeated them at the same institution.

Click [HERE](#) for more information

COURSE INFORMATION

Semester*	Subject*	
Course Code*	Course Title*	
e.g., BIO 101	e.g., Introduction to Biology	
Credits*	Grade*	CAS Grade*
e.g., 3.00	e.g., 85 or B	

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Is this a Honors course? ☐

Did you repeat this course? ☐

Was this credit awarded for an Advanced Placement test result?
Advanced Placement test credit should be clearly marked on your transcript. ☐

Was this credit awarded for any other test result other than an Advanced Placement test?
Tests such as CLEP, Department Exam, Institutional Exam, International Baccalaureate, or Regents Exam should be clearly marked as a test credit on your transcript. ☐

Did you take this course while studying abroad? ☐

Standardized Tests

► Self-Reported Test Scores

- You can self-report your Standardized Test scores or report tests you plan to take in the **Standardized Tests** section. Some of the programs you apply to may require you to report certain test scores; be sure to check with your programs to ensure you are completing all requirements.
- Note that self-reporting your scores is not the same as providing official scores to your programs. If your programs require official test scores, see [Sending Official Test Scores](#) for more information.

► Add a Test Score

1. Navigate to the **Standardized Tests** section.
2. Find the test you took in the list and click **Add Test Score**. In some cases, you may only be able to enter scores for certain tests.
3. Select **Yes** under **Have you taken the test**.
4. Enter the date you took the test.
5. Enter all applicable scores.
6. Click **Save This Test**.

After submitting your application, you can continue to add new test entries to this section, but you cannot update or delete previous entries.

► Add a Planned Test

1. Navigate to the **Standardized Tests** section.
2. Find the test you took in the list and click **Add Test Score**. In some cases, you may only be able to enter scores for certain tests.
3. Select **No** under **Have you taken the test**.
4. Enter the date you plan to take the test.
5. Click **Save This Test**.

Click [HERE](#) for more information on submitting official DAT scores and missing test scores

Supporting Information Section

Please note that references from family members are generally frowned upon by admissions offices (DON'T DO IT!). Click [here](#) to access our [Guidelines for Letter Writers](#)

