

# Dental School Application Workshop

April 2018

Preprofessional Advising

# Application Timeline

- May 15: AADSAS Opens (\$245, \$102/school)
- June 5 : First Day to submit
- July : Secondary Application
- Aug.-Nov.: Interviews
- Dec. 1: Acceptance notifications
  - Jan.- Mar.: Second round of application & interviews

# Release of your Statistical Info

- To help PPA advisors advise other students, we would appreciate if you would release your statistical information from your applications to the Health Professions Advisor when prompted. This information will always be kept confidential.
- The information you share will help the PPA office to create statistical information.

# Before application, you can...

- Request LOR (Get business cards)
- Create a resume or fill out [Prehealth Planner](#) (under Downloadable Resources)
- Write a draft of Personal Statement (PS)
- Study for the DAT
- Research about Dental Schools

# Create Resume / Fill out Pre dental Planner

- List up all of the activities you have involved since you graduated from HS
- Think about 1) Challenges you faced and 2) lessons you learned from challenges.
- Check with dentists and volunteer organizations about hours.

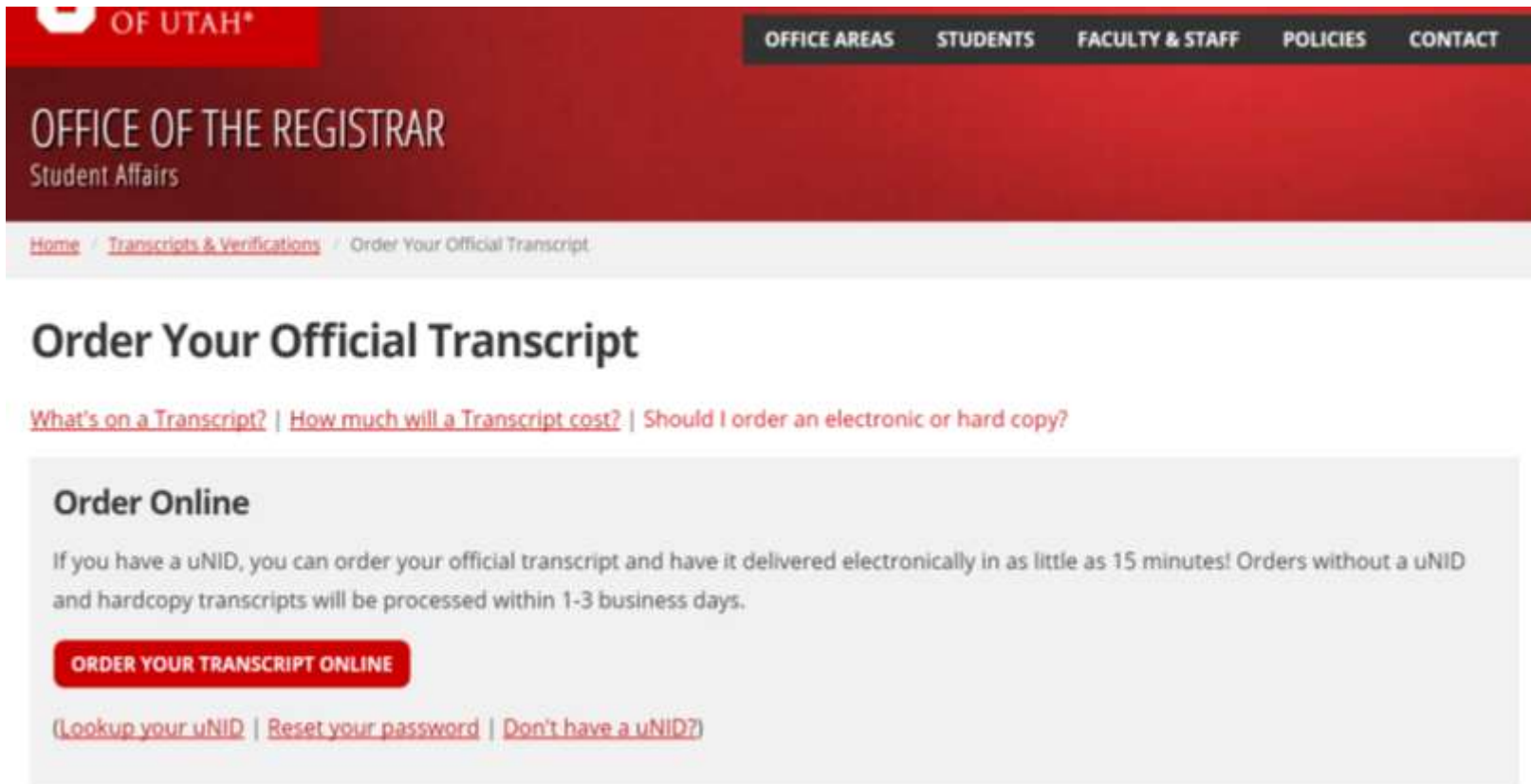
# AADSAS APPLICATION

# When you create an account....

- Enter course list
  - Save “Transcript Matching Form”
  - Request transcript online
  - Attach “Transcript Matching Form” & write on the special instruction section that the form needs to be attached to the transcript.
- Enter evaluator’s information

# Order Transcripts

- Visit <http://registrar.utah.edu/transcripts/order-transcript.php>



The screenshot shows the top portion of the Registrar's Office website. At the top left is the University of Utah logo. To its right is a navigation menu with links for OFFICE AREAS, STUDENTS, FACULTY & STAFF, POLICIES, and CONTACT. Below the navigation is a red header bar with the text "OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR" and "Student Affairs". A breadcrumb trail below the header reads: Home / Transcripts & Verifications / Order Your Official Transcript. The main heading is "Order Your Official Transcript". Below the heading are three links: "What's on a Transcript?", "How much