

Evaluations (Letters of Reference)

VMCAS STRONGLY recommends that applicants get S.E.T. for verification by **August 15th!** The E in S.E.T. stands for Evaluations – Have all THREE of your required evaluations “Complete” by August 15th. VMCAS will not accept late application materials.

The Ohio State University requires **a total of THREE (3) references at least one must be a veterinarian.** You can submit a maximum of SIX (6) references via VMCAS. Letters from relatives are not acceptable. You will indicate on the supplemental application which references you would Ohio State to review.

Recommended Deadline: August 15th

Official Deadline: September 15 at 11:59 PM EST

NOTE: NO PAPER LETTERS OR FORMS SHOULD BE MAILED TO VMCAS.

Evaluations must be completed & submitted entirely online.

Helpful Hints:

- All evaluations must be submitted to VMCAS electronically. In this section, please enter information for a minimum of THREE (3) references, and up to a maximum of SIX (6) references. VMCAS is not responsible for verifying an evaluator’s identity. If a discrepancy is found, VMCAS reserves the right to contact the applicant or evaluator to investigate. VMCAS reserves the right to share the discrepancy without comment to all VMCAS programs
- All evaluations on the VMCAS application system must be submitted via the electronic reference portal by 11:59 PM EST, September 15.
- Check to be sure those selected to be your reference are willing to provide a reference before entering their contact information on the application. As soon as the information is saved, an e-mail request is automatically sent.
- All evaluations submitted to VMCAS are sent to ALL of your designated Colleges of Veterinary Medicine. Thus, they should not make references to specific programs.
- If you choose not to waive your right of access to the evaluation, you won’t be able to see the evaluation until you are admitted and enrolled into a College of Veterinary Medicine.
- Any evaluator which is listed as “Requested” can be deleted and replaced. Under certain circumstances a reference listed as “Accepted” can be deleted. To have an “Accepted” reference removed, please contact VMCAS.
- We strongly encourage you to enter your evaluator information early in the application process to expedite their receipt of the evaluation request.
- If your references have questions, encourage them to contact VMCAS directly- we are happy to help them use our reference portal!