



# Health Professions Scholarships through the United States Military

The military Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) can be a rewarding way to pay for your medical (MD and DO), dental, veterinary, clinical or counseling psychology, pharmacy, optometry, and other health program training.

## Points to Consider

- This is not the same as ROTC. Earn your degree first and enter the military as an officer.
- Application for the scholarships is made at the same time as you apply to professional programs working closely with a military scholarship recruiter.
- Agreements vary but typically cover tuition and fees, a stipend to live on, and sometimes a signing bonus.
- After completing training, you take care of the men and women of the armed forces and their families.
- You may also be a first responder to global disasters.
- Not only do you avoid student loans from professional school, you also do not have to pay malpractice insurance while you are in the military.
- You will have a number of people in your command providing significant leadership training that other professionals at your level will not have.

The Army, Navy, and Air Force all have Health Professions Scholarship Programs with the Army having the largest program and the only branch with veterinary services. 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 at least one year for each year you spend in training at their expense.

## Loan Repayment Agreements

Loan repayment agreements are also available for medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, and psychology and other fields. In these agreements you would complete your professional 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.

## Concerns

One concern of many students is they could be sent to the “front” to fight since the country is at war. The military is investing in you as a health care provider. When fighting occurs, you are more valuable to them as a health professional.

## More Information

### [U.S. Army Health Professions Scholarship Program](http://www.goarmy.com/amedd/education/hpsp.html)

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### [U.S. Navy Medical Corps](https://www.navy.com/joining/college-options/hpsp.html) (the Navy provides care for the Marines)

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### [U.S. Air Force](https://www.airforce.com/careers/specialty-careers/healthcare/training-and-education)

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**\*Must be a United States Citizen to qualify for these scholarships\***