will a Transcript cost?", and "Should I order an electronic or hard copy?". A section titled "Order Online" contains the text: "If you have a uNID, you can order your official transcript and have it delivered electronically in as little as 15 minutes! Orders without a uNID and hardcopy transcripts will be processed within 1-3 business days." Below this text is a red button that says "ORDER YOUR TRANSCRIPT ONLINE". At the bottom of the section are three links: "(Lookup your uNID)", "Reset your password", and "Don't have a uNID?".

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1. Login or Register

  
**2. Select Documents**

3. Order Details

4. Provide Consent

5. Payment

6. Review Order

## Where would you like your document(s) sent?

Start by searching for your destination:

Institution Name, Acronym, Location, or Email

 SEARCH

1 Matches Found:

INSTITUTION

EMAIL

LOCATION

AADSAS



Watertown, MA, US

SELECT

## Not finding your destination?

You can enter a destination manually by using a physical address or an Email address

ENTER YOUR OWN

**Destination:**

American Dental Education Association  
Watertown, MA 02471

Continue

**Document Name:**

eTranscript - \$13.00  
[Switch to Mail Delivery](#)

If your grades from spring semester is not available, choose this option. Do not wait until grades from summer or fall semester are available. It will delay your application process!!

**Order Options**

Delivery Mode

Electronic



Processing Time ⓘ

Now

Hold for Grades

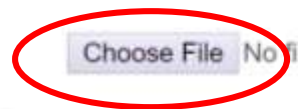
Hold for Degree

Holds are for current term only

Purpose for Transcript (Optional)

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Attachment (Optional)



Choose File No file chosen

Upload "Transcript Matching Form" here.

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# How to request LOR

- Contact your professors and dentists
- Provide as much information as possible
- Give at least 3 weeks notice
- Get their business card
- Input their information as soon as you have access to AADSAS
- FOLLOW UP!

# Application Coversheet

- Summarizes items on the coversheet include applicant's bio info, GPAs, DAT scores, and up to 4 most important achievements and 6 most important experiences.