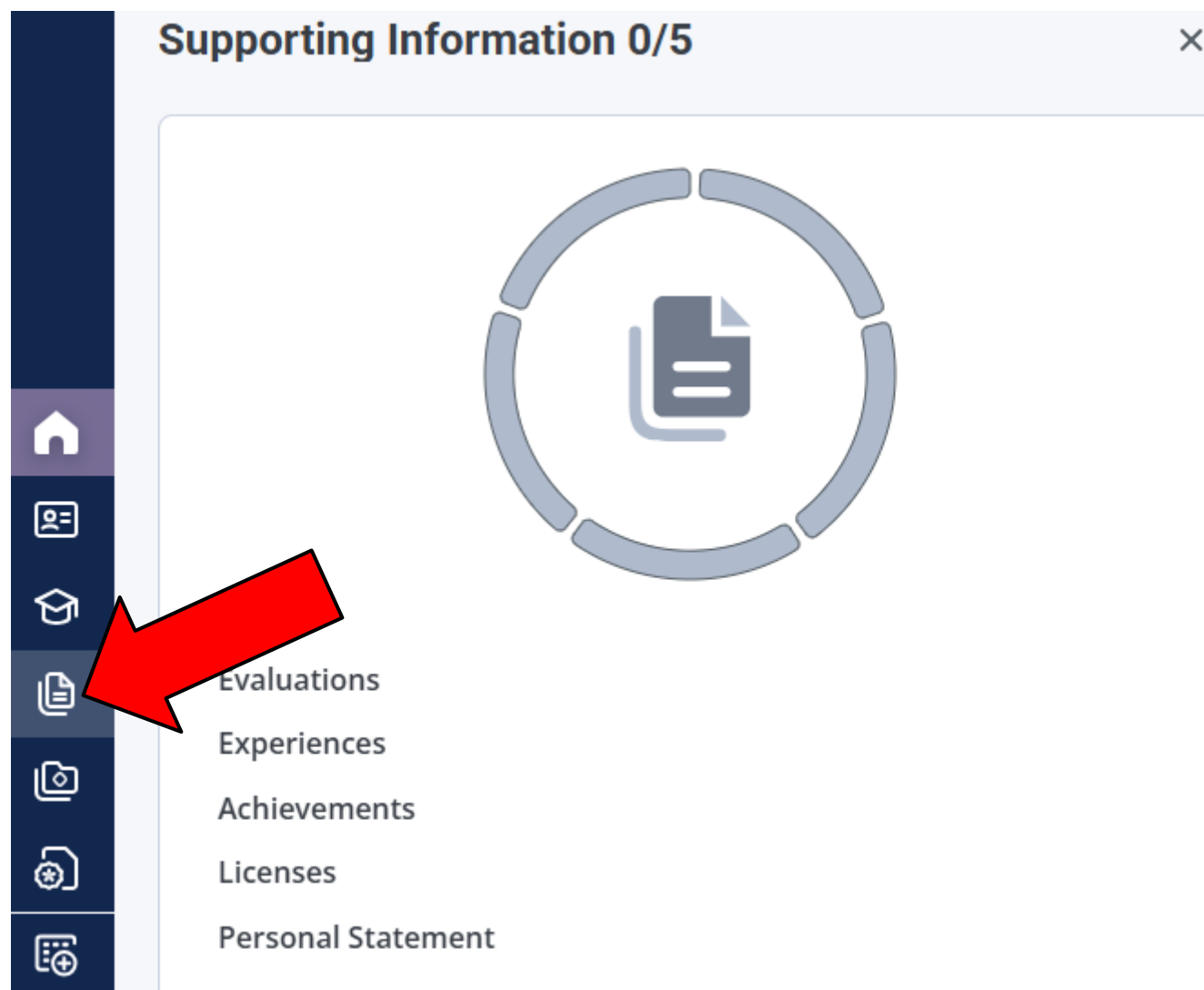
Before You Begin

Evaluations (sometimes called Letters of Evaluation, Letters of Reference, or Letters of Recommendation) are submitted by the evaluators themselves; they cannot be completed or submitted by the applicant or another party on behalf of the evaluator. ADEA AADSAS is not responsible for verifying evaluators' identities. If a discrepancy is found, they reserve the right to contact the appropriate individuals to investigate and to share the discrepancy with all programs.

Before getting started, consider the following:

- **All evaluations must be submitted electronically** by evaluators using [Letters by Liaison](#), the Recommender Portal. Another option is collecting the letters on [Interfolio](#) ahead of the application cycle (see next slide for details).
- **Research each program's requirements.** You should determine whether your programs have specific requirements regarding evaluator roles or relationships before listing evaluators on your application. Many programs have strict guidelines and completed evaluations cannot be removed or replaced.
- **Prepare your evaluators.** Once you choose your evaluators, be sure to inform them about the process and that they will be completing the evaluation electronically. ADEA AADSAS recommends getting their preferred email address and asking that they monitor that inbox for your evaluation request (which will come from aadsasinfo@aadsasweb.org), including any junk or spam folders.

Supporting Information



Evaluations

- ▶ Letters and evaluations are submitted electronically.
- ▶ You can collect letters and evaluations ahead of the application on [Interfolio](#) or you can wait until the application opens to enter the contact information of the evaluator.
 - ▶ In 2026, a Likert-scale survey was added to the evaluation process. Click [HERE](#) for details. Applicants who collected letters in 2026 on Interfolio before the survey was implemented should proceed without change. Interfolio will communicate with the dental schools.
- ▶ Check with your target dental schools what combination of letters you should collect. You can add four letters to ADEA AADSAS which will be viewed by all dental schools you apply to.
- ▶ Whether collecting on Interfolio, or directly on ADEA AADSAS, always waive your right to view the letters!

