

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI - COLUMBIA
COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
PRE-VETERINARY MEDICINE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

Current High School Seniors

1. Achieve a composite score of 30 on the American College Test (ACT) or an equivalent score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).
2. Complete the enclosed Application.
3. Fill out the top line and the bottom portion of the Guidance Counselor Report and give it to your counselor for completion. An official copy of your transcript of high-school work completed to date must be attached to this report from your counselor.
4. Fill out the top line and the bottom portion of each of the Admission Evaluation Forms. Two forms should be completed by your teachers, at least one of whom is a science teacher. The other form may be completed by a teacher or by another person who knows you well. (Three evaluations, in addition to the Guidance Counselors Report, must be submitted to complete the application.)
5. Complete an application for admission to the undergraduate program at the University of Missouri-Columbia. (Failure to complete this application makes you ineligible for the PVM.)
6. It is suggested that you give your counselor and each of your evaluators a return envelope that has already been stamped and addressed to: Pre-Veterinary Medicine Scholars Program, W-203 Veterinary Medicine Building, College of Veterinary Medicine Building, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211.
7. **Applications must be received in our office by April 1 of your senior year or September 15 as MU Freshman.**
8. Completed application files will be reviewed by a screening committee for a decision to offer an interview. Interviews will be held April 1 - May 1 or September 15 – November 1. The selection committee will meet on a regular basis to review applicants who have been interviewed, and applicants will be notified of decisions in a timely manner. Please note that earlier applications will receive earlier consideration and response.

Current University of Missouri-Columbia Freshmen

1. Achieve a composite score of 30 on the American College Test (ACT) or an equivalent score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).
2. Complete the enclosed Application.
3. Fill out the top line and bottom portion of the Guidance Counselor Report and give it to your high-school counselor for completion. An official copy of your final high-school transcript must be attached to this report from your counselor.
4. Fill out the top line and bottom portion of each of the Admission Evaluation Forms. At least one form must be completed by a high-school science teacher and at least one form by an MU professor from whom you took a course this academic year. (If applying Sept. 15th no MU faculty is required) The other form may be completed by an instructor (high school or MU) or by another person who knows you well.
5. It is suggested that you give your counselor and each of your evaluators a return envelope that has already been stamped and addressed to: Pre-Veterinary Medicine Scholars Program, W-203 Veterinary Medicine Building, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211.
6. After Fall grades have been posted on your MU transcript, request an official transcript to be sent to the address in #5 above. (If applying Sept. 15th no Fall grades are required)
7. **The deadline for applications to be received in our office for MU freshmen is September 15 or April 1.**
8. Completed applications will be reviewed by a screening committee for a decision to offer an interview. Interviews will be held September 15 - November 1 or April 1 – May 1. The selection committee will meet on a regular basis to review applicants who have been interviewed, and applicants will be notified of decisions in a timely manner.

List, in order, all high schools attended:

Name of High School

City and State

Dates of Attendance
From To

Graduation
Year

Current _____

Previous _____

List high school courses taken that were Honors Courses _____

List high school courses for which advanced placement was received _____

Have you taken college courses while in high school? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, indicate the institution, courses, and grades received _____

School activities _____

Other activities (community, church, employment, medically-related, etc) _____

Honors received _____

Guidance counselor _____ Telephone No. _____

Additional Information Requested for MU Student

MU Address _____ Telephone No. _____

Semester Enrolled at MU _____ Student ID# _____

Courses for which advanced placement or CLEP credit was received _____

General Honors courses taken _____

Activities _____

Academic advisor _____ Telephone No. _____

In the space provided, please discuss your goals.

Candidate Signature _____ Date _____

Pre-Veterinary Medicine Scholars Program

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR REPORT

Candidate's Name _____ Social Security No. _____
Last First Middle

Please complete both sides of this form and attach **a copy of the candidate's transcript** as well as results of the student's performance on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT) and any achievement tests. This report is confidential and will be available only to those involved in our admission process. Supplementary transcripts of the applicant's performance in the senior year should be sent as they become available.

Counselor's Name _____ Position _____
(Please print)

School Address _____
Street address City State Zip

Telephone number (_____) _____ School's Code Number _____
Number Extension

Length of time acquainted with candidate _____

Grade point average to date is _____ based on a scale with A=_____.

The candidate's rank is _____ * in a class of _____ students.

Give an approximate percentage of the candidate's graduating class that plans to attend a four-year college?

*(If no rank is available, please enclose information which allows the faculty committee to assess the candidate's academic strength in relation to fellow students.)

To be completed by the candidate (please sign A or B):

A: I hereby waive my right to see this evaluation should I matriculate at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Signature _____ Date _____

B: I decline to waive my right to see this evaluation should I matriculate at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

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GUIDANCE COUNSELOR REPORT

Candidate's Name _____

Please write a current appraisal of the candidate's academic and personal qualities and promise as a candidate for the Pre-Veterinary Medicine Scholars program. We are particularly interested in evidence of the student's character, maturity, independence, values, and any special talent or quality that the candidate possesses. We are interested in a brief narrative that will give us added insight into the strengths and weaknesses of the candidate. (If you attach a letter of recommendation, please also provide a rating and your signature below.)

In view of this applicant's strengths and weaknesses, how well do you believe he or she is suited to the study and preparation for a professional career? (Circle the appropriate number.)

1 2 3 4 5 6
Marginal Average Outstanding

Signed _____

Mail this form and all requested supporting materials to: Office of Admissions, W-203 Veterinary Medicine Building, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, 65211.

Pre-Veterinary Medicine Scholars Program

ADMISSIONS EVALUATION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EVALUATORS

The person who gave you this form has applied to the University of Missouri-Columbia College of Veterinary Medicine. The applicant believes you have had sufficient contact with him/her to provide an evaluation of qualities that might relate to future performance as a veterinarian. Your evaluation should be based on comparison with other students you have known. In the space provided, please indicate the peer group which you are comparing this applicant. It is important to complete and return this evaluation form. If you wish, you may attach a letter of recommendation.

IN MARKING THE EVALUATION, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES:

Rate the applicant on a scale of 1 to 6 on the lines to the left of each statement. On this scale, a 6 is the highest possible rating and should be reserved for the most outstanding individuals based upon the particular characteristic. Accordingly, a 1 is the lowest rating and should be reserved for those individuals who are seriously deficient in this quality.

In order for this rating system to have maximum usefulness, we ask you to guard against inflating your ratings. It is assumed that the average applicant would receive ratings of 3 or 4 on some or all of the characteristics. If your rating is low average or below (1, 2, 3), please provide comments that would enable us to further evaluate the candidate. If you have no information or insufficient information to answer on a particular quality, put an X on the line. Where possible, expand your ratings by giving specific instances or descriptions of behavior in the space following each item. On the back page, please discuss other relevant instances or describe behavior of the applicant which led you to assign your rating. Your comments will greatly aid us in the evaluation of the applicant.

If you have any questions regarding the completing this form, please don't hesitate to contact the Office of Admissions, at 573-884-6435. After completing this form, please return it to: Office of Admissions, W-203 Veterinary Medicine Building, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, 65211.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Evaluator's Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

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Under what circumstances and during what period have you known this applicant?

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