

# Dental School Applicant Quick Guide

Apply to traditional D.D.S. or D.M.D. programs through ADEA AADSAS® (ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Service).

**ADEA AADSAS OPENS IN MID-MAY AND CLOSES IN EARLY FEBRUARY.**

Schools notify applicants of provisional offers of admissions in early December.

## Who does what in the ADEA AADSAS application process?

### 1 APPLICANTS:

1. Submit the ADEA AADSAS application online and designate dental schools.
2. Send all official college and university transcripts to:  
**ADEA AADSAS, PO Box 9110, Watertown, MA 02471**
3. Specify who writes the letters of evaluation.
4. Schedule a date to take the U.S. Dental Admission Test (DAT), administered by the American Dental Association (ADA) or the Canadian Dental Aptitude Test (CDAT), administered by the Canadian Dental Association (CDA).

### 2 ADEA AADSAS:

1. Verifies all transcripts and calculates the ADEA AADSAS GPAs.
2. ADA imports DAT scores to ADEA AADSAS. CDA provides official scores to dental schools.
3. Processes and submits the final application to the applicant's designated dental schools.

### 3 DENTAL SCHOOLS:

1. Review completed applications and supplemental materials.
2. Interview selected applicants.
3. Make individual admissions decisions.

## Resources to help when applying to dental school.

**EVENTS.** View information for engagement opportunities and receive tips on applying. [adea.org/GoDental/Events](http://adea.org/GoDental/Events)

### ADEA OFFICIAL GUIDE TO DENTAL SCHOOLS.

Learn about each of the dental schools in the U.S. and Canada and how to apply. [adea.org/officialguide](http://adea.org/officialguide)

**ADEA DENTAL SCHOOL EXPLORER.** This contains profiles of all U.S. and Canadian dental schools. All are searchable by keyword and filters. [adea.org/dse](http://adea.org/dse)

## Tips for ADEA AADSAS application readiness.

Before starting your application, be sure to read the application instructions at [adea.org/GoDental/Apply](http://adea.org/GoDental/Apply).



Personal Information



Academic History



Supporting Information



Program Materials

### Personal Information

- Keep your contact information updated, especially email addresses. Dental schools use this to contact you.
- Register for a DENTPIN from the ADA.

### Academic History

- Use the Transcript Request Form to request all official transcripts. ADEA AADSAS will match them to your application.
- Pay close attention to details when entering coursework and standardized test dates.

### Supporting Information

- Compose a strong personal statement.
- Identify individuals who know you well and request letters of evaluation at least two months before applying.

### Program Materials

- Review individual dental school requirements and supplemental information.
- Designate the dental school(s) you want to receive your ADEA AADSAS application.