



Budgeting for the Professional School Application Process

The average number of schools that a Preprofessional student applies to is currently between 12 and 15.

Where the costs come from:

- The primary application cost somewhere between \$120-\$195 for the first school and \$30-\$60 per school after that.
- Secondary applications can range from \$25-\$200 per school.
- Official Transcripts cost an average of \$5.00 and you will need one sent with your primary application from every institution you have attended.
- If you plan on taking a review course for the Professional School Admissions Test (MCAT, PCAT, etc.), the cost average from \$750-\$2000.
- Review books for the Professional School Admissions Tests (MCAT, PCAT, etc.) will cost at least \$60-\$100.
- It is highly recommended that you gather your letters of evaluation in an online portfolio, such as Interfolio. This will be another cost of \$20- \$60.
- When you are invited to interview, you will want to look your best. If you need a new suit, the prices can range from \$50-\$300.
- Do not forget that when you start interviews and you will need to pay for the travel, food and lodging, easily totaling \$500-\$1500, depending of the location and length.
- Once you have been accepted, schools will ask for a deposit to save your seat, some of these will be refundable but you will need to put in \$100-\$1000 quickly to save your spot.

Applying to the average 12 to 15 professional schools can easily run from \$2500 to \$6000. And all of this before you ever relocate and start classes!

So what can you do?

- Start saving now
- Be strategic in your application plans and thoroughly consider each school
- Eliminate frivolous spending and pay off debts
- Research your financial options