



Northeast Oregon
Area Health Education Center

MedQuest Application Directions

Welcome!

There are a lot of steps to this process, but we are here to help! Just email us at medquest@neoahec.org, and we'll respond as soon as possible.

Step 1: Get Ready to Apply

Here's what you'll need to complete your application:

- An adult to help you (parent, guardian, teacher, or counselor)
- Time to complete the application – don't rush it!
- Ask someone to be your professional reference--they can be a counselor, teacher, or other community member.
- Complete your Letter of Intent for Scholarship Awardee form so it's ready to upload into your application. You can find the form on our website by these directions.

Don't be afraid to ask for help with this application. We want to see you succeed!

Step 2: Write a Personal Essay

Your personal essay is one of the most important parts of your MedQuest application. It helps the NEOAHEC team learn about your goals, strengths, and background. We will use your essay to decide if you're ready for the MedQuest program. We suggest you write it in a Word document before beginning your application. Your essay should answer the following questions (400-600 words total, typed and proofread):

- How healthy is your community? What is healthcare like there? Think about the quality of your local hospital and clinics, how easy it is to see a doctor or specialist, the overall health of people in your community (heart, diabetes, etc.), and access to health resources (healthy food, exercise programs, health education, etc.).
- How have your life experiences inspired you to think about a career in healthcare?
- Why do you want to attend MedQuest?



Step 2: Write a Personal Essay (continued)

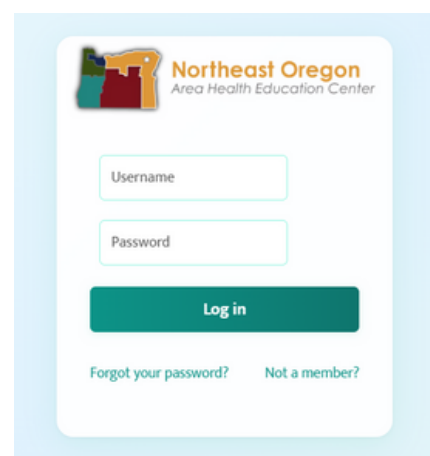
- What are your biggest strengths?
- How do you help in your community (like volunteering)?
- What are your hobbies or interests outside of school?
- What kinds of jobs in healthcare interest you, and why?
- If you're accepted to MedQuest, how will you make the most out of the program?

Once you have completed this essay, save the document and move on to the next step. There will be a place for you to upload the essay inside the application.

Step 3: Create Your Account

To apply for MedQuest, you'll need to create an account in our new NEOAHEC Portal by following these steps:

1. Access the NEOAHEC Portal by clicking "Log in to NEOAHEC Portal" on our website.
2. Select "Not a member" to create your account.
3. It may take a few minutes to receive the email to set up your password.
4. Once logged in, go to "My Account" in the top menu and fill out all the required information in each of the 7 tabs.



Step 4: Choose Your Event

After your account information is updated, click the "Event" tab in the top menu and select the MedQuest camp you want to apply for.

Step 5: Submit Your Application

- Fill out all sections of the application. You can pause your application and come back at any time.
- When you get to the end, make sure you select "Submit for Approval"

Step 6: Invite Your Friends!

At MedQuest, you'll meet people from all over the state, but you can also come with a friend! You can invite specific people to our website to apply or you can share NEOAHEC posts on Instagram and Facebook to help us spread the word.

Step 7: Application Review

We'll review applications and send decisions by these dates:

- The Gorge MedQuest - March 6, 2026
- Rural MedQuest – April 10, 2026
- Frontier MedQuest – April 30, 2026

If you do not hear from us by these dates, email us at medquest@neoahec.org.

Spaces are limited each year, and while we accept as many students as possible, we can't guarantee everyone a spot. If you aren't accepted, you will be placed on a waitlist.

Step 8: Acceptance Packet



Once we have made decisions, you'll receive an Acceptance Packet with next steps. Even if you're waitlisted, complete process ASAP so you're ready if a spot opens up.

The onboarding process takes time to complete, so don't delay starting! At the very least, [schedule an appointment for your TB blood test immediately!](#)

Want Help?

This process isn't meant to be stressful—we're here to help! If you have any trouble, email us anytime at medquest@neoahec.org.

We'll also hold virtual office hours during the application period for extra support. Details about these events will be posted on our website and social media. Be sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook for updates.

