



# UCSF FRESNO JUNIOR DOCTORS ACADEMY APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Apply online at [doctorsacademy.ucsf.edu](https://doctorsacademy.ucsf.edu)

Application Open: February 20 to March 24  
(Caruthers Elementary JDA Only)

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## STUDENT INFO



- Student's full name & school ID
- Date of birth
- Email address, home address and student phone number
- School info

## PARENT/GUARDIAN INFO

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- Parent/Guardian One: name, phone, email and highest level of education completed
- Parent / Guardian Two: name, phone, email and highest level of education completed
- At least one parent or guardian must be listed to move forward on the application



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## ESSAY PROMPT



### Tips for writing essay:

- Review essay prompt and rubric on page 2
- Draft your essay on a word document, then copy and paste onto the application when ready
- Check spelling and grammar: Ask others to review
- Use your own words: No plagiarism
- Be sure to answer essay prompt completely

## ONLINE TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

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- One recommendation form is required for application
- Must be from a current or previous teacher
- Must have teacher's email address to proceed with the application so the form can be emailed to them
- It is the student's responsibility to follow up with the teacher to verify submission



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## WRAP UP



- Student signature: Use the track pad or mouse to sign your application as best as you can
- Date of submission
- Click the arrow to complete your application and submit
- We will request student grades for all students who submit an application by the deadline

## NEXT STEPS

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- Once you submit, an email with a link to edit the application up until the deadline will be automatically sent to the student's email
- Periodic updates will be sent to the students via email
- Finalist interview notifications will be sent in April via email





# Essay Prompt Information

We suggest copying and pasting your essay in a text box within the online application.

This prompt helps us get to know you better and allows us to understand why you want to be in the Junior Doctors Academy. Please answer the following writing prompt and use the rubric for guidance listed below.

**PROMPT:**

*The personal statement is an opportunity for you to tell us why you want to be in the Junior Doctors Academy (JDA) and also for our team to know more about who you are. Please answer the following statements and questions using complete sentences. Include any details that would help the reader view you as a strong candidate for the program.*

- 1. *Why do you want to be in the JDA Program?*
- 2. *What type of health professional do you want to be and why?*
- 3. *My favorite subject(s) in school is/are...*
  - a. *Feel free to talk about any course subjects you are strong in, how you organize yourself and/or some of your other academic characteristics that may be useful in the classroom.*
- 4. *Some areas that I want to improve as a student are...*
  - a. *We want to hear about how you can continue to improve as a student such as keeping up with homework, communicating more with teachers, etc.*

Essay Rubric	
CATEGORY	A STRONG ESSAY WILL DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLOWING:
Completion of Required Topics	All questions are completely answered
Capitalization and Punctuation	Writers makes no errors in capitalization or punctuation, so the paper easy to read
Adding Personality (Voice)	The author has taken the ideas and made them "his/her own."

**Additional tips for writing the essay:**

- 1. Check for spelling and grammar.
- 2. Ask a friend or family member to read it before submitting.
- 3. Double check that both questions have been answered thoroughly.
- 4. Use your own words and do not plagiarize.
- 5. If you use information from print and/or digital sources, quote, or paraphrase, you must use citation.
- 6. It is recommended to copy/paste from a Word or Doc file rather than re-typing.
- 7. Sentences should be unified, coherent, and well-developed that answer the questions completely and support your desire to participate in the Junior Doctors Academy.

**Still Need Application Assistance?**

Check our website to attend an:  
Information Night Session (for students & parents)  
&  
Application Assistance Workshop (for students)  
or  
Reach out directly to our Academic Program Coordinator:  
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