

**Dental School Required Letters of Recommendation**

| <b>Dental School Letter of Recommendation Requirements</b> (updated March 2010) |                                   |  |                                     |  |   |
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| <b>School</b> (includes hyperlink to letter requirement page)                   | <b>Letter 1</b>                   | <b>Letter 2</b>                        | <b>Letter 3</b>                     | <b>Letter 4</b>                              | <b>Notes</b>  |
| <a href="#">University of Alabama School of Dentistry</a>                       | Academic                          | Academic                               | Academic                            |  | Prefer science letters, but will accept other academic. Will accept other letters in addition, but must have two academic.  |
| <a href="#">Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health at A.T. Still</a>       | Academic                          | Dentist                                |                                     |  | Academic letter can be from any discipline.   |
| <a href="#">Loma Linda University School of Dentistry</a>                       | Employer                          | Religious leader                       | Science professor                   |  | Science = biology, chem., physics   |
| <a href="#">UCLA School of Dentistry</a>  | Any                               | Any                                    | Any                                 |  | Letters should be from objective sources who are familiar with the applicant's accomplishments. This could include employers, supervisors where the student has volunteered, college professors, college recommendation committees, college counselors, and other appropriate individuals. If the student has had significant involvement in research, a letter from their research supervisor is desirable. Any combination is fine. |
| <a href="#">UCSF School of Dentistry</a>  | Science                           | Dentist with whom you have volunteered | Any                                 |  | The second letter may also be an advisor/researcher/mentor.   |
| <a href="#">University of the Pacific - Dugoni School of Dentistry</a>          | Science                           | Science                                | Healthcare professional or employer |  | Additional letters of evaluation from health care professionals who know you well may be submitted at your discretion.  |
| <a href="#">University of Southern California School of Dentistry</a>           | Science                           | Science                                |                                     |  |   |
| <a href="#">University of Colorado Denver School of Dental Medicine</a>         | Science                           | Science                                | Employer or non-science academic    |  |   |
| <a href="#">University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine</a>             | Academic                          | Academic                               | Academic                            |  |   |
| <a href="#">Howard University College of Dentistry</a>                          | Advisor, counselor, or instructor |  |                                     |  | If the applicant has graduated and is employed, they might accept an employer letter instead.   |
| <a href="#">Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine</a>         | Science                           | Science                                | Liberal Arts                        | Highly recommended but not required: Dentist |   |
| <a href="#">University of Florida College of Dentistry</a>                      | Academic                          | Academic                               | Dentist or Academic                 |  |   |

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| <a href="#">Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry</a>          | Preident/academic advisor      | Dentist                         | Any (personal reference)                 |   |  |
| <a href="#">University of Illinois at Chicago: College of Dentistry</a> | Science                        | Academic                        | Any                                      |   |  |
| <a href="#">Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine</a>  | Biology, Chemistry, or English | Biology, Chemistry, or English  | Other academic                           |   |  |
| <a href="#">Indiana University School of Dentistry</a>                  | Academic                       | Academic                        | Academic                                 | Optional: Personal reference                                  |  |
| <a href="#">University of Iowa College of Dentistry</a>                 | Any                            | Any                             | Any                                      |   |  |
| <a href="#">University of Kentucky College of Dentistry</a>             | Academic                       | Academic                        | Dentist                                  |   |  |
| <a href="#">University of Louisville Dental School</a>                  | Science                        | Science                         | Personal reference                       |   |  |
| <a href="#">Louisiana State University School of Dentistry</a>          | Science                        | Science                         |  |   | Additional from other sources welcome.   |
| <a href="#">University of Maryland Dental School</a>                    | Biology faculty                | Chemistry faculty               |  |   |  |
| <a href="#">Boston University School of Dental Medicine</a>             | Science                        | Science                         | Academic                                 | Dentist (from the dentist you shadowed)                       | The Admissions Committee values letters from persons who are able to provide a thoughtful, thorough, and candid assessment of an applicant's academic ability and potential for success in dental study.   |
| <a href="#">Harvard School of Dental Medicine</a>                       | Science                        | Science                         | Academic                                 | Optional: Supervisor, dentist, or other professional relation | HSDM does not accept personal references.  |
| <a href="#">Tufts University School of Dental Medicine</a>              | Biology                        | Biochem, chem, math, or physics | Dentist                                  |   | Dental letter <b><i>must</i></b> provide proof of at least 30 hours of shadowing experience.   |
| <a href="#">University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry</a>         | Biochem, chem or physics       | Biochem, chem or physics        | Dentist                                  |   | All prospective applicants are encouraged to spend time in a dental office and are also required to provide a letter of recommendation from a dentist that also attests to the applicant having spent a reasonable amount of time with the practitioner exploring the dental profession. |
| <a href="#">University of Michigan School of Dentistry</a>              | Science                        | Science                         | Nonscience faculty, dentist, or employer |   |  |