Click [HERE](#) for more
information on
evaluations

Experiences

- ▶ In this section, you can enter your professional experiences in several categories, or types. Review the definitions [HERE](#), consider the duties you performed, and choose the category that you think best fits the experience.
- ▶ **Note that since each program's definitions and requirements vary, ADEA AADSAS has no specific preference as to which category you choose.** These categories are broadly based on feedback from various dental programs and are not a comprehensive list of every type of experience. Your experience's individual job description and responsibilities should determine the category you select; however, it is not guaranteed that your experience will be accepted by every program in the way you categorize it.
- ▶ If you have any questions about your experiences fulfilling an individual program's prerequisite requirements, contact that program directly.
- ▶ Although you can enter any experiences that you believe are relevant to your application, ADEA AADSAS recommends focusing on those experiences within the last 10 years and at the collegiate level and above. Enter only current and in-progress experiences (not planned experiences) and check your program's requirements regarding documentation.
- ▶ If your experiences are considered current (will continue), only enter the hours you completed so far. You can continue to add hours and update the description of current experiences.
 - ▶ NOTE: You do not have to enter an end date of a current experience

There is no limit to how many experiences you can enter. All experiences are relevant! You will select six most important.

Click [HERE](#) for more information on experiences

Experiences Definitions

While ADEA AADSAS does not collect a resume, applicants are encouraged to use the experience section to provide detailed information about academic enrichment, dental shadowing, employment, activities, research and volunteer positions. This section allows you up to 600 characters to describe each experience.

▶ Academic Enrichment

- Programs sponsored by colleges, universities, or other not-for-profit organizations; for example Summer Medical and Dental Education Program, Summer Health Professions Education Program, and Lessons in a Lunchbox.

▶ Dental Experience

- Either paid or unpaid work in a dental field where you observed patient care, interacted with practitioners, or had responsibility for patient care.

▶ Dental Shadowing (In-Person)

- Time spent officially following and observing a dental professional in an office or clinic.

▶ Dental Shadowing (Virtual)

- Time spent officially observing a dental professional at work virtually.

▶ Employment

- Paid work done outside of the dental field or a research lab; for example, a retail or restaurant job.

▶ Extracurricular Activities

- Related activities you would like your selected programs to review; for example, academic clubs and competitive teams. Do not include paid work experience in this section.

▶ Research

- Any experience working on a research project, preferably in addition to or outside of regular classroom work. This may include student research positions, research technician positions, summer research student, master's rotational student, etc.

▶ Volunteer

- Volunteer work done outside of the dental field; for example, working for Habitat for Humanity, tutoring students, participating in or working for a fundraiser walk or blood drive, etc.

NOTE: Include the name and address of each organization, supervisor, dates associated with the experience, title held by the applicant, average weekly hours, and a description of key responsibilities and a release for the dental schools if they choose to contact the organization.

Composing Experience Descriptions

- ▶ We recommend you utilize the [AAMC Pre-Med Competencies](#) (Association of American Medical Colleges) in writing your 600-character experience descriptions. Although this was created for pre-med students, it is still useful for your descriptions. A competency is an observable behavior that combines knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes related to a specific activity.
- ▶ The work and activities you are already involved with and your life experiences likely demonstrate these competencies. For example, you can demonstrate the scientific inquiry competency by excelling in scientific research, illustrate a service orientation competency by leading a service trip, or show capacity for improvement in a reflection at the end of your description.
- ▶ Use the competencies to guide your discussion on what you brought to and gained from your experience. Instead of listing the competencies practiced, illustrate them in the discussion of your role.
- ▶ Carefully compose and proof-read your descriptions. We advise composing on a document with grammar and spelling checks enabled, then pasting into the application, to reduce chance of error.

Click [HERE](#) for workshop session slides for composing experience descriptions

Experiences FAQs

- ▶ I haven't begun my experience, but plan on doing so soon. Can I report that?
 - No, you cannot report anticipated experience. Once you have accumulated the experience, however, you can add new experiences to your application, even if you have already submitted it.
- I have plans to add experiences after I submit my application. Can I add new experiences after I submit?
 - Yes, new experiences can be added to the application
- ▶ I've begun my experience, but plan on accumulating more hours before dental school begins. Can I include those?
 - In the experience sections, you may only document (in hours/weeks, etc.) the time already completed. Once you submit your application, you may update hours to a "current" experience. TIP: Discuss your expected future time commitment in the description and send any updates directly to the schools which you are applying.

FAQ

Where do I send documentation of my experience hours?

ADEA AADSAS does not collect any documentation for the experience sections. If any schools require documentation, it should be submitted directly to them.

