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ERAS Letter Writer Portal Update

The AAMC is launching a new Letter Writer Portal on **June 1, 2026**. This update contains important information for all students who will be requesting letters of recommendation through ERAS. Please read carefully – there are action items that may affect how and when you submit your requests. Visit the [AAMC Letter Writer Portal](#) for more information.

Letter Writer Portal – Launching June 1

- **Letters already in the system by June 1** will be automatically transferred to the new portal – no action needed.
- **Pending requests** (sent before June 1 where the letter has not yet been submitted) will expire. A new request must be submitted through the new portal after June 1.
- **Students applying to Dermatology, Urology, or Plastic Surgery** should wait until after June 1 to request their SLOE.

SLOEs (Standardized Letter of Evaluation) in the New Portal

ERAS is piloting a new integrated Standardized Letter writing system within the portal. **Dermatology, Plastic Surgery, and Urology** are participating.

- Students must specifically request the letter as a **SLOE** (“Standardized”)
- Letter writers will complete specialty-specific questions about the applicant **directly in the portal** – rather than uploading a separate narrative document.

Faculty / Letter Writers

Faculty will receive an **email with a direct link** to complete their letter and can sign in using their **AAMC ID** or as a **guest**.

See the [AAMC Webinar](#) for More Information

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1:1 OSA Meetings

If you have not already signed up, please be sure to do so soon! Links were sent from your OSA Advisor.

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