

OVERVIEW OF THE APPLICATION AND ADMISSIONS PROCESS

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UWSOM is Committed to:

- The states of Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho (WWAMI)
- Training physicians of all specialties to practice in the region
 - ▣ Recognizing the special importance of training primary care doctors
- Contributing to biomedical research
- Providing educational opportunities for educationally and economically disadvantaged

Expectations

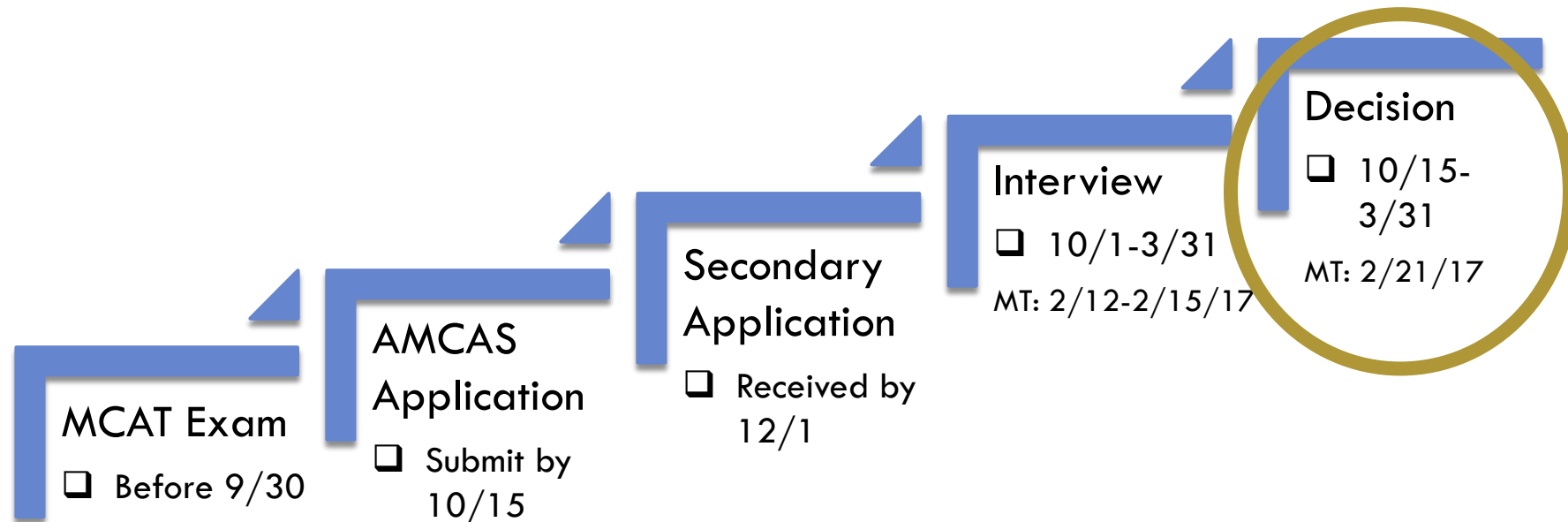
All Applicants

- ❑ Meet our mission
- ❑ Knowledge of being a physician
- ❑ Understanding of current issues facing medicine
- ❑ Understanding of socio-economic determinants in health
- ❑ Communication and interpersonal skills
- ❑ Academic ability

Out-of-Region Applicants

- ❑ Extensive record of service with underserved
- ❑ Disadvantaged background

Application Process



Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)



Total Score: 472 (lowest) to
528 (highest)
118 to 132 for each
section

- Previous MCAT scores will still be considered as consistent with our policy
- MCAT should be taken no later than September the year of application
- Most recent MCAT scores are used for academic screen

AMCAS: The Primary Application

The screenshot shows the AMCAS website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Services' and 'Publications' links, a search bar, and 'HOME' and 'SIGN IN' buttons. The AMCAS logo and AAMC logo are prominently displayed. Below the navigation bar, there are four main categories: 'Aspiring Docs', 'Applicants', 'Med Students', and 'Residents'. The main content area features the title 'American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®)' and a large image of a young woman looking at a laptop. To the right of the image, there is a '2015 AMCAS Sign In' button and a section titled 'Important Dates' with key dates: 'January 2 2014 Fee Assistance Program Application Opens' and 'May 1 2015 AMCAS Application Opens'. On the left side, there is a sidebar with social media links and a 'Connect with AMCAS' section.