What is my "Title?" Who is my supervisor?

If you did not have an official title, you enter the type of activity you did; for example, "Dentist Shadow" or "Nurse Shadow," etc. The organization is the location where or for whom the work took place and the supervisor is the person who was responsible for you or was in charge of your activity.

Achievements

In this section you can enter any relevant professional or academic achievements in several categories, or types. Review the definitions below, consider the achievement you earned, and choose the category that you think best fits.

Although you can enter any achievements that you believe are relevant to your application, we recommend focusing on those achievements within the last 10 years and at the collegiate level and above.

Note that once you submit your application, you cannot edit or remove your achievements; however, you can continue to add new achievements, as needed.

Achievement Types

Awards: Awards received as a prize, such as trophies and medals. Also certificates of completion.

Honors: Honors received as a special distinction for work done, including Dean's List and memberships in honor societies.

- For Presidential Scholar/Deans List enter only once and mention subsequent semesters in the description. These honors are noted in your Athena transcript.

Scholarships: Scholarships earned based on academic, athletic, and other achievements. Include those awarded upon high school graduation

Click [HERE](#) for more information

Select Your Most Important Achievement

Once you have added all your achievements, click the star icon next to an achievement in the **My Achievements** list to mark it as your most important. You can select up to 4 achievements to highlight as most important.

Add Achievements

Type*

ACHIEVEMENT DETAILS

Name*

Name of Presenting Organization

Country*

State*

Issued Date

Month

Day

Year

Brief Description

600 characters remaining

0 words

FAQ

How far back in my career should I list achievements?

It is recommended to include important achievements from during and after college.

Can I add new achievements after I submit?

Yes, new achievements can be added but existing achievements cannot be updated after the application is submitted.

LICENSES

The screenshot shows the 'Add Your Licenses' section of the ADEA AADSAS application. On the left is a sidebar with a 'Sections Completed' list: Evaluations, Experiences, Achievements, Licenses (highlighted with a green checkmark), and Personal Statement. The main form area has a title 'Add Your Licenses' with a close button. Below the title is a warning: 'You must enter the information in this section at any time prior to submission. Once you have submitted, you will be able to update your information, but you will not be able to delete it.' The form fields include: 'Type of License' (dropdown), 'Number' (text), 'Country' (dropdown), 'Type of License' (dropdown), 'CPR' (checkbox), 'Date License was issued' (text), 'Country where License is held' (dropdown with 'United States' selected), and 'Please upload a copy of your license' (file upload area with a 'Choose file' button and 'No file chosen' text). At the bottom is a 'Save & Continue' button.

In this section, you can add any current professional licenses that you have. Note that ADEA AADSAS does not verify the information entered here. Contact your individual programs to determine if they require official documentation of any license listed in this section.

You will be uploading a certificate to verify you have this license

You can choose “Other Licenses” to enter current non-dental, but health-related licenses and certifications, such as CPR, MA, etc.

I do not have a certification, but was trained in various health-related activities as part of my work experience. Can I list that here?

No. If you completed courses as part of on-the-job training, these can be listed under the appropriate job in the “Experiences” section of the application.

I do not have a transcript for my certification. What do I do?

Transcripts are not required for certifications. Even transcripts for certificates or Associate programs in Dental Hygiene or Dental Assisting don’t include the certifications on them, as the certifications are usually granted by state boards or similar organizations, not the schools themselves.

FAQ

Can I add new certifications after I submit?

Yes, new certifications can be added but existing certifications cannot be updated after the application is submitted.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

- 4,500 characters including spaces
- Answer the prompt: What motivated you to pursue a career in oral health? In your response, you may wish to describe and highlight your strengths, experiences, background and uniqueness that will contribute to your success in this career.
- Write about your experiences and any qualities that will make you stand out.
- Do **not** personalize your personal statement for each school. Keep it general.
- Do not exceed the maximum length: Refer to the number below the field in the application. This is the number of characters (not words) that you can use in your essay. As you type, you can see how many characters are still available. Characters include spaces, carriage returns, and punctuation. You cannot save your essay if it exceeds the character limit.

[Personal Statement Guiding Info](#)

Start early! Expect multiple drafts!
Straight text with no formatting!



