Hello Everyone,

**This email**
*Further addresses sending letters*
*Answers questions about secondaries*

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**Sending Letters – How, What, and When**

**How:** Please refer to last week’s applicant email (6-23-20) that gave clear instructions. We do want your list of schools but even if it is not totally accurate right now, AMCAS, AACOMAS and AADSAS will forward your letters to any school you selected in their application.

**What:** The packet we will send to the schools to which you apply will contain:

- composite committee letter
- all your individual letters
- a fact sheet that explains a number of important things about Tufts and our process including a description of our chemistry sequence and our writing requirement

You should have entered the **single packet** on your central application so they will expect a single PDF. The email address you should have posted was **hprc@tufts.edu**. This was addressed in an earlier email.

**When:** We commit to send letters, for those students who have followed the required steps in a timely manner, by August 1 but of course we are beginning to upload this coming week. Please do not email us requesting that we send yours right away. Everyone wants them sent ASAP. We do our best.

**Emails to us inquiring about letters being mailed will not be answered so that we can actually do the job you all want us to do for you.**

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**Dental School Applicants**

The June 25th issue of the ADEA GoDental newsletter has some great articles including **Top Tips for Exploring Dental Schools Virtually** and **COVID-related Admissions Changes**.
AMCAS Secondaries

You should have already submitted your AMCAS. There are things you can work on now, even before receiving any of those secondary applications. Please refer to 6-16-20 Applicant Email for questions you can start writing now.

Here are questions we always get students regarding secondaries:

*Should I answer the optional question allowing me to tell more about myself?*
Of course, if you have anything you think is worth sharing that will give insight into who you are. Remember not everything you do and think needs to be related to medicine. You are a whole person.

*How much time should I give myself to return a secondary?*
Spend some time on these to be sure the answers are clearly written, and do answer the questions posed; however, do not dwell on them in the belief that every word can make the difference between acceptance and rejection. Timely return of secondaries: ideally within 2-3 weeks of receipt. Do Not Read Reddit or StudentDoctor.Net and panic due to their ridiculous “advice.”

*The school’s website says I need two semesters of organic chemistry. What should I do?*
As we have said, we have had little to no problem with med schools accepting Tufts’ chemistry sequence. Biochemistry is not a substitute for organic; the relevant organic is covered in Chem 2 and Chem 51. Typically you are better off not calling the school because your application will likely not be held up by this issue. But if you put on the application that you are going to take orgo 2, then you are stuck having to do it.

*I made a mistake/I left something out of AMCAS. What should I do?*
There is typically more wiggle room in the secondaries with an opportunity to address both of these issues. You cannot change your AMCAS so don’t bother calling them and do not call the med schools.

Good luck and take it one step at a time.

Regards,
Carol, Amanda and Ericka