Deadline: October 15th, 2017

AMCAS Processing Fee: \$160
for one medical school. \$39 for
each additional school.

AAMC Fee Assistance Program (FAP)

- Reduced MCAT registration fees
 - ▣ from \$310 to \$120
- The Official Guide to the MCAT Exam and practice tests
- Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR)
- Waiver for all AMCAS fees for one application submission (up to 16 medical schools)

<https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/fap/>

Premedical Course Requirements

- 4 semesters or 6 quarters of Social Sciences or Humanities
- 6 semesters or 9 quarters of Chemistry and Biology
 - ▣ general chemistry, general biology, biochemistry, molecular genetics, and cell biology/cell physiology
- 2 semesters or 3 quarters of Physics; or 1 semester or 2 quarters of Physics plus 1 semester or 2 quarters of calculus or linear algebra

- Optional: Ethics, Anatomy or Comparative Anatomy, Human or Mammalian Physiology, and Embryology

Work/Activities

- Insightful reflections on:
 - ▣ Domestic Physician Shadowing
 - ▣ Community Service
 - ▣ Patient Contact
 - ▣ Leadership Positions
 - ▣ Research
 - ▣ Employment
 - ▣ Military
 - ▣ Sports, Hobbies, Interests, or *any activities that are meaningful*



Personal Comments

1. Identifying Information 2. Schools Attended 3. Biographic Information 4. Course Work 5. Work/Activities 6. Letters of Evaluation 7. Medical Schools 8. Essay(s) 9. Standardized Tests

PERSONAL COMMENTS

Use the space provided to explain why you want to go to medical school. The available space for your response is 5300 characters, or approximately one full page. You will receive an error message if you exceed the available space. For additional assistance, click "help" on the tool bar at the top of the screen. *

[What information should I consider including in my personal comments?](#)

ESSAY(S) >

Personal Comments Incomplete

**“Creating Your Personal Statement”
Breakout Sessions
at 11:05AM and 1:30PM**

Disadvantaged Status

From AMCAS:

“Do you wish to be considered a disadvantaged applicant by any of your designated medical schools that may consider such factors (social, economic or educational)?”

Underserved
Immediate Family Situations/Circumstances
State and/or Federal Aid

UWSOM Secondary Application

- Applicants complete the secondary application online:
 - Additional statements
 - Letters of recommendation
 - TRUST application
 - Residency certification/eligibility
 - \$35 application fee

- [Deadline: December 1st, 2017](#)

Secondary Statements

- Autobiographical Statement Addendum
- How do you see historical and structural inequities affecting the patients you have worked with and will work with, and how do you as a student and physician address these broader causes of health disparities?
- How have your experiences prepared you to be a physician?
- What perspectives or experiences do you bring that would enrich the class?
- What obstacles to your goals have you experienced and how have you dealt with them?
- For re-applicants: From your most recent application until now, how have you strengthened your application?

