What are the qualifications to apply to the program?  By the time they are nominated in May, following the completion of the Spring semester of Sophomore year at Xavier, students must have...

- Entered Xavier as a first-time freshman majoring in Biology (any major), Chemistry-Premed, or Psychology-Premed (NOTE: Students must major in one of the fields above for the duration of their undergraduate years at XU in order to be eligible; transfers from departments other than those listed above are not eligible).
- Completed at least 60 semester hours of courses at Xavier, 30 of which are science or math prerequisites at Xavier.
- Complete at least 14 credit hours per semester and at least 30 credit hours total during fall and spring of freshman year (summer school, credit by exam, and AP NOT included in totals).
- Complete at least 14 credit hours per semester and at least 30 credit hours total during freshman year and sophomore year (fall and spring only; summer school, credit by exam, dual enrollment, and AP credit are NOT included in credit hour totals).
- Complete at least 14 credit hours per semester and at least 28 credit hours total during junior year and senior year (fall and spring only; summer school, credit by exam, dual enrollment, and AP credit are NOT included in credit hour totals).
- Completed or be currently enrolled in the following courses: General Biology (1230/1230LB, 1240/1240LB), General Chemistry (1010/1010DR/1011LB, 1020/1020DR/1021LB), Organic Chemistry (2210/2210DR/2230LB, 2220/2220DR/2240LB), Precalculus/Calculus I or Statistics/Precalculus, and English 1010, 1020 (or their equivalents including XU's English Honors sequence).
- Taken ALL biology, chemistry, physics, and math (BCPM) courses at Xavier University of Louisiana during the academic year (BCPM courses taken during summer school are NOT acceptable unless approved by the Pre-Medical Scholars Program Director).
- Earned an overall GPA at Xavier of 3.65 or higher and BCPM GPA at Xavier of 3.65 or higher at the end of each academic year (GPAs for each academic year are calculated upon completion of each spring semester). NOTE: Transfer credits earned elsewhere will not be factored into cumulative overall and BCPM GPAs.
- Earned a minimum score of 26 on the ACT or 1170 on the SAT.
- Not earned a "W" (withdrawal) or "I" (incomplete) in any course.
- Not audited any courses.
- Not received a "D" or "F" in any course.
- Demonstrated a genuine interest in becoming a physician by gaining relevant experience in a patient-care setting (e.g. volunteering, paid employment, internship, shadowing, etc.) and/or participating in a premed summer enrichment or research program.
- Demonstrated a genuine interest in medicine as indicated by participation in the group and individual meetings conducted by the Premedical Office for freshman and sophomore students, including submission of personal statement and post-secondary experiences form to the Premedical Office for review throughout enrollment.
- Demonstrated a genuine interest in attending Saint Louis University School of Medicine as indicated by meeting the above-mentioned requirements and attending any on-campus information or recruitment sessions offered by Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

NOTE: If you have questions or concerns about any of the above-mentioned requirements that must be met by the end of the Spring semester of Sophomore year, please contact the Premedical Office no later than the Fall semester of Sophomore year.
What happens to applications after they are submitted to the Premed Office? In May, the Premed Office will review all applications and supporting materials and then choose qualified students to submit the special SLU-specific electronic application, personal statement, and four-year course plan directly to the Premedical Office. It is IMPERATIVE that the email address you check DAILY is on file in the Premed Office since SLU-specific electronic application instructions will be forwarded by the Premed Office to selected students by email.

After submitting the SLU-specific application and supporting materials to the Premed Office, these items will be forwarded directly to SLU by the Premed Office. Applicants are notified by SLU administrators of their application status during their junior year. Subsequently, applicants who are granted interviews by SLU will be notified of the status of their applications by SLU administrators.

What happens to applications after they are submitted to Saint Louis University?  

Following review of the application by the Saint Louis University School of Medicine Admissions Committee, the most qualified applicants will be invited during August and September to Saint Louis University for interviews. No one will be accepted into the program without an interview. Any applicant to the Saint Louis University School of Medicine Pre-Medical Scholars Program who is rejected in the initial screening or after interview, may apply to Saint Louis University School of Medicine as a regular applicant via AMCAS without prejudice and, in fact, will be encouraged to do so.

The final selection of those offered provisional acceptance into the Saint Louis University School of Medicine Pre-Medical Scholars Program is made by the Medical School Admissions Committee based on all of the information available to them. Academic and career potential, maturity, diverse experiences and perspectives, and strong letters of support will be key factors in the selection process.

Accepted applicants will be notified during their junior year. A nonrefundable fee of $100 will be required within four weeks of acceptance to hold a place in the school of medicine class. This fee will be credited to your first semester tuition bill.

Accepted students are considered "committed" to Saint Louis University, and it is expected that they will NOT apply elsewhere. Should an accepted student decide to apply to schools of medicine more widely or have a change in career plans, they will forfeit their acceptance to Saint Louis University.
Accepted Saint Louis University School of Medicine Pre-Medical Scholars Program students will be eligible for all scholarship monies and loans that are normally available to all applicants to the school of medicine. Financial aid information will be made available to all accepted students in the spring of their senior year in college.

**What do students do after acceptance into the program?** Students who are accepted into the Pre-Medical Scholars Program must adhere to VERY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS as outlined in the official acceptance letter from Saint Louis University School of Medicine. Accepted students must take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) during the spring of their junior year and achieve the highest possible scores on the MCAT. The scores do NOT affect the student's acceptance to the School of Medicine. The scores will be used to create individual student support during their tenure at the School of Medicine but again will NOT affect the student's acceptance into the School of Medicine via the Pre-Medical Scholars Program. Other rules for accepted students include:

- Scholars are not permitted to withdraw from courses after the drop/add period at the beginning of the semester, nor are they permitted to take an incomplete (I) in a course.
- As indicated in the aforementioned eligibility requirements, scholars must complete at least 14 credit hours per semester and at least 28 credit hours total during junior year and senior year (fall and spring only; summer school, credit by exam, dual enrollment, and AP credit are NOT included in credit hour totals).
- Scholars are not permitted to audit courses.
- Scholars may not receive a D or F in any course.
- Students must achieve the 3.65/3.65 averages for each year of study through completion of the undergraduate degree. Grade point averages are calculated after the spring semester, and students will be dismissed from the program if those GPAs are not met.
- Transfer credits earned elsewhere will not be considered part of the averages for the Medical Scholars Program.
- All math and science courses must be taken at the Xavier University main campus. Organic chemistry and physics will be taken during the academic year, unless approved by the Pre-Medical Scholars Program Director. Study abroad requires students to take a science course at Xavier, as determined by the Director, during the summer before they travel.
- Scholars must complete SLU's medical school prerequisites in full prior to medical school matriculation. Details at [https://www.slu.edu/medicine/medical-education/md/admissions/requirements-standards.php](https://www.slu.edu/medicine/medical-education/md/admissions/requirements-standards.php).

Accepted students must complete their Junior and Senior years at Xavier, making sure to meet ALL requirements as outlined by Saint Louis University School of Medicine Pre-Medical Scholars Program; complete and submit the online AMCAS application ([www.aamc.org](http://www.aamc.org)) in July before their Senior year, and complete Saint Louis University's secondary application by September 30th. **NOTE: Students accepted into Saint Louis University School of Medicine Pre-Medical Scholars Program will forfeit their provisional acceptance into Saint Louis University School of Medicine if they apply to any other schools of medicine or fail to meet any of the other program requirements.**