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OptomCAS Available!

On June 29, 2012, OptomCAS, the optometry centralized application service, began the application cycle for the 2013-2014 school year. For those applying this year, get those applications ready! Here are some helpful tips when applying to optometry school:

1. Proofread before submission.

Have others proofread your personal statement. Extra review can prevent common grammatical errors.

2. Be yourself.

Let your application give an honest picture of yourself to show schools you belong.

3. Apply early.

Most schools admit on rolling admissions. Completion of the OAT and Letters of Recommendation are not necessary before submission. (Be sure to designate recommenders in OptomCAS first.)

www.optomcas.org

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Enhance Your Pre-Optometry Club

Interaction with other pre-optometry students can help prepare for a career in the field. Clubs are some students' first exposure to optometry.

Varying the type of speakers at the meetings can keep members interested and involved. Admission counselors from different optometry schools as speakers can show members that they have many options. In addition, having current optometry students speak about their day-to-day schedules can give great insight for future students.

Maintain membership throughout the school year by offering prizes. Small rewards for attendance or community service keeps up the excitement while preparing students for optometry school.

In the age of social media, Twitter and Facebook can effectively connect and inform members. These avenues can help publicize events and share ideas. Even creating a club website can be great for organizing the club's activities and recruiting new members.