Personal Statement FAQs

FAQ

Why won't the formatting in my Personal Statement save in the text box?

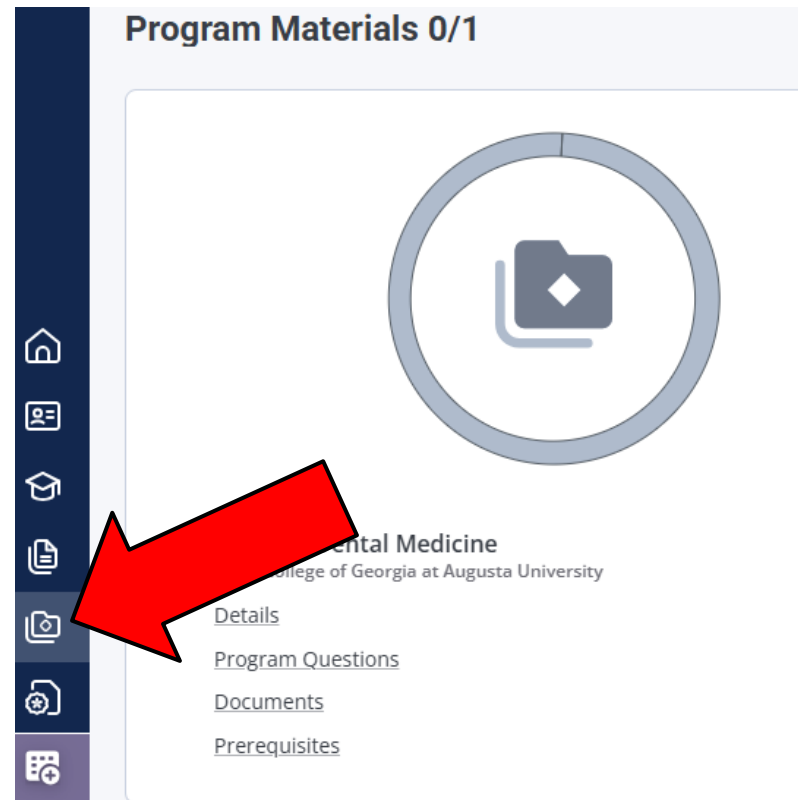
Since the personal statement section is composed of a text box, formatting such as tabs, italics or multiple spaces cannot be saved. In order to delineate paragraphs, you should type a double return between paragraphs. This delineation does not always show in the print preview version, but it will separate your paragraphs in the version submitted to your schools.

I made a mistake in my Personal Statement, but I already submitted! Can I go back and make a change?

Unfortunately, not. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that their personal statement is entered completely and correctly prior to submitting the application. Once you submit your application, you may not re-enter, update or otherwise edit your personal statement. If there are corrections which need to be made to your essay, you should submit those corrections directly to the programs to which you are applying.

Program Materials Section

- ▶ The **Program Materials** section includes additional information and requirements for the programs you selected in the **Add Programs** section. Each program's requirements may vary, so it's important you review this section in detail.
- ▶ Review all sections of the program materials for each school, as they differ, and may require action in each section.
- ▶ TIP: Carefully compose your responses to program questions.



Click [HERE](#) for more information

FAQ

Is the Program Materials section required?

Yes, you must complete this section in order to submit the ADEA AADSAS application. Some questions, though, will be optional depending on the dental school's selection.

Does completing this section mean that I don't have to submit a supplemental application to the school directly?

The answer depends on the dental school. Please check with each school to determine if information, fees, or documents are required outside of ADEA AADSAS.

Submit ADEA AADSAS Application

- ▶ Your application will not be processed until you have submitted and paid for at least one school. You can submit subsequent schools as ready.
- ▶ **You can make limited changes after you submit your application.** You can add new items to certain areas of the Academic History, Supporting Information, and Program Materials sections (e.g., test scores, experiences, optional documents, etc.), where applicable, but you cannot edit existing entries. You can also update evaluations with "new" or "in-progress" statuses and select additional programs to apply to. All other sections are read-only.
- ▶ **You can submit your application before your transcripts and evaluations are received.** Please note, however, that ADEA will not review your application until all of your transcripts, payments, and evaluations are received.
- ▶ **Do not wait until the last minute.** You can submit your application up until 11:59 PM ET on the deadline date; however, ensure you allow for time to complete the required payment section. You must click **Submit** and complete the final payment information before the deadline in order to guarantee your submission is accepted. Additionally, be aware that during our busiest times you may experience page loading delays, and these may occur outside of customer service's hours of operation. We cannot grant deadline extensions if you miss your deadline; contact your programs directly for more information.