Letters of Recommendation

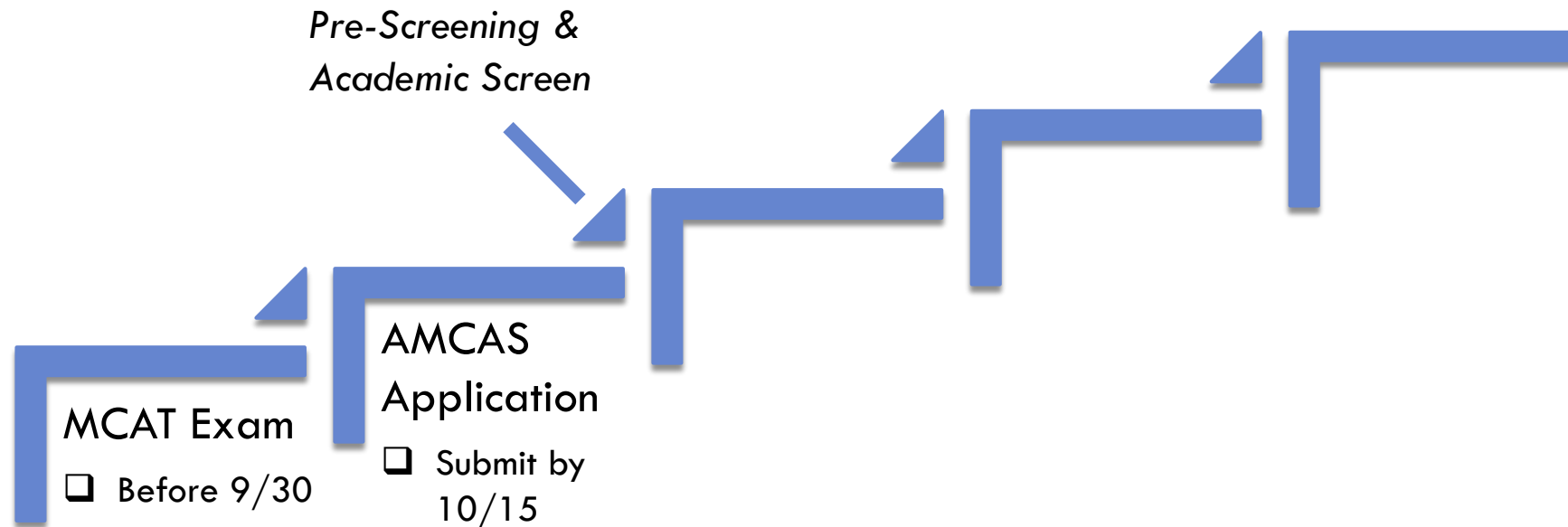
- Required: a committee letter or 3 letters of recommendation
 - ▣ Well-rounded picture of applicant
- An additional 3 letters will be accepted



TRUST Application

- Please describe why you desire to participate in the TRUST program. Given your experience to date, which specialty is most interesting to you and where would you like to practice?
- Please identify the rural and underserved areas wherein you have lived/worked for more than two months (community name, population, state and dates lived in that community).

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Preliminary Screening

- Applicants with low GPA AND low MCAT score will be rejected
 - Note: Montana applicants below the cut off will go to the Montana Executive Committee Member for review.
- International students without United States permanent residency or citizenship will be rejected
- Applicants who have three previous applications will be rejected

MCAT-GPA Table

E-2017 MD Statistics																
MCAT Percentile Rank	0-14		15-26		27-42		43-60		61-78		79-90		91-96		97-100	
Undergraduate GPA	acc	tot	acc	tot	acc	tot	acc	tot	acc	tot	acc	tot	acc	tot	acc	tot
3.80-4.00	0	0	0	3	1	10	6	26	18	68	33	97	21	55	20	61
3.60-3.79	0	1	0	3	5	28	8	46	25	91	30	122	25	78	11	36
3.40-3.59	0	3	0	8	4	26	6	47	11	68	19	100	5	38	6	13
3.20-3.39	0	5	1	9	0	27	10	36	10	43	5	50	4	14	1	5
3.00-3.19	0	5	0	12	0	11	0	11	1	19	1	13	0	5	0	4
2.80-2.99	0	4	0	3	0	3	0	7	1	9	0	1	0	2	0	0
2.60-2.79	0	4	0	7	0	2	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
2.40-2.59	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
2.20-2.39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.00-2.19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1.47-1.99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	24	1	46	10	107	30	181	66	300	88	385	55	192	38	120

