



General Letter of Recommendation Advice

- The Wayne State Pre-med and Health Science Center **does not** write composite or committee letters. If you need an academic advisor letter in substitution, please schedule an advising appointment with one of our pre-med advisors.
- All letters should be from individuals who know you well and can critically evaluate your academic potential, maturity, strengths and weaknesses, etc. Comments that expand beyond what may be reflected by your grade in the class or address any special achievements or attributes are desirable.
- A letter based upon direct interaction with you and addressing qualities such as maturity, empathy, character, reliability, interpersonal skills, and any special attributes or experiences will be the most helpful.
- Letters should be submitted on college/university or business letterhead and should contain clear and current contact information for the author.
- If there are special circumstances or potential concerns raised within your application (ex: lower grades one semester, compelling reason for withdrawal from a class, minor institutional action), consider securing a letter that could validate or clarify the situation.
- Letters from family member and/or friends are discouraged.
- Check schools website for a better understanding on letter recommendation requirements.
- A letter from a graduate assistant will be accepted only if it is cosigned by the faculty member.
- **At least one letter should be dated within one year of your application.**

School	Letters Needed
University of Michigan School of Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Require a minimum of three letters of recommendation with a maximum of six letters. - Letters of recommendation may come from any individuals you believe can objectively assess your personal qualities. - Do NOT send any letters directly to the University of Michigan Medical School.
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine (MD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Require a minimum of three letters of recommendation, maximum of five. - One letter must address personal experiences and characteristics. - Highly desirable that at least one letter is written by someone who has observed you in a clinical setting. - One letter from Basic Science or Medical Science Professor.
Western Michigan School of Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Require a minimum of three letters of recommendation, maximum of five. - Two of these letters are recommended to be from faculty members.
Central Michigan University College of Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Require a minimum of three letters of recommendation, maximum of five. - Each letter should be written by an author who knows the applicant through a professional relationship or association, and must have firsthand knowledge of the applicant's qualifications, skills, attributes, and values.
Wayne State University School of Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Require a minimum of three letters of recommendation, up to 10. - Two letters must be from faculty members. - One letter must have been written within the past 12 months.
Oakland University School of Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Require a minimum of three letters of recommendation, maximum of five. - Suggested that you include at least one faculty member.
Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Require a minimum of three letters of recommendation, maximum of five. - Recommended that at least one letter should be written by an academic or medical professional. - Do not require that one of your recommendations be from an osteopathic physician.