Click [HERE](#) for more information

What is Verification?

Definition

- ▶ Verification is the process used to ensure all of your coursework was entered correctly and consistently. Since credit values, grade values, and course subjects vary widely from school to school, your programs need some type of standardization so they can accurately compare applicants. This standardization is achieved by using your coursework to create a standard set of GPAs, ensuring you are compared to other applicants fairly and equally.
- ▶ Several things happen during verification:
 - Each course you entered in the [Transcript Entry](#) section gets placed under a specific [course subject category](#).
 - Each grade you entered in the [Transcript Entry](#) section gets converted to an ADEA AADSAS [grade value](#).
 - [GPAs are calculated](#) using the converted grade values.
 - Your degrees are confirmed as awarded, if applicable.
- ▶ If significant mistakes are found in your application during the verification process, your application will be [undelivered](#), or returned to you for corrections.

Timeline

- ▶ Once all of your required application materials are received, your application's status changes to **Complete** and your application is placed in line to be verified. Verifications occur in chronological order and on average take two weeks to complete. Once your application is verified, you will receive a notification and your application's status will change to **Verified**.

How ADEA AADSAS Programs Receive Your Application

When Programs Review Your Application

- ▶ Once you pay for and submit your application, you'll receive a confirmation email and ADEA AADSAS will send your application electronically to your programs. Your programs choose when to review your application. Once your application is verified, contact the programs directly with any questions about your application's status.

Why Programs Don't Receive Your Application

- ▶ Programs don't receive your application when the following occurs:
 - You did not submit your application to the program.
 - You did not submit payment.
 - Your application has an Undelivered status.
 - Your application has been placed on hold. Applications are placed on hold when:
 - You have created more than one application account for the cycle, and the duplicates are placed on hold.
 - You have chosen to withdraw your application for the cycle.
 - Your application has been suspended as a result of a code of conduct or ethics violation.
 - A credit card payment was charged back.
- ▶ If your application is on hold, contact [ADEA AADSAS Customer Service](#) for more information.

Calculating Your ADEA AADSAS GPAs

Overview

During verification, ADEA AADSAS uses the information you entered in the **Transcript Entry** section to calculate several GPAs, including GPAs for each institution you attended. To calculate these GPAs, each A-F or 0-100 grade you entered in the **Grade** field is first converted to a ADEA AADSAS numeric grade value, then multiplied by the attempted credits. The resulting product is Quality Points.

Your total Quality Points are then divided by your Attempted Credits to determine your GPA.

Non-graded credits are not included in your GPAs. Non-graded credits are earned credits for which you did not receive actual letter grades (e.g., advanced placement credits, "pass" or "satisfactory" credits, college board AP exams, etc.).

ADEA AADSAS calculates all GPAs in semester hours. Courses that were completed in quarter hours are converted to semester hours. The conversion ratio is 1.0 quarter hour = 0.667 semester hours.

Use the [GPA Calculator](#) to see how ADEA AADSAS will calculate your GPA.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO LEAN MORE ABOUT GPA CALCULATIONS. CLICK [HERE](#) FOR THE ADEA AADSAS GRADE VALUES CHART.

Do repeated courses factor into my GPA?

ADEA AADSAS must standardize applicant information throughout the country, and therefore does not recognize individual school or academic "forgiveness" policies in regard to repeated courses, as each college treats these situations differently. Some schools average the two grades together, other factor in the higher grades, some take the second grade even if it's lower than the first, and others don't recognize repeated courses at all. Therefore, ADEA AADSAS must factor both grades in your AADSAS GPA. Once your application arrives at your designated programs, they may or may not recalculate your GPA depending upon their own individual policies.

Where will I be able to view my GPAs?

Once coursework is verified, please log in to your account and visit the Check Status tab on the homepage of your application to download a PDF of your application and review your GPAs as your programs will see them.

