

**Dental School Required Letters of Recommendation**

Ohio State University College of Dentistry	Science	Personal reference			No politicians, church leaders, or alumni.
University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry	Science	Science	Dentist		
Oregon Health & Science University School of Dentistry	Science	Science	Dentist		
University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine	Academic	Academic			One letter must be from science faculty if you are a science major.
University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine	Science	Science	Science		Will accept 3 additional from nonscience faculty or dentists.
Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry	Science	Science			
University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine	Science	Science	Science		
Meaharry Medical College Dental School	Science	Science	Any		
UTHSC College of Dentistry					None required, but will accept letters that will become part of your file.
Texas schools (TMDSSAS)	Academic	Academic			Prefer letters from professors in biological sciences. Baylor requires additional letter from a dentist.
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry	Science	Science	Dentist		Dentist letter must be someone they've shadowed. Will accept extra letters.
University of Washington School of Dentistry	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.
West Virginia University School of Dentistry	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.
Marquette University School of Dentistry	Science	Science	Any		
<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.					

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<u>University of Michigan School of Dentistry</u>	Science	Science	Nonscience faculty, dentist, or employer		
<u>University of Minnesota School of Dentistry</u>	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.
<u>University of Mississippi School of Dentistry</u>	*Information will be posted on the website in July 2011 for this application.				
<u>University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry</u>	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.
<u>Creighton University School of Dentistry</u>	Science	Science	Academic		Prefer one each from biology and chemistry.
<u>University of Nebraska College of Dentistry</u>					None required, however, evaluations of a student's progress and potential by a predoctoral adviser or committee are appreciated.
<u>UNLV School of Dental Medicine</u>	Science	Science	Dentist	Other	
<u>University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)</u>	Science	Science	Other		Third letter cannot be from family.
<u>Columbia University College of Dental Medicine</u>	Science	Science	Science		Additional letters of recommendation from employers or non-science professors will be accepted, but will not satisfy the requirement.
<u>New York University College of Dentistry</u>	Science	Science	Other		
<u>SUNY School of Dental Medicine - Buffalo</u>	Science	Science	Science		Additional letters may be submitted directly to the school if it is believed they would provide information relevant to the application.
<u>SUNY School of Dental Medicine - Stony Brook</u>	Science	Science	Science		
<u>University of North Carolina School of Dentistry</u>	Science	Academic from major	Dentist		
<u>Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine</u>	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.

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University of Florida College of Dentistry	Academic	Academic	Dentist or Academic		
Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry	Predent/academic advisor	Dentist	Any (personal reference)		
University of Illinois at Chicago: College of Dentistry	Science	Academic	Any		
Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine	Biology, Chemistry, or English	Biology, Chemistry, or English	Other academic		
Indiana University School of Dentistry	Academic	Academic	Academic	Optional: Personal reference	
University of Iowa College of Dentistry	Any	Any	Any		
University of Kentucky College of Dentistry	Academic	Academic	Dentist		
University of Louisville Dental School	Science	Science	Personal reference		
Louisiana State University School of Dentistry	Science	Science			Additional from other sources welcome.
University of Maryland Dental School	Biology faculty	Chemistry faculty			
Boston University School of Dental Medicine	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.
Harvard School of Dental Medicine	Science	Science	Academic	Optional: Supervisor, dentist, or other professional relation	HSDM does not accept personal references.
Tufts University School of Dental Medicine	Biology	Biochem, chem, math, or physics	Dentist		Dental letter <u>must</u> provide proof of at least 30 hours of shadowing experience.
University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry	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.

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Dental School Letter of Recommendation Requirements (updated March 2010)					
School	Letter 1	Letter 2	Letter 3	Letter 4	Notes
<u>School</u> (includes hyperlink to letter requirement page)					
<u>University of Alabama School of Dentistry</u>	Academic	Academic	Academic		Prefer science letters, but will accept other academic. Will accept other letters in addition, but must have two academic.
<u>Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health at A.T. Still</u>	Academic	Dentist			Academic letter can be from any discipline.
<u>Loma Linda University School of Dentistry</u>	Employer	Religious leader	Science professor		Science = biology, chem., physics
<u>UCLA School of Dentistry</u>	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.
<u>UCSF School of Dentistry</u>	Science	Dentist with whom you have volunteered	Any		The second letter may also be an advisor/researcher/mentor.
<u>University of the Pacific - Dugoni School of Dentistry</u>	Science	Science	Healthcare professional or employer		Additional letters of evaluation from health care professionals who know you well may be submitted at your discretion.
<u>University of Southern California School of Dentistry</u>	Science	Science			
<u>University of Colorado Denver School of Dental Medicine</u>	Science	Science	Employer or non-science academic		
<u>University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine</u>	Academic	Academic	Academic		
<u>Howard University College of Dentistry</u>	Advisor, counselor, or instructor				If the applicant has graduated and is employed, they might accept an employer letter instead.
<u>Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine</u>	Science	Science	Liberal Arts	Highly recommended but not required: Dentist	