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| <a href="#">University of Minnesota School of Dentistry</a>                | Science   | Science   | Employer/supervisor or |       | Individuals reapplying to the School of Dentistry must provide three new letters of recommendations; they can be from the same recommenders but must be new and different letters. |
| <a href="#">University of Mississippi School of Dentistry</a>              | *Information will be posted on the website in July 2011 for this application. |   |                        |       |  |
| <a href="#">University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry</a>     | Any   | Any   | Any                    |       | They suggest that you seek recommendations from faculty members at your school, employers, dentists you have talked with or observed, physicians, clergy, etc.                     |
| <a href="#">Creighton University School of Dentistry</a>                   | Science   | Science   | Academic               |       | Prefer one each from biology and chemistry.  |
| <a href="#">University of Nebraska College of Dentistry</a>                |   |   |                        |       | None required, however, evaluations of a student's progress and potential by a pre dental adviser or committee are appreciated.  |
| <a href="#">UNLV School of Dental Medicine</a>                             | Science   | Science   | Dentist                | Other |  |
| <a href="#">University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)</a> | Science   | Science   | Other                  |       | Third letter cannot be from family.  |
| <a href="#">Columbia University College of Dental Medicine</a>             | Science   | Science   | Science                |       | Additional letters of recommendation from employers or non-science professors will be accepted, but will not satisfy the requirement.  |
| <a href="#">New York University College of Dentistry</a>                   | Science   | Science   | Other                  |       |  |
| <a href="#">SUNY School of Dental Medicine - Buffalo</a>                   | Science   | Science   | Science                |       | Additional letters may be submitted directly to the school if it is believed they would provide information relevant to the application.   |
| <a href="#">SUNY School of Dental Medicine - Stony Brook</a>               | Science   | Science   | Science                |       |  |
| <a href="#">University of North Carolina School of Dentistry</a>           | Science   | Academic from major                               | Dentist                |       |  |
| <a href="#">Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine</a>  | Science (Biology, chemistry, physics, or zoology)                             | Science (Biology, chemistry, physics, or zoology) |                        |       | Additional letters beyond those from science faculty could come from instructors in other academic disciplines or dentists with whom you have spend time observing/shadowing.      |
| <a href="#">Ohio State University College of Dentistry</a>                 | Science   | Personal reference                                |                        |       | No politicians, church leaders, or alumni.   |
| <a href="#">University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry</a>                | Science   | Science   | Dentist                |       |  |

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| <a href="#">Oregon Health &amp; Science University School of Dentistry</a>  | Science  | Science  | Dentist             |  |  |
| <a href="#">University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine</a>  | Academic | Academic |                     |  | One letter must be from science faculty if you are a science major.  |
| <a href="#">University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine</a>  | Science  | Science  | Science             |  | Will accept 3 additional from nonscience faculty or dentists.  |
| <a href="#">Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry</a>  | Science  | Science  |                     |  |  |
| <a href="#">University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine</a>   | Science  | Science  | Science             |  |  |
| <a href="#">Meharry Medical College Dental School</a>   | Science  | Science  | Any                 |  |  |
| <a href="#">UTHSC College of Dentistry</a>  |          |          |                     |  | None required, but will accept letters that will become part of your file.   |
| <a href="#">Texas schools (TMDAS)</a>   | Academic | Academic |                     |  | Prefer letters from professors in biological sciences. Baylor requires additional letter from a dentist.   |
| <a href="#">Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry</a>  | Science  | Science  | Dentist             |  | Dentist letter must be someone they've shadowed. Will accept extra letters.  |
| <a href="#">University of Washington School of Dentistry</a>  | Science  | Dentist  | Character reference |  | Want letters that evaluate your academic and intellectual qualifications, knowledge of and motivation to profession, and indications of your contribution to humanity and community. Additional letters from employers or professors are welcome, but there is a 5 letter limit. |
| <a href="#">West Virginia University School of Dentistry</a>  | Academic | Academic | Academic            |  | If majoring in biol, chem, or phys, get a letter from each of those 3 areas. If nonscience major, get 1 letter from biol, chem, or phys and 2 within major. If can't get specified letters, can get replacement but must explain why.  |
| <a href="#">Marquette University School of Dentistry</a>  | Science  | Science  | Any                 |  |  |
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| <b>Additional comments:</b>   |          |          |                     |  |  |
| All schools accept letters besides the ones they require, but emphasize they prefer quality over quantity. Academic letters must be from someone who taught them in a classroom. It is unlikely that a research mentor will count. Schools that require a letter from a dentist want a dentist that you have shadowed or worked with. |          |          |                     |  |  |