Find Your GPA Calculations

- ▶ You can view your ADEA AADSAS GPAs once your application has been verified. To view your ADEA AADSAS GPAs:
 - From the application dashboard, navigate to the Submit Application tab.
 - Click the download button located next to any program you applied to.
 - Open the PDF and use the bookmarks to navigate to the Calculated GPA section.

- > BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
- ▼ ACADEMIC HISTORY
 - HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED
 - COLLEGES ATTENDED
 - COURSEWORK
 - CALCULATED GPA
- > SUPPORTING INFORMATION
- > CUSTOM QUESTIONS
- > DESIGNATIONS
- ADVISOR RELEASE STATEMENT

ACADEMIC HISTORY CONTINUED

CALCULATED GPA

Title	Type	Quality Points	Graded Hours	GPA Score
BCP	Subject	202.60	69.00	2.94
	Subject	3.90	3.00	1.30
Biology/Zoology	Subject	130.50	38.00	3.43
Inorganic Chemistry	Subject	21.70	8.00	2.71
Physics	Subject	17.20	8.00	2.15
Organic Chemistry	Subject	29.30	12.00	2.44
Other Sciences	Subject	42.00	12.00	3.50
Mathematics	Subject	34.40	12.00	2.87
English	Subject	31.40	11.00	2.85
Behavioral Sciences	Subject	32.10	9.00	3.57
Other Non-Science	Subject	79.00	22.00	3.59
Freshman	Year	105.60	38.00	2.78
Sophomore	Year	121.40	39.00	3.11

On the PDF bookmarks menu, select "Calculated GPA" to view your GPA charts.

Find Your GPA Calculations Cont.

Discrepancies:

- ▶ Because of the standardization that occurs during verification, it is not uncommon to see GPA discrepancies between what your schools calculate and what ADEA AADSAS calculates. Discrepancies occur because:
 - ADEA AADSAS does not recognize an individual school's policies for forgiveness, academic renewal, or grade replacement for repeated courses. All grades earned for repeated courses are factored into your ADEA AADSAS GPA.
 - ADEA AADSAS's numeric grade values differ from an individual school's.
 - ADEA AADSAS calculates all GPAs in semester hours. Courses that were completed in quarter hours are converted to semester hours. The conversion ratio is 1.0 quarter hour = 0.667 semester hours.
 - ADEA AADSAS breaks down your GPA by academic year, not by college or university. Coursework completed at multiple schools for similar academic years get combined. For example, if you completed freshman coursework at College ABC and freshman coursework at College XYZ, ADEA AADSAS uses all of that coursework to calculate the GPA for your freshman academic year.
- ▶ Click [here](#) to learn how to dispute and correct ADEA AADSASS Course Subjects and GPAs

Updates

Overview

- ▶ After you submit, you can make limited changes to your application and materials. Review the changes allowed for coursework, transcripts, and other sections below.

Updating Your Coursework and Transcripts

▶ What is Academic Update?

- Academic Update allows you to update planned or in-progress coursework that you completed since your application was originally verified. Academic Update is an optional process; check with your programs to determine if they require it. During the Academic Update window, you can also enter new planned/in-progress coursework for the upcoming term(s).

▶ Am I Eligible for Academic Update?

- You are eligible for AU if you have at least one program in the Verified status by February 5, 2027. You can find your application status under the **Check Status** tab. Updates are available within the following timeframes:
 - August 13, 2026 and September 29, 2026
 - December 1, 2026 and February 5, 2027
 - You will receive an email when the Academic Update periods are open and available.

Updates Cont.

► What Happens When I Update My Coursework?

- Academic Update helps ensure your programs have the most up-to-date information about your coursework. If you update your coursework during the Academic Update window, ADEA AADSAS verifies your new courses, calculates updated ADEA AADSAS GPAs, and sends this information to your programs.
- Since updated coursework will be verified, you must arrange for your updated official transcripts to be sent directly to ADEA AADSAS as soon as you receive an email confirmation from ADEA AADSAS confirming that your Academic Update was successfully submitted. Do not request that transcripts be sent to ADEA AADSAS beforehand; they will not qualify for Academic Update and will need to be resubmitted.
- Once your new transcripts are received, your new coursework is placed in line to be verified. Verifications occur in chronological order and on average take two weeks to complete. You will receive an email when your Academic Update is verified.
- Note that your application status will remain as Verified throughout the Academic Update process.

