

Autobiographical Sketch – FAQ

1. When will the ABS be due?

The ABS is due on November 1st, 2024, at 4:30PM ET

2. When will we receive the link to complete the ABS?

The link will be sent on October 18th, 2024

3. Am I able to preview the prompts before completing the ABS?

No, the prompts will not be shared before and once you start the ABS and proceed through the system, you will be unable to go back.

4. How many sections will there be?

There will be one essay for the four categories and the about you section. All sections are mandatory.

5. If my computer or browser crashes, will my progress be saved, or will I have to start over?

Your progress will be saved as you complete the process. Click the link in the email sent to you to continue.

6. Is the ABS timed or proctored?

No, the ABS is not timed, and a proctor system will not be used.

7. Is there a specific format we must follow?

No, we ask applicants to format their entries as they see fit.

8. Can I go back and edit my entries after I've moved on to the next section?

No, you will not be able to go back.

9. What resources should I have when completing the ABS?

We recommend you have your OMSAS ABS and verifier information.

10. Is there any charge associated with the ABS?

No, there will be no charge for the 2024/2025 cycle.

11. Can I use the same activity more than once?

You can reuse an activity for more than one section, but we recommend using a variety of experiences and activities in your ABS.

12. Is there an advantage to submitting my ABS earlier?

No, there will be no advantage given to when your ABS is submitted.