

SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE  
EARLY ASSURANCE PROGRAM  
FOR ADMISSION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Please follow the instructions listed below.

1. Using the enclosed faculty recommendation forms, request that at least 3 Penn State faculty write letters of recommendation – one letter from your honors adviser and two letters of recommendation from faculty acquainted with your potential for a career in medicine. Letters should be submitted to the Associate Dean's office in C4 Atherton Hall.
2. Before your early assurance application can be reviewed, three steps must be completed:
  1. You must complete the enclosed Request for SHC Early Assurance Committee Evaluation Form and return it to the Associate Dean Academic Affairs Office in C-4 Atherton Hall.
  2. At least three faculty letters of recommendation must be received by this office.
  3. You must schedule a time for a 30 minute interview with representatives of the SHC Early Assurance Committee. These interviews are generally conducted during mid- to late March and cannot be scheduled until steps (1) and (2) are complete.
3. The information you give us on the request form is only for committee use and the interview request form is not forwarded to the College of Medicine. Our office will forward both the compiled Early Assurance committee letter and the individual faculty letters of recommendation to the College of Medicine.
4. Questions may be directed to Associate Dean Academic Affairs in C-4 Atherton Hall or by phone 814-865-4257.

## TIMETABLE FOR SHC EARLY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

### **APPLICATION SHOULD BE MADE DURING THE SPRING SEMESTER OF THE SOPHOMORE YEAR**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** applicant completes and submits components of application which include:

1. An unofficial transcript
2. Completed Early Assurance Application.
3. A personal statement outlining your background, reasons for deciding on a career in medicine, and career goals.
4. Essay describing the additional education or training opportunities that enrollment in the Early Assurance Program at the Penn State College of Medicine will allow you to pursue.
5. Three letters of recommendation submitted directly to the Schreyer Honors College Associate Dean's Office.

**March 14 – 15** – Early Assurance Committee will review applications.

**March 20 – 24** – Early Assurance Committee will conduct interviews.

**Early-April** – Early Assurance Committee will forward a list of the best-qualified applicants to the Admissions Committee of the College of Medicine.

**June-July** – Applications are reviewed by the College of Medicine Admissions Committee and selected candidates are invited for an interview during early summer following the second year.

**August** – A decision is made and written notification is sent to the applicant and the Schreyer Honors College. Up to five students from the Schreyer Honors College will be selected under this program.

#### **Accepted Students:**

An honors adviser will be appointed at the College of Medicine who, with the undergraduate honors adviser at University Park, will help with academic planning and with procedures.

**Spring semester of Junior Year** – accepted students must take the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT). Examination results are forwarded to the College of Medicine and the Schreyer Honors College.

**Junior Year** – accepted students must complete an American Medical School Application Service (AMCAS) application for central registration purposes. The fee for the application is waived by the College of Medicine.

**Fall Semester Senior Year** – visit the College of Medicine and meet with the Associate Dean for Admissions.



The Pennsylvania State University  
Schreyer Honors College

Office of the Associate Dean  
Early Assurance Evaluation Committee  
C4 Atherton Hall

**REQUEST FOR COMPILED EARLY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE EVALUATION  
(Committee use only)**

**Signatory for FERPA compliance for Transmitting Early Assurance Committee Evaluation Letter, Faculty Letters of Recommendations and Access to Early Assurance Committee Evaluation Letter.**

I authorize the Schreyer Honors College to transmit such information and letters of recommendation in support of my application to the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine. I release Penn State University and its individual staff members from civil liability for any damages sustained by me by reason of their respective functions and services in fulfillment of this request.

Please make one selection:

( ) I hereby voluntarily waive and relinquish any right of access to this confidential Early Assurance Committee letter of evaluation. By waiving your right to access you do not have the right to read the evaluation once completed by the committee.

( ) I retain my right of access to this confidential Early Assurance Committee letter of evaluation. By not waiving your right to access you have the right to read the evaluation once completed by the evaluator.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Type or Print**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ PSU ID#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State/Zip

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Single Day SAT Scores: Mathematics \_\_\_\_\_ Critical Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_

Rank in High School Graduating Class \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Father	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mother	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brothers And/or Sisters	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____

Our committee requests this information because it is requested on health professional applications and is a frequent point of discussion during school interviews. Your inclusion of this information is voluntary and our office will handle this information with sensitivity and confidentiality.

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**REQUEST FOR COMPILED EARLY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE EVALUATION  
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List below in chronological order, from past to present, your various activities and interests throughout high school and college. Where applicable include date or duration of activity, e.g. June 2011 – August 2011 and please include hrs/wk for jobs and shadowing/volunteer experiences. If necessary, you may attach a sheet following the same order of items. **Note: Résumés are not sufficient.**

Extracurricular Activities, including offices held; study abroad; co-op, etc.

Honor Societies:

Athletic Activities:

Hobbies or Unorganized Activities:

Part-time Jobs during School:

Summer Jobs:

Association you have had with Health Professions, e.g. family ties, volunteer work, summer jobs, etc.

Please attach the following:

Personal Statement outlining your background, reasons for deciding on a career in medicine, and career goals.

In an essay of not more than 500 words, describe the additional education or training opportunities that enrollment in the Early Assurance Program at the Penn State College of Medicine will allow you to pursue.