Autobiographical Information Form

Please use this document as a template. Return the completed form to The Health Professions Office in Mears House by February 1st.

Your thoughtful responses permit me to assist you as you refine your application strategy. You may choose to provide information here that will not find its way into your final application. This document is the starting point for discussions we will have throughout the application process.

Send the completed document by one of these means:

email:  lmoran@williams.edu (Linda Moran)
fax:  413-597-4078
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I look forward to working with you!

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Name: 
Graduation year: 
Email address: (give one which will work throughout the application process) 
Phone number: (again, one that will work throughout the process) 
Hometown and State in which you’re a resident: 
Citizenship: 
Williams ID #: 
AAMC ID #: (if you don’t have one yet, pass it along after you register for the MCAT)

Activities and Experience: 
For each, please list and describe experiences that you have had, including organization and start/end dates, and approximate time commitment. Briefly summarize significance to you. As appropriate, please include job title and responsibilities, as you would on a resume.

Medical/clinical: 

Community service: 

Research: 

Other extracurricular activities: 

Other paying jobs: 

Have you supported yourself financially during college? yes no 

Have you been employed during the school year? yes no 

Please list any awards you have received, either in high school or at Williams.

General Questions and Comments: 

At Williams: 

Why did you choose your major? 

What classes did you enjoy the most? Why? 

What activities meant the most to you? Why?
Do you feel that your academic record properly reflects your potential as a medical student? Are there factors that you would like me to know about, so that we can discuss them in the context of your application? If there are significant trends or inconsistencies in your academic record, please comment.

Please describe aspects of your upbringing and/or pre-Williams education that you think might be considered significant or atypical.

What factors would you like to stress in your application? Are there any gaps or areas of relative weakness that concern you?

Have you taken courses at any other college or university? List schools, dates attended, and courses taken. Include college courses taken during high school and/or study abroad courses. For each school, please plan on providing a transcript to the HP office (unofficial is fine).

If you will not be a full-time student, what are your plans for the year before you begin medical school? Please be as specific as possible.

**Questions You’ll See On the Common Application:** *Your responses here will inform a detailed discussion with me.*

At any point in your educational career, have you considered yourself disadvantaged in any way (educationally, financially, or otherwise)? If yes, please explain.

Were you ever the recipient of any institutional action by any college for unacceptable academic performance or conduct violation, even though such action may not have interrupted your enrollment or required you to withdraw? You must answer “yes” even if the action does not appear on or has been deleted from your official transcript due to institutional policy or personal petition. If yes, please describe the action and circumstances surrounding it.

Do you have a criminal record of any kind, not counting minor traffic violations? If yes, please describe in detail.

**Autobiographical Essay:**

In 3-5 pages, please write an essay describing yourself. You might want to include:

- significant experiences
- intellectual pursuits
- why you are interested in medicine
- your cultural or family background
- activities you enjoy

Try to paint a complete picture, conveying information that I may know as well as information that you haven’t yet shared with me. What are your core values? How do close friends see you? What do you think sets you apart?

This should be a free-flowing piece, not a formal personal statement such as the one you’ll provide with your AMCA/AADSAS/VMCAS application. No one will read it but Jane Cary.