

AMSA Activities

What is AMSA?

The American Medical Student Association is present in virtually every medical school in the United States and in several premedical collegiate institutions. The University of West Georgia Chapter, formerly PASS, was founded in 1999 with the mission of our chapter being to promote the education of pre-professional students.

On a national level, AMSA has been in existence since 1950 where it was called SAMSA, a part of the AMA. During the tumultuous sixties, the SAMA and AMA differed in opinion on Medicare, civil rights, and the Vietnam Conflict, and it was then that a progression to separate from the AMA was initiated. Today AMSA is the nation's largest student led organization for pre-medical students, medical students, residents, and physicians. The current membership is rapidly approaching over 35,000 physicians-in-training.

UWG AMSA Mission Statement

Our AMSA mission is to promote a student interest in the medical field through the dissemination of information and providing volunteer opportunities within the community to effectively prepare students to attend medical or pre-professional schools. We aim for cultivated well-rounded students who will eventually become promising healthcare providers.

- Regular meetings at which medical school admissions officers, guest speakers, and panels will provide advice and insight
- Kaplan MCAT preparatory course (with discount if member)
- Community service: Angel Tree (*Fall*) and Relay for Life (*Spring*)
- Mock MCAT
- Scientific Scavenger Hunt

Point System

In order to be considered an active member of AMSA, one has to **pay AMSA dues** for the UWG chapter and obtain **8 points** throughout the course of the year. Points are awarded through participation in various events planned by the organization.

Point Breakdown

- 1 point:** Attending a meeting or social event.
- ½ point:** Providing a gift for the Angel Tree
- ½ point:** For every \$50 raised for Relay for Life

Points may also be awarded for other activities at the discretion of the officers.

Only due paying active members may vote in elections and run for officer positions!!

Graduation Cords

A total of **15 points** must be accumulated by the end of March before Spring graduation to receive AMSA cords.

If graduating in Summer or Fall, see an officer for more details.

APPLICATION FOR AMSA

Paid _____ Date _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Circle One:

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Major: _____

Minor: _____

Circle One:

PreMed PreVet PreDent PrePharm

Pre-Optometry Other

AMSA Dues

The dues for the UWG chapter of AMSA are **\$20.00/yr.**

The National AMSA dues are **\$35/yr** or **\$75 for four years.** Though national membership is not required to join the organization, it is highly recommended and strongly encouraged.

To become a national member, go to:
<http://www.amsa.org/member/mbrapp.cfm>

and apply for the
Premedical Sustaining Membership

UWG Chapter dues can be paid to

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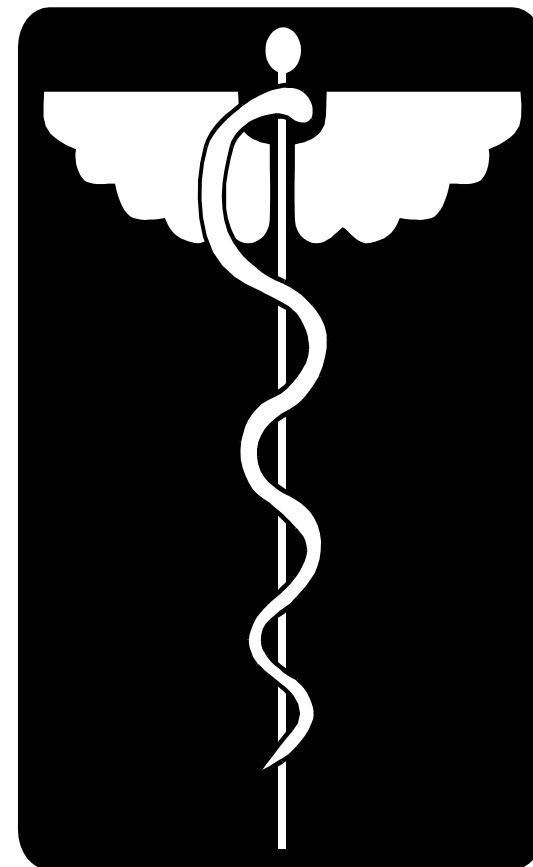
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