

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) is committed to improving the health of the medically underserved in the United States. As part of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the NHSC recruits health professionals to provide comprehensive team-based health care while eliminating geographic, financial, cultural, and language barriers. The goal is to provide access to primary health care for more than 50 million Americans who might otherwise do without.

Health professional shortage areas are found throughout the United States in both rural and urban settings. The NHSC seeks **U.S. citizens** who want to serve others in need and in return provides scholarships for professional school or loan repayment.

## NHSC Scholarships

- For those committed to primary care
- Enrolled in allopathic (MD) or osteopathic (DO) medical, dental, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife training programs
- Receive tuition, fees, other educational costs, and a living stipend for as many as 4 years
- After completing a residency program in family medicine, pediatrics, general internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, psychiatry, general dentistry or pediatric dentistry, the NHSC scholarship awardee serves 1 year for each year of support received with a 2 year minimum commitment at an approved facility in a high-need underserved urban, rural or frontier community
- Service begins upon graduation and completion of residency training
- The NHSC helps scholars find a practice site that is right for them
- When in service, scholars earn a market-rate salary, paid by the employing facility
- Scholarship payments other than the living stipend are federal income tax-free
- [NHSC Scholarship Program](https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/scholarships/index.html) <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/scholarships/index.html>

## NHSC Loan Repayment Programs

- The **NHSC Loan Repayment Program** is a competitive program for primary care medical, dental and mental health clinicians working at approved NHSC facilities in Health Professional Shortage Areas
  - Full-time clinicians working at high-need sites can receive \$50,000 for their initial 2-year commitment and may be eligible to apply for additional years of support to repay their student loans
  - Part-time opportunities are also available
  - [Loan Repayment Program](https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment/nhsc-loan-repayment-program.html) <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment/nhsc-loan-repayment-program.html>
- The **Students to Service Loan Repayment Program** provides medical (MD or DO) and dental (DDS or DMD) students up to \$120,000 in loan repayment funds. In return, participants commit to 3 years at an approved NHSC site in a Health Professional Shortage Area.
  - [Students to Service Loan Repayment Program](https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/studentstoserviceprogram/index.html) <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/studentstoserviceprogram/index.html>
- Some states and territories offer a **State Loan Repayment Program** (SLRP) for health professionals who provide primary care in Health Professional Shortage Areas within their state.
  - [State Loan Repayment Program](https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/stateloanrepaymentprogram/) <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/stateloanrepaymentprogram/>

## More Information

[National Health Service Corps](https://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/) <https://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/>

NHSC scholarships may be used by those in the [Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service](https://www.usphs.gov/explore-opportunities/) <https://www.usphs.gov/explore-opportunities/>