

# PERSONAL STATEMENT WORKSHOP

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Office of Career Services  
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## AMCAS®--What everyone writes

- Personal statement (5300 characters, spaces count)
- Activities descriptions (700 characters)
- Three descriptions of most meaningful activities (an additional 1325 characters for each activity)

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- Institutional action explanation (1325 characters)
- Disadvantaged status explanation (1325 characters)
- MD/PhD essay—Why MD/PhD? (3000 characters)
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# What you write beyond AMCAS®

- Secondary applications!

# Personal Statement



# Activity Descriptions



# Most Meaningful



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# Secondary Applications



# Image Credits

- Once upon a time--[HTTP://CENTRUM.ORG/PROGRAMS/WRITING/HTTP://THEITHACAN.ORG/BLOGS/WHY-I-WRITE-ON-WRITING/](http://CENTRUM.ORG/PROGRAMS/WRITING/HTTP://THEITHACAN.ORG/BLOGS/WHY-I-WRITE-ON-WRITING/)
- Extracurricular-<http://infinityinstitutenewspaper.org/661/college-corner/how-joining-extracurricular-activities-help/>
- Paper pile--<http://documentosenformatodigital.com/documentos-en-formato-digital-document-preparation-services/>
- Tutoring--[www.ymcatriangle.org](http://www.ymcatriangle.org)
- Shadowing-SMG2014 Careers in Medicine - Shadowing
- All sites accessed 2/26/16