# AADSAS Applicant Coversheet

## ADEA AADSAS 2015 Application Coversheet

					Review Full Application on Following Pages		
<b>AADSAS ID:</b> [REDACTED]					<b>Mini Resume (up to 3 entries selected by applicant)</b>		
<b>DENTPIN:</b> 96877674 <b>Preferred phone:</b> [REDACTED]					<b>Awards, Honors, Scholarships</b>		
<b>Applic. Submitted:</b> 02/02/2016 <b>Re-applicant?</b> No					Cal Opportunity Scholarship      09/2003		
<b>Personal</b>					John Hensli Scholarship      05/2012		
<b>Gender:</b> Female <b>DOB:</b> 02/21/1984 <b>Age:</b> 30					Co-Author, Journal Article      06/2013		
<b>Citizenship:</b> United States <b>Birth Country:</b> China					<b>Dentistry Experience</b> <b>Hours</b> <b>total hours</b> <b>676</b>		
<b>High School:</b> Abraham Lincoln High					Volunteer Dr. Luis Diaz, General Dentist      100      07/2011-12/2011		
<b>US Visa Status:</b> <b>H.S. City:</b> San Francisco					Lead Volunteer, Dental Hygiene Educator Jason Pokorny, General Dentist      200      02/2010-10/2010		
<b>State Legal Res.:</b> California <b>Years State Leg. Res.:</b> 14					Director of Dental Programming, Outreach Brittany Derieg, Other      300      01/2014-12/2014		
<b>Ethnicity:</b> Hispanic? <b>Race:</b>					<b>Extracurricular/Volunteer/Community Service</b> <b>total hours</b> <b>1646</b>		
<b>Languages:</b> Cantonese, Mandarin					Co-Chair, CORPORATE ASIAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEE NETWORK      01/2014-		
<b>Parents: highest educational level attained/occupation</b>					Scholarship Committee Member, Secretary, Kaiser Permanente Asian Association      04/2012-		
<b>parent/guardian 1:</b> High School Graduate or Less      Home Parent					Marketing Consulting Project Manager, Asian Liver Center-Stanford University      01/2014-04/2014		
<b>parent/guardian 2:</b> Associate's Degree or Certificate      Not Reported					<b>Work Experience</b> <b>total hours</b> <b>8200</b>		
<b>Relatives in dental profession?</b> No					Sr. Research Assistant, Kaiser Permanente      03/2009-09/2014		
<b>Wish to be considered disadvantaged?</b> Yes <b>Military Experience:</b> No					Medical Interpreter, Kaiser Permanente      09/2014-		
<b>GPA, cumulative, all Undergrad coursework</b> <b>Academic Audit</b>							
	credits	inc ++	w/o ++	credits	GPA		
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# Supporting Information

- Each section has 600 character limit.
- Applicants should only list each experience in one category.
- No high school experience
- Award should be listed under “Achievements” section.

# Experiences

- Academic Enrichment Programs:
  - sim lab & workshops hosted by dental schools
  - BIOL 3080 & 4080
- Dental Shadowing:
  - List dentist you shadowed.
  - Must list type of dentists (specialty)
- Employment
  - Any paid work done outside of dental field.

# Experiences (Cont.)

- Extracurricular activities
  - Any sports, artistic endeavor, other activities that do not fall under other fields, such as volunteer work in healthcare.
- Research:
  - Research outside of classroom work.
- Volunteer:
  - Any volunteer work done outside of healthcare field. Tutoring, coaching, etc.



# Personal Statement

(4500 characters including space)

## **REMEMBER!**

**The audience is smarter, has more medical knowledge, and knows what is like to be a dentist than you do.**

- **Address WHY YOU WANT TO BE A DENTIST!!!**
  - This is different from how you were inspired to be a dentist
  - HOW do you want to help people through dentistry in the future?
  - WHY do you have to be a dentist?
- Back up your argument with a specific example from your experience.
  - To do this effectively, you can chose and elaborate 1-2 of your experiences listed on the activity list.
- Limit # of “I statements”.
- Share your background if it’s appropriate.
- Use 5 senses to describe your story.

