

Military Scholarships for Health Care Training

Military scholarships can be a great way to pay for your medical (both MD and DO), dental, veterinary, clinical or counseling psychology, pharmacy, and optometry training. They usually pay for your tuition and provide you with a stipend to live on plus they often pay for many of your other expenses. Loan repayment agreements are also available for the above fields and others. In these agreements you would complete your training and then enter the military. You would provide your services to the military in return for them paying off all or part of your student loans. Each branch of the military may vary in the particulars of these agreements so you should look carefully to see which branch will work best for you. In most of these programs you will provide the military with your services for 1 year for each year you spend in training at their expense.

One concern of many students is that they could be sent to the “frontline” to fight if the country is at war. It is important to remember that the military is investing in you as a health care provider and that the possibility of this is extremely remote. When fighting occurs, you are more valuable to them as a health professional.

U.S. Army Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP)

<http://healthcare.goarmy.com>

U.S. Navy Medical Corps

<http://www.navy.com/careers/healthcare/>

U.S. Air Force

<http://www.airforce.com/careers/healthcare/careers.php>

