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DALLAS--Record numbers of applicants are vying to be members of next year's freshman class at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas.

By Nov. 1, more than 1,300 persons had applied to UTSMS. This is the same number that applied during the entire year last year, said Dr. Bryan Williams, associate dean for student affairs.

Dr. Williams expects that by the end of this year, the school will have received 1,700 applications. Out of this number, the admissions committee will invite 120 to become medical students.

Southwestern currently is in the midst of a building program designed to allow it to accept 200 entering freshmen a year by 1975. The freshman class was expanded only this year from 105 to 120.

What does the admissions committee look for in selecting medical students?

"Primarily academic record," said Dr. Williams. "And the recommendations of their pre-medical advisors in college. We also use a standard test--the Medical College Aptitude Test (MCAT)--plus interviews which help determine personal qualities such as motivation and character."

Dr. Williams pointed out that 85 per cent of the freshman class must, by law, be Texas residents. It makes no difference whether pre-medical college work is taken out of state.

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