

**WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**  
*College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and*  
*Heatherington College of Osteopathic Medicine*

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING YOUR SECONDARY APPLICATION**

Please read the instructions carefully before beginning your on-line application.

Completion of the Secondary Application and receipt of all supporting documents is required prior to consideration of your application. MCAT scores are also required prior to consideration of your application. Applications not completed within 10 days may result in delayed processing. It is your responsibility to ensure that all documents are received in a timely manner.

**Secondary Application**

Applications to both campuses will be reviewed independently. You may be sent the Secondary Application link to one or both campuses.

We recommend that you review each section of the application before completing it and prepare your answers to the essay questions in a word document and copy and paste them into the application. There is a 500-word limit for each essay question. You will be able to print each section of the application prior to submission. After submission you will not be able to make changes to the information you provided. You do have the option of uploading supplemental information after you have submitted your application.

When completing the secondary application, use the name that you used to file the primary application. Please do not use nicknames or shortened versions of your legal name.

**Secondary Application Fee**

The secondary application processing fee is \$65.00 and is non-refundable. The fee must be paid by credit card at the time you submit your application. However, if you were approved for a fee waiver by AACOMAS you will be able to submit your application with a fee waiver from WesternU. **Fee waivers will be granted only to those who are eligible for a fee waiver from AACOMAS.**

**MCAT Test Scores**

We will accept MCATs taken between January 2022 and January 2027. **However, scores from the January 2027 test days may delay consideration of your application which may result in the possibility of not being considered for the DO2031 class.**

**Application Deadline**

Primary Application Deadline March 1, 2027

Secondary Application Deadline March 15, 2027

**Competitive applicants are encouraged to complete their application well in advance of the published deadline. Submitting early ensures adequate time for holistic review and interview consideration.**

**WICHE Scholarships**

Students with permanent residency in Arizona, Montana, or Wyoming may be eligible for the WICHE Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP). For details on available scholarships, complete list of participating states, and application, contact your state WICHE office or visit their website at the following link <http://www.wiche.edu/psep/osteo>. Students who are approved for the scholarship for their first year of medical school may be given priority over students who apply for the scholarship in subsequent years. The application deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup> annually however you can contact their offices to find out if funds have been disbursed or not at which point you may still be eligible to apply.

## Letters of Recommendation

**Only one set of letters of recommendation is required**, even if you apply to both the Pomona and Lebanon campuses. All letters are processed by the Pomona Admissions Operations Office.

### How to Submit Letters

- **AACOMAS (recommended):** Letters may be submitted electronically through AACOMAS with your primary application. Electronic submission shortens processing time.
- **Interfolio:** Letters posted through Interfolio should be addressed to *Western University of Health Sciences / College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) – Pomona*. Please note that posting from Interfolio may result in additional processing time.
- **Mail:** Letters may be mailed directly from your recommender to: **WesternU Admissions Operations Office** Attn: COMP 309 E. Second Street Pomona, CA 91766 If a letter is given to you for mailing or delivery, it must be **signed across the seal** by the recommender to be considered official.

### Processing Timeline

- Letters are typically posted to your file **within 10 working days** after receipt.
- Interfolio submissions may require additional time before appearing in your account.

### Who May Write Your Letters

- Letters may come from **undergraduate, graduate, or professional school professors** who have instructed you in **science coursework**.
- Copies are accepted **only** if included in a letter packet sent by your campus **Pre-Health Advising Office**.
- The Admissions Committee reserves the right to request **additional letters** if needed.

**Letters of recommendation must be written by individuals who have worked with you in a professional or academic capacity and can speak to your character and/or academic ability. Recommenders should have no personal or familial relationship with you.**

- A letter from a physician that you have shadowed or worked with in a clinical setting is required, DO or MD, but DO is preferred.
- A Committee Evaluation from the Pre-health Professions Committee on your campus is preferred. The evaluation must include at least 1 science professor evaluations.
- If your university does not have a pre-health Professions Committee a letter of recommendation from a science professor who instructed you in a science course is acceptable.

### Applicants who have not taken a class for two or more years.

You may request a letter of recommendation from a research professor, non-science professor, pre-health advisor, or supervisor in lieu of the required letter. The Admissions Committee reserves the right to request additional letters of recommendation.

### Notice to Re-applicants

We will consider letters of recommendation for a second consecutive application only. You have the option to provide one additional letter of recommendation from a science professor (if currently enrolled in science classes), a research professor, non-science professor, pre-health advisor, supervisor, or physician. If your previous application was incomplete, you need to provide the necessary letters to complete this application. If you are applying for the third consecutive year, or if your last application was prior to one year, we require new letters of recommendation.