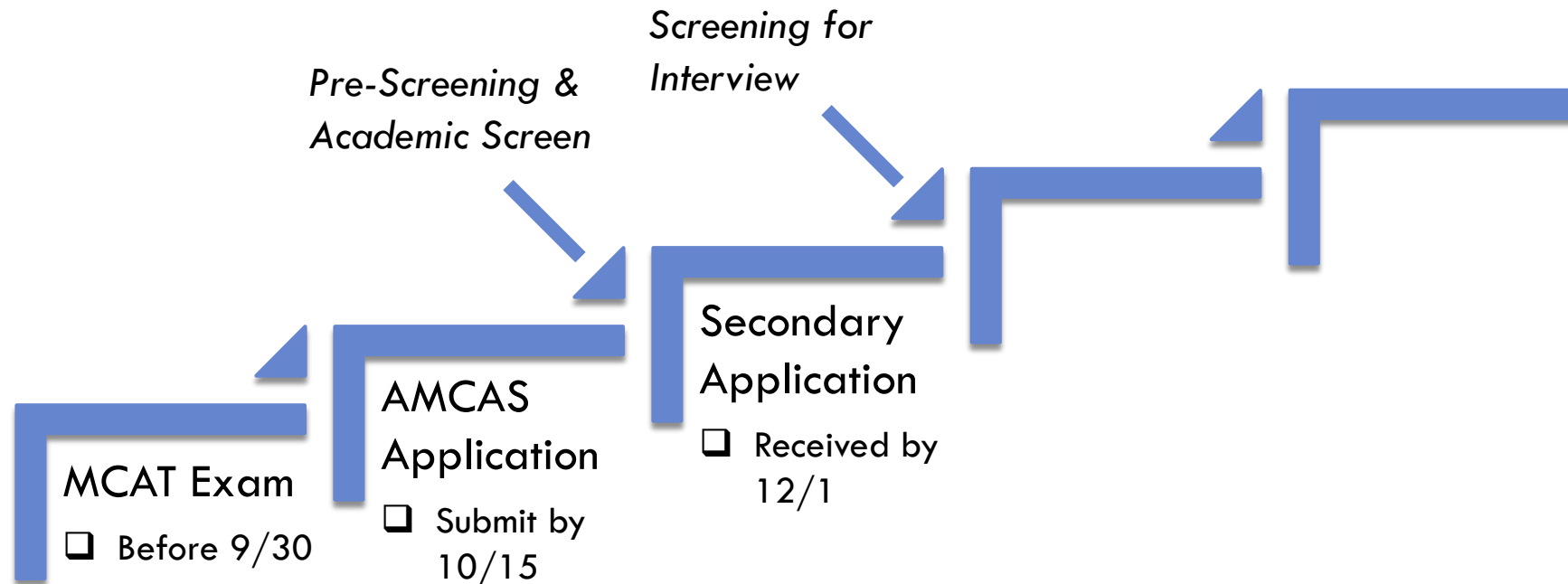
2017 Statistical Outline of Montana Applicant Pool (106) and Entering Class (30)

	Applied	Offered	Entering
Undergraduate GPA and Standard Deviation	3.56 (0.30)	3.69 (0.25)	3.67 (0.26)
MCAT Mean and Standard Deviation	Applied	Offered	Entering
PSBB	125.14 (2.38)	126.30 (2.37)	125.96 (2.14)
CARS	125.80 (2.26)	126.57 (2.38)	126.31 (2.41)
BBFL	126.03 (2.42)	126.70 (2.28)	126.31 (2.18)
CPBS	125.55 (2.47)	126.43 (2.55)	126.12 (2.58)

Preliminary Screening (cont.)

- WWAMI applicants above the academic cut off will get a secondary
- Non-WWAMI applicants above the academic cut off will get a secondary if they:
 - ▣ Demonstrate commitment to working with underserved
 - ▣ Come from a disadvantaged background

