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### **\$600,000 AVAILABLE AS SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN REPAYMENT GRANTS FOR SERVICE IN CALIFORNIA'S MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREAS**

Health Professions Education Foundation announced today it will award approximately \$600,000 in scholarships and loan repayment grants to health professionals who agree to practice in a medically underserved area of California for a minimum of two years.

Scholarships and loan repayments are available to students and recent graduates in nursing, dentistry, dental hygiene, physician assistant, and allied health services. Scholarships range from \$2,000 to \$10,000 a year; loan repayment grants range from \$8,000 to \$20,000 over a period of two years.

Applications for 2001-2002 are available now by contacting the Foundation Office at 1-800-773-1669, or by visiting the Foundation's website at [www.healthprofessions.ca.gov](http://www.healthprofessions.ca.gov). Applications and supporting documentation are due to the Foundation Office on **March 28, 2001 by 5:00 p.m.**

The Health Professions Education Foundation is a nonprofit, public benefit corporation administered through the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD). It was established to provide financial assistance to health professional students throughout California who are willing to practice in underserved areas. The mission of the Foundation is to improve access to health care in underserved areas of California by providing financial support to health professional students and graduates dedicated to serving in those areas.

Since 1990, the Foundation has awarded more than \$5.4 million in scholarships and loan repayments to approximately 1,200 health professional students and graduates. These funds have given these individuals an opportunity to fulfill their dream of pursuing a career in the health professions and caring for underserved populations.

The Foundation awards scholarships and educational loan repayment grants through two special funds: the Health Professions Education Fund and the Registered Nurse Education Fund.

The Health Professions Education Fund is funded entirely through philanthropic contributions from hospitals, health plans, foundations, corporations, individuals and through grants from public and private agencies. Donations to the Health Professions Education Fund are tax deductible.

The Registered Nurse Education Fund is supported through a \$5.00 surcharge on renewal fees for the Registered Nurse license in California.

For more information about the Foundation's programs or to make contributions, please contact the Foundation Office at (800) 773-1669 or in writing at 1600 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 436, Sacramento, CA, 95814. The Foundation's website: [www.healthprofessions.ca.gov](http://www.healthprofessions.ca.gov) describes the various scholarship and loan repayment programs it offers.

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