



## TMDSAS APPLICATION ESSAY PROMPTS

The public Texas Dental, Medical, and Veterinary Medical schools have three essays on the TMDSAS application.

### PERSONAL STATEMENT ESSAYS

The personal statement essay is limited to 5000 characters, including spaces.

#### **DENTAL SCHOOLS**

Explain your motivation to seek a career in dentistry. You are asked to discuss your philosophy of the dental profession and indicate your goals relevant to the profession.

#### **MEDICAL SCHOOLS**

Explain your motivation to seek a career in medicine. Be sure to include the value of your experiences that prepare you to be a physician.

#### **VETERINARY SCHOOL**

The personal essay asks you to discuss why you would like to be a veterinarian and indicate your goals relevant to the profession.

### PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS ESSAY

The personal characteristics essay is limited to 2500 characters, including spaces.

Learning from others is enhanced in educational settings that include individuals from diverse backgrounds and experiences. Please describe your personal characteristics (background, talents, skills, etc.) or experiences that would add to the educational experience of others.

### OPTIONAL ESSAY

The optional essay is limited to 2500 characters, including spaces.

The optional essay is an opportunity to provide the admissions committee(s) with a broader picture of who you are as an applicant. This essay is optional; however, you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

**Briefly state any unique circumstances or life experiences that are relevant to your application. *This is not an area to continue your essay or reiterate what you have previously stated - this area is provided to address any issues which have not previously been addressed.***

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The information above is from the TMDSAS application instructions in October 2015. Check the online instructions at the time of your application to be sure that you are using current information.

Dental <http://www.tmdsas.com/dental/section-overview.html>

Medical [http://www.tmdsas.com/medical/section\\_Overview.html](http://www.tmdsas.com/medical/section_Overview.html)

Veterinary Medical [http://www.utsystem.edu/tmdsas/veterinary/section\\_Overview.html](http://www.utsystem.edu/tmdsas/veterinary/section_Overview.html)

See HPO's online "Health Professions Personal Statement Prompts" handout for information about prompts for Baylor College of Medicine and most out-of-state dental, medical, and veterinary medical schools.