2025 Junior AOA Application Guidelines:

1. You must be in the top 25% of your class to qualify to be considered for AOA membership. While we do not know our class rankings, you are encouraged to apply if you believe you may be eligible. We encourage all interested students to apply.
2. Your overall score will be calculated such that your GPA, service (PDE/CSE/IPSA + Non-SLE Hours), leadership, and research scores account for 80, 10, 5, and 5 percent of your overall score, respectively.
3. As a reminder, your grades are calculated from the first 2 years of medical school for Junior AOA and first 3 years of medical school for Senior AOA. PDE, CSE, and IPSA hours are calculated from the first two and a half years of medical school for Junior AOA and first 3 years of medical school for Senior AOA.
4. Make sure to submit any outstanding SLE/PDE hours **by January 31st, 2025 t**o your class secretary. Your class secretary will calculate your total hours in order for you to include on your application. The hours you report on the application **must** match what the class secretary officially submits to Ms. Brown. If there is any discrepancy, the hours reported by the class secretary to Ms. Brown will be used.
5. When you list your research experiences, you must indicate whether your work has been submitted, accepted, or published. You **must** also include **where the work was submitted** (the journal name or conference) for all research projects. If these are not included, then no points will be awarded.
6. When you list your research experiences, please do not include an abstract of your research. If it has been published, you may simply list the citation. If it has not yet been published, you may include a short one-sentence description of your work if you wish.
7. For research experiences, please list your name as “Applicant” in bold in the citation. This ensures your name won’t appear on your application.
8. Non-CSE/PDE/IPSA service is defined as a community service activity that has NOT been CSE/PDE/IPSA-approved. If it is CSE/PDE/IPSA-approved, but you did not submit it for SLE credit, you will NOT receive credit for it in your overall score. Please do not list CSE/PDE/IPSA-approved activities in this section. For reference, the student government association website features a list of approved CSE/PDE/IPSA activities under the service tab. Visit <https://www.medschool.lsuhsc.edu/sga/student-groups/> to see the full list.
9. When you list your non-CSE/PDE/IPSA service experiences, please include a description of the activity as well as the total number of hours you participated in the activity. If you do not list the time spent volunteering, you will not receive credit for that activity in your overall score.
10. You are welcome to fill out the “Narrative” section as you wish, but in past years, those students who have used a bulleted/listed format have conveyed their experiences more effectively than those who did so in an essay format.
11. OMFS students are encouraged to submit a record of their service, leadership, and research activities performed in the first year of dental school in addition to their application. These students are also required to submit an official copy of their dental school transcript along with their application. These students are only eligible to apply as senior students.

Perhaps most importantly...

1. Please direct all of application questions to Alaa Malik and Ryan Schroeder. Please DO NOT contact Ms. Brown, Dr. Lopez, Dr. DeBlieux, or your SGA Class officers with any questions regarding applications.

**AOA Application FAQs**

1. **What is the difference between PDE/CSE/IPSA and non-PDE/CSE/IPSA hours?**

PDE, CSE, and IPSA hours are all the hours that one has collected from organizations affiliated with LSU School of Medicine for their time and work in the community or helping the school/group in whatever way those groups have offered hours. These are the hours reported to class secretaries by each interest group at the end of each semester. Non-PDE/CSE/IPSA is anything else one has done outside of school with organizations not affiliated with the school. For example, church groups, mission trips not sponsored by school, etc.