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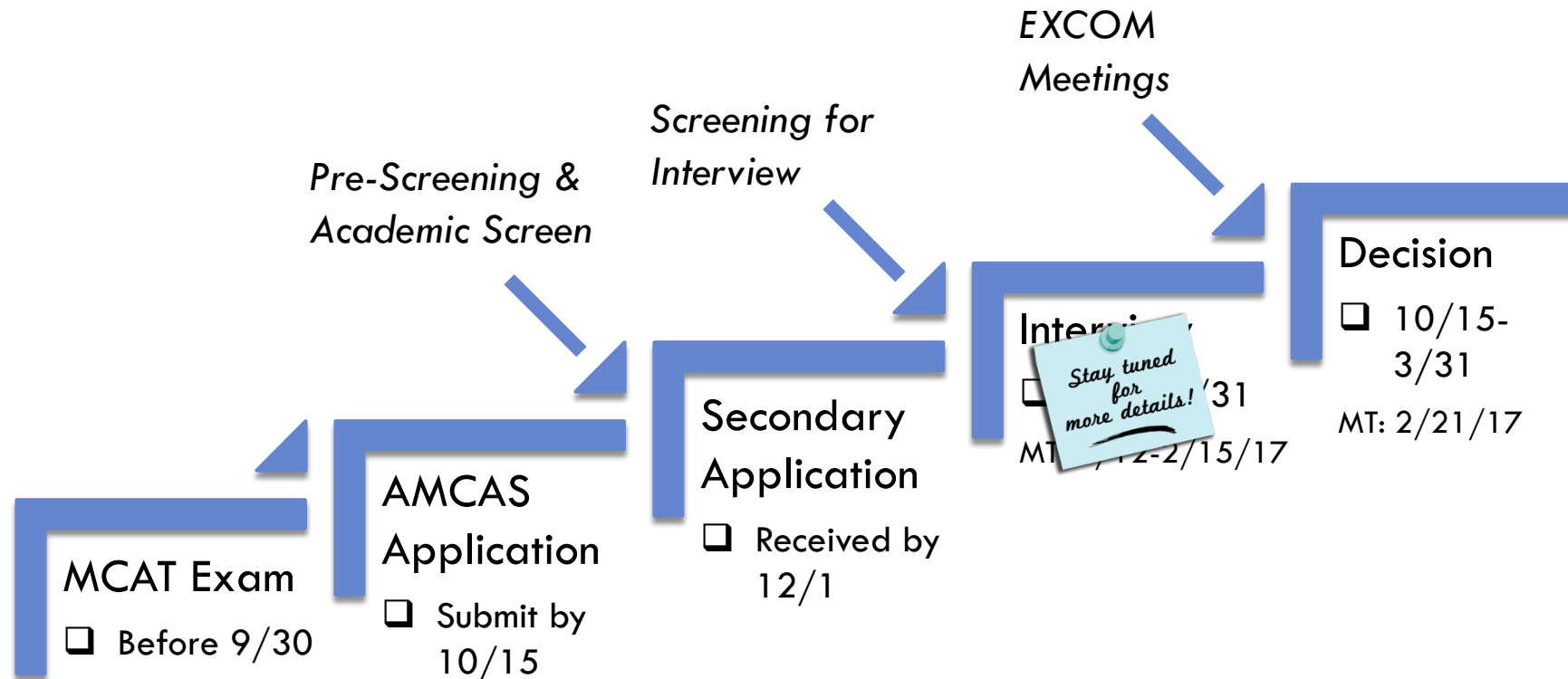
Screening Applications

- Complete applications are reviewed by two to three screeners for an invitation to interview.
- Montana applicants with two negative screens will go to the Montana Executive Committee Member for a final review.
- Decision to extend an interview can take up to 6 weeks.

Considerations When Screening

- Academic ability
 - ▣ Upward trajectory
 - ▣ GPA and MCAT are solid
- Experiences/Activities
 - ▣ Domestic physician shadowing
 - ▣ Experiences that are consistent with goals
- Clear and coherent motivation for medicine
- Solid letters of recommendation

