

## Adventures in Veterinary Medicine 2016 Middle School Application Instructions

**We recommend you read these instructions prior to filling out your online application. Refer back to these instructions as needed during the online application process.**

### Overview

The 2016 AVM middle school program is designed for students who are in either the seventh or eighth grade as of September 2015. The middle school sessions are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The 2016 middle school program dates are:

- Session 1: April 18–22, 2016
- Session 5: June 20–24, 2016
- Session 7: July 11–15, 2016

### Tuition and Deposit

Tuition for this one-week program is \$770 and includes daily lunch, program materials, and activity and laboratory fees. Due to the popularity of the program, we require a nonrefundable deposit to hold your space. A \$370 nonrefundable deposit in the form of a money order or cashier's check made payable to Trustees of Tufts College must be mailed to the AVM office within one week of submitting the online application. Personal checks are not accepted and will be returned. The remaining \$400 balance will be due on March 4, 2016. We're sorry, but there is no financial aid available for middle school students.

### Enrollment Process

We begin accepting applications on November 2, 2015. Students whose applications are complete will be enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis until sessions are full. Applicants will be notified of their status within two to three weeks. Students with incomplete applications will not be enrolled until all required materials are submitted. Seats cannot be reserved.

AVM sessions are very popular and spaces are limited, so we discourage students from attending the middle school program more than once. If you do choose to reapply, please note that the AVM office reserves the right to deny admission in order to allow other students the opportunity to participate.

### Required Application Materials

The following materials must be submitted in order for your application to be considered complete:

**Submitted Online Application**

Please complete all pages of the application. When you create your application account, please sign up using the contact parent's email address, not the student's.

**Nonrefundable Deposit of \$370**

Money order or cashier's check made out to Trustees of Tufts College. Personal checks are not accepted and will be returned. In the event the session is full by the time your application is complete, we will

place you on the waitlist. Individuals on the waitlist will have their deposit returned if a space does not become available.

**Grade Level Verification**

Please submit to the AVM office a copy of an official document from your middle school verifying you entered the seventh or eighth grade in fall 2015. Examples include: report card, progress report, letter to parent/student on school letterhead indicating grade level, or letter from a teacher on school letterhead verifying grade level.

**The deposit and grade level verification should be sent to:**

Adventures in Veterinary Medicine  
Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University  
200 Westboro Rd.  
North Grafton, MA 01536

## **Instructions for Completing the Online Application**

Visit [vet.admissions.tufts.edu/apply](http://vet.admissions.tufts.edu/apply) to create an application account and start an application.

Parents: If you choose to create the application account for your child, please be sure to use your child's name and birthdate on the account. You are welcome to use your own email address if you would prefer to have correspondence directed to your email.

Each page of the application can be accessed via the links on the left-hand navigation bar. Once you complete each page, remember to click the "Continue" button on the bottom of the page, which saves the data you entered and then takes you to the next page of the application.

### **Personal Information**

Please enter the information requested on this page.

### **Application Information**

Please enter the information requested on this page.

### **Parent/Guardian Information**

Please enter the information requested on this page. You must supply information for at least one parent/guardian.

### **Academic History**

Please list all middle schools you have attended.

### **Extracurricular Activities**

Please outline your middle school activities, outside activities, work/volunteer experience, special interests, and hobbies. You should note any elected or appointed leadership positions.

## **Essays**

Please write a one-page essay telling us about yourself and your interests in science, medicine, and animals. This essay is an opportunity for you to tell us why you would like to attend Adventures in Veterinary Medicine. Limit your essay to 650 words.

This page also includes an optional section for any additional information you choose to provide with your application.

## **Certification**

Click the “Applicant Signature” box. Then, in place of your signature, please type your full legal name in the box provided. Your parent/guardian must complete the “Parent/Guardian” signature portion.

## **Review and Submit**

This page prompts you to complete any missing information in your application and allows you to preview your full application before you submit it.

## **Vaccination Requirements**

**As per Tufts Policy, we require the following vaccinations. All participants must be current on these vaccinations prior to attendance and be able to provide physician’s documentation. In order to be properly prepared, if you are missing any of the vaccinations as indicated below, please be sure to follow up with your physician to ensure all vaccinations below are current.**

**Tetanus Diphtheria Acellular Pertussis (Tdap):** One dose of the adult Tdap vaccine is required, unless current Td booster is less than 2 years old. If current Td booster is less than 2 years old wait to receive Tdap vaccine. (The Tdap vaccine is effective for ten years—if previous Tdap is from within the past ten years further vaccination is not required.)

**Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR):** Two doses of measles, mumps and rubella vaccine or positive antibody titers.

**Varicella (chicken pox):** Physician verification of year of disease, positive antibody titer, or two doses of varicella vaccine.

**Hepatitis B:** Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine or positive surface antibody titer.

*The hepatitis B vaccine is a three-dose series that takes six months to complete. For participants who have not already started the series, documentation for two doses of the vaccine must be submitted by your program immunization deadline.*

**Meningococcal:** One dose of vaccine within five years prior to start date.

Please contact us if you have questions or concerns about the application process. We look forward to receiving your application!

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