# Personal Statement (DON'Ts)

- DO NOT summarize what you listed on the activity list.
- DO NOT repeat what you wrote on the activity list.
- DO NOT talk too much about other people (family member, mentor, patient, etc.). *TALK ABOUT YOURSELF!*
- DO NOT use words you don't know / how to use.
- DO NOT overuse dental terminology or abbreviations.
- DO NOT show off your knowledge about dentistry.
- DO NOT assume everyone knows what you know.
- Try not to make jokes.
- Try not to use foreign language.

# Pay Attention!!!

- Composition
- Grammar
- Spelling
- Punctuation

- **Get Feedback!!!**

Have some people you can trust (professor, doctor, medical student, parent, advisor, Writing Center tutor, etc.) read your essay and offer feedback. Do not ask too many people to read.



# Find the Best Dental School for You!

- What are you looking for?
  - Early Patient Exposure
  - Smaller vs. Large Class Size
  - Urban vs. Suburbs
  - Newer vs. Traditional
  - Research Opportunity

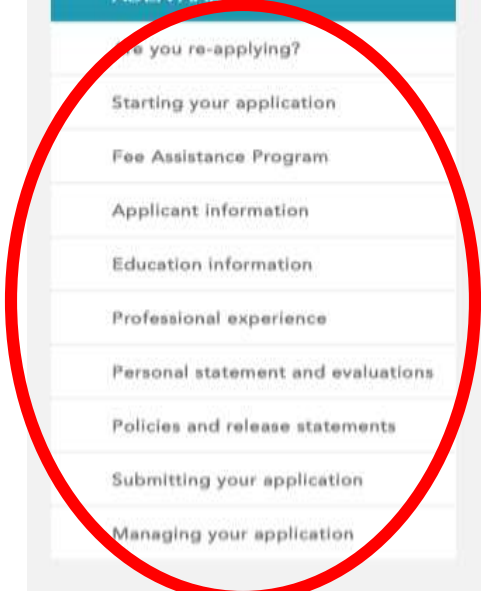
# GPA and DAT Score

- All courses will count towards GPA calculation
- You can take DAT up to 3 times in your LIFE TIME
- Average vs. Minimum GPA and DAT Score

# AADSAS (www.adea.org)



- Preparing for dental school
- The admissions process
- The application to dental school: ADEA AADSAS**



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## THE APPLICATION TO DENTAL SCHOOL: ADEA AADSAS

The ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (ADEA AADSAS®) is the centralized application service for U.S. dental schools. ADEA AADSAS simplifies the application process, allowing you to save time and energy by completing just one application for multiple dental schools.

### ADEA AADSAS 2017 APPLICATION CYCLE OPENS JUNE 1, 2016

Time left until ADEA AADSAS OPENS

**8 : 04 : 27 : 44**

DAYS HOURS MINUTES SECONDS

All U.S. dental schools participate in ADEA AADSAS and require it as the primary application. **Texas residents applying to Texas dental schools**, though, will need to apply through the [Texas Medical & Dental Schools Application Service \(TMDSAS\)](#).

**Foreign-educated dental graduates** interested in completing an advanced standing program at a U.S. dental school will need to apply through the [ADEA Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists \(CAAPID\)](#).

### REMEMBER:

- Read all of the [ADEA AADSAS application instructions](#) carefully before you apply. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to

# Advice from PPA Office

- PPA advisors review your AADSAS and Secondary Applications.  
**Send your drafts to your advisor!**
- **PPA advisors do mock interviews.** (We will be able to accommodate only one mock interview per student due to limited resources and time.)
- See your advisor **more frequently** than before during the application cycle.
- **DO NOT stop** extracurricular activities after you submit your applications!!!



Email your questions to  
[ppa@advising.utah.edu](mailto:ppa@advising.utah.edu)