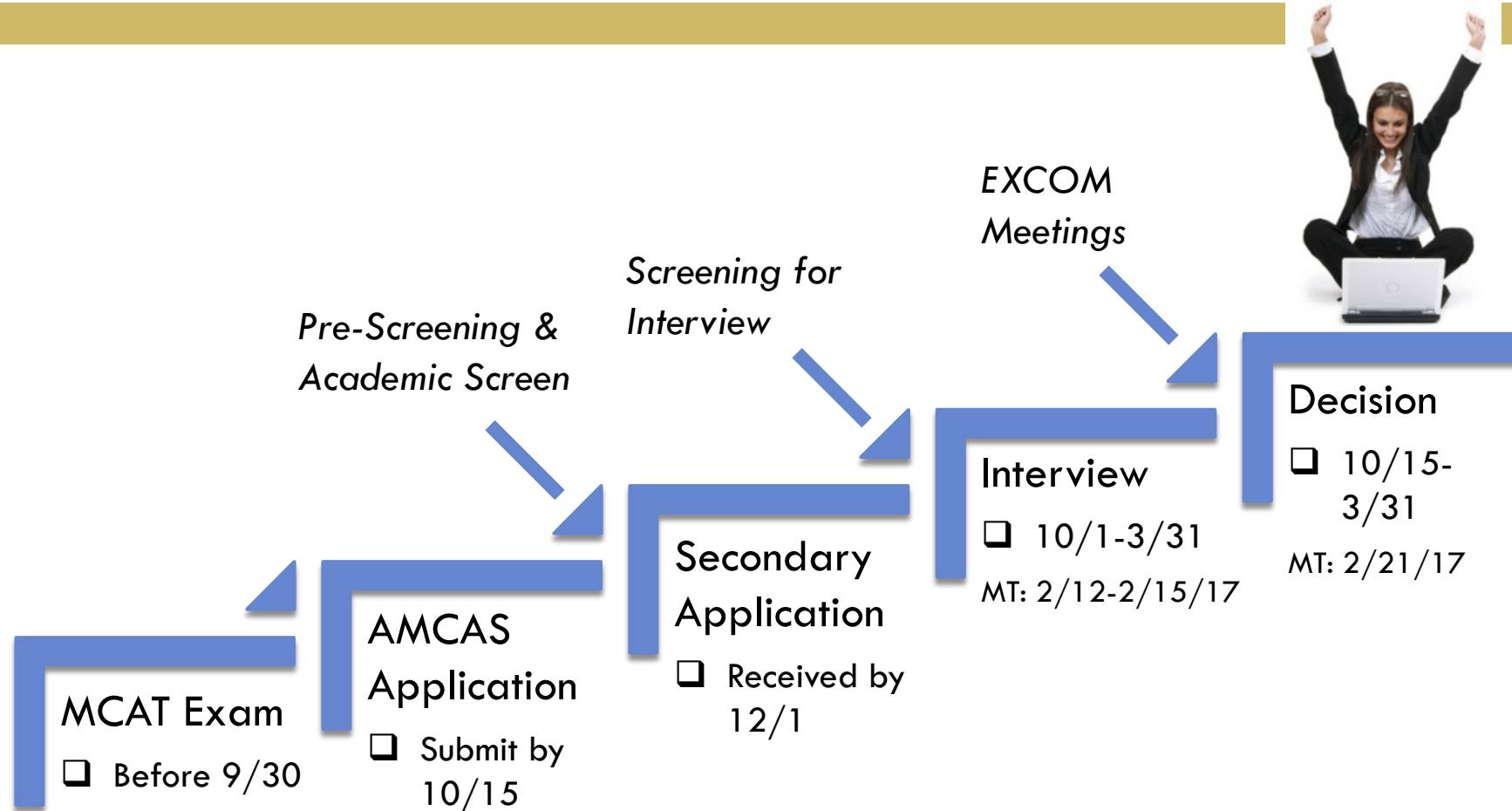
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Decision

- Applications are reviewed throughout the season (“rolling admissions”) by the Executive Committee
 - ▣ Montana applicants will hear an update the week after interviews
- Timing of decisions are affected by competitiveness of the applicant pool
- All applicants will be notified of final decisions by the end of March

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Disappointed Applicants

- Applicants are encouraged to reapply
 - ▣ Demonstrate growth from previous application
 - New essays
 - New experiences

- Check out UWSOM resources
 - ▣ Annual Forum Sessions
 - ▣ One-on-One Feedback

2017 Applicant Pool and Entering Class

State of Legal Residence	Applied	Offered	Entering
Washington	945	162	142*
Wyoming	66	23	20
Alaska	77	24	20
Montana	106	34	30
Idaho	162	44	40
Non-WWAMI MD	6,808	22	10
Non-WWAMI MD/PhD	443	22	8
Total	8,607	331	270

*Includes 1 MD/PhD Student

2017 MT Applicant Pool and Entering Class

Gender	Applied	Offered	Entering
Female	52	19	16
Male	54	15	14

Age at Application	Applied	Offered	Entering
Female	(22) 25 (34)	(22) 25 (29)	(23) 25 (29)
Male	(22) 25 (38)	(22) 26 (33)	(22) 26 (33)

(XX) YY (ZZ): (XX)=Youngest, YY=Median, (ZZ)=Oldest

For More Information

Visit Our Website

<http://www.uwmedicine.org/admissions>

- Forum Session Videos
- Application procedure
- Resources to prepare your application
- Extensive FAQs

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