► Which Courses Should I Update?

- You can update any coursework you initially marked as in-progress or planned, as well as add courses that are planned for the next term. You cannot update terms that are already verified or add terms from previous years (e.g., you forgot to add a term from 2021). If you are updating coursework as a re-applicant, review [Use an Existing ADEA AADSAS Account to Re-apply.](#)
- Note that you can only update your grades once during the Academic Update period. For example, if you've listed fall coursework as in-progress or planned, wait until that term is completed and you've received your final grades before you submit your Academic Update. Be mindful of the Academic Update deadline and submit before it closes.

Updates Cont.

▶ How Do I Complete the Academic Update Process?

- Academic Update is a three-step process:

▶ Update Your Coursework

- Ensure your application's status is Verified on the **Check Status** tab.
- Navigate to the **Academic History** section.
- Click **Transcript Entry**.
- Click **Edit** under the school you are updating.
- Click the **blue pencil** next to the term you are updating (if you need to add a new term, click **Add Term**).
- Change the **In Progress/Planned** box to **Completed**.
- Update your courses, credits, and grades.
- Click **Save All**.

▶ Submit Your Application

- Click **Submit My Updates** to send the updated information to your programs no later than 11:59 PM ET on February 6, 2026.

▶ Send Your Updated, Official Transcripts to ADEA AADSAS

- ADEA AADSAS must receive your official transcripts by February 11, 2026. Arrange for your updated official transcripts to be sent directly to ADEA AADSAS as soon as they are available.

Updates Cont.

► Updating Other Application Sections

- Once you submit your application, most sections are locked to prevent edits. Updates you can make include:
 - Editing your contact information.
 - Editing your profile information (username, password, etc.).
 - Adding programs with deadlines that have not yet passed.
 - Adding new evaluations (if you have not yet requested the maximum number of evaluations).
 - Editing or deleting evaluations that remain incomplete.
 - Adding new entries to certain areas of the Academic History, Supporting Information, and Program Materials sections (e.g., test scores, optional documents, etc.), where applicable (you are unable to edit or delete existing entries).
 - Editing program materials for programs you have not yet submitted to.
 - Adding optional documents to programs that you already submitted to (all other sections will be locked).
- After making your updates, click **Update my application** to send the changes to your programs. If you have updates for other sections of your application, submit these updates directly to your programs.

What I Learned from My Dental School Application Journey Panelists



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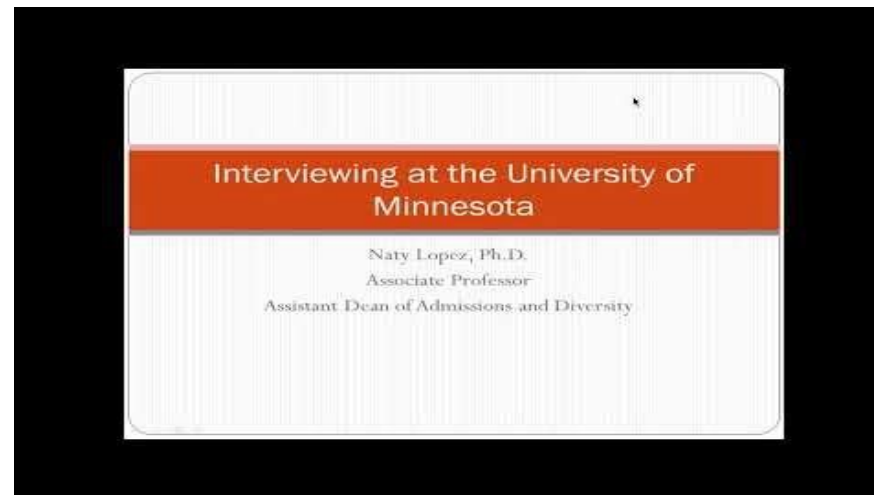
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- ▶ [ADEA Dental School Interviews Dos and Donts](#)
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GOOD LUCK!

