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Applying to: Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University MD program, 2026-27

This is a fictional applicant written for this sample. The person, his employer, his volunteer organisations and his supervisors are invented.

Academics

- University of Pittsburgh - BS Biological Sciences, April 2023. GPA 3.54 (BCPM 3.43). Dean's List four terms.
- Sophomore year (2020-21) GPA 3.02: C in Organic Chemistry I, C+ in Physics I. Junior and senior years: 3.81, including A- in Organic Chemistry II and A in Biochemistry.
- MCAT: January 2026, 511 (CPBS 127, CARS 128, BBFL 128, PSBB 128). First and only attempt.
- Languages: English (native), Haitian Creole (conversational; I understand more than I speak).

Work and activities (AMCAS)

1. **Medical scribe, then lead scribe**, Kensington Ridge Health Partners, Philadelphia (Aug 2023 - present, about 4,800 hours). *Most meaningful.* Scribe for four family physicians and two NPs across a primary care clinic and a walk-in urgent care on Kensington Avenue. About 25-35 patients a shift. Promoted to lead in 2025: I train new scribes and run our weekly chart-accuracy audit.
2. **Volunteer, Second Street Harm Reduction Van**, Kensington (Jan 2024 - present, 380 hours). *Most meaningful.* Two evenings a month: naloxone kits, wound-care supplies, fentanyl test strips, and warm handoffs to a same-day buprenorphine clinic.
3. **Undergraduate researcher, developmental biology lab** (Dr. Paul Hendry), University of Pittsburgh (Sep 2021 - Apr 2023, about 700 hours). *Most meaningful.* Studied zebrafish fin regeneration. My knockdown experiments failed for eight months before I found a dosing error in my own protocol. No publication; I presented a poster at a department research day in 2023.
4. **Package handler (night shift)**, UPS, Pittsburgh (Sep 2020 - May 2021, 25 hours/week, about 800 hours). I sent most of my pay home after my father's hours as a hospital cook were cut.
5. **Physician shadowing** (2022-2025, 80 hours). Family medicine (40), emergency medicine (24), addiction medicine (16).
6. **Volunteer tutor, Lansdowne Avenue Homework Club**, Upper Darby (2023-2025, 150 hours). Middle-school math, Tuesday evenings.
7. **Hobbies**: pickup basketball twice a week at a rec center in Fishtown, cooking Haitian food with my father on Sundays (griot, diri kole), and rebuilding used bikes, 11 so far, most given away.

Honors

- Pitt Dean's List (Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023)
- Kensington Ridge "Scribe of the Year," 2024 (a gift card and a plaque on the break-room wall)

AMCAS personal statement

The patient I think about most never let me finish a sentence. Mr. R. came into our urgent care on Kensington Avenue with an abscess on his forearm, and when the nurse practitioner asked about his drug use, he said, "Write down whatever you want. You people always do." I was the one typing.

I had been a scribe for four months. My job was to turn conversations into notes, and I was good at it: fast, accurate, invisible. That afternoon I realised the note would follow Mr. R. into every room he entered after ours. The next time he came in, three weeks later, I wrote down what he actually said: that he had tried to stop twice, that the shelter would not hold his bed if he went to detox. The NP read the note before walking in and opened with the shelter, not the needle. He stayed for the whole visit.

I did not grow up planning to be a doctor. My father came from Port-au-Prince in 1998 and has cooked in a hospital kitchen in Delaware County for twenty years. Doctors were people he fed, not people we knew. In my second year at Pitt his hours were cut, and I worked nights loading trucks to help with rent. My grades fell. I am not proud of that C in organic chemistry, but I understand it, and I learned that I could not do everything by staying up later.

When I came back to Philadelphia I wanted to work near patients before deciding anything. Three years of scribing have shown me what family medicine looks like from the corner of the room: the diabetic patient whose insulin was in a shelter locker, the grandmother raising three kids after an overdose, the physician who stayed forty minutes late because a teenager finally said he was hearing voices. I also saw the limits. More than once I watched a good plan fail because the patient had no phone, no address, or no reason to trust us.

The harm-reduction van changed my mind about something. I started believing that giving out clean supplies kept people using. After a year of evenings on Second Street, handing out naloxone to the same faces and walking two of them to the buprenorphine clinic myself, I think the opposite: staying alive and staying in contact come first.

I want to be a family physician who treats addiction as part of primary care, in a neighborhood like the one where I work now. I am steady more than brilliant, and I know how to keep showing up.

Temple Supplemental Application (2026-27)

Why are you interested in the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University?

I already work about two miles from Temple University Hospital, and many of our patients go there when we can't help them. I have read discharge summaries from Temple almost every week for three years. I want to train in the hospital that cares for the people I know, in a city where the distance between neighborhoods can be measured in years of life. I am drawn to the school's focus on North

Philadelphia and to opportunities to learn addiction care early. I would like to join the student-run clinics and keep my ties to the harm-reduction van as a medical student.

Describe an experience in which you worked with people whose background differs from your own.

On the van, most people I meet are white men in their thirties from Northeast Philadelphia or the suburbs, often from families like the ones I went to school with in Upper Darby. Some called me "doc" before I explained I was a volunteer; a few did not want to talk to me at all. I learned to lead with something useful, a pair of socks or a phone charger, and to ask one question at a time. One man, D., took eight months to tell me his name. Last spring he asked me to walk him to the clinic. He has been in treatment since.

Describe a challenge or ethical situation you faced and how you handled it.

In 2024 a new scribe I was training began copying forward full physical exams from earlier visits, including exams the provider had not done that day. When I raised it with her, she said a provider had told her it was "fine for billing." I did not know if that was true. I showed her our documentation policy, asked her to stop, and took it to our practice manager without naming the provider, asking for clarification for everyone. The practice held a documentation refresher for all staff. The scribe was upset with me for weeks. I would do it again, but I would talk to her sooner and with more care.

Is there anything else you would like the committee to know about your academic record?

My 2020-21 grades reflect working 25 hours a week overnight while taking organic chemistry and physics. I did not tell my professors or ask for help. In my junior year I cut my hours, joined a study group, and earned a 3.81. I have kept a full-time job for three years since graduating and prepared for the MCAT around it, studying 5 to 7 a.m. for five months.

Plans through matriculation

I will keep working full time as lead scribe until June 2027, train two new scribes this winter, and continue on the van twice a month.