

Program Overview

General Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a “service obligation?”

“Service obligation” means a scholarship/loan repayment commitment program in which the recipient has a contractual obligation to practice his or her profession in a qualified Facility/Agency in California for a specified period of time.

2. Can I still apply for the scholarship/loan repayment program if I currently owe an existing service obligation?

No. If you owe an existing service obligation to another entity, you are **INELIGIBLE** to apply with the Health Professions Education Foundation until you have completed your existing obligation.

3. Do all applicants of the scholarship/loan repayment program receive an award?

Awards for the scholarship/loan repayment program are made on a competitive basis. All applicants are not guaranteed to receive a scholarship/loan repayment.

4. How many applicants are awarded each cycle for the scholarship/loan repayment program?

The number of applicants awarded each cycle depends on the number of eligible scholarship/loan program applications received as well as the availability of funding. Each cycle is unique and the Foundation cannot predict the number of award recipients.

5. May I request an extension to file my application if I cannot obtain all required documents by the deadline?

No. All documents must be submitted by the application due date. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

6. Is the scholarship/loan repayment automatically renewable from year to year?

No. You must reapply for the scholarship/loan repayment annually.

7. Do I have to be bilingual in order to apply for the scholarship/loan repayment program?

No, you do not have to be bilingual in order to apply for the scholarship/loan repayment program.

8. What happens if I need to change jobs during my service obligation?

You have the option to change jobs during the term of your service obligation. However, in order to comply with the terms of your contract, you must remain employed with an eligible practice setting and notify the Foundation in writing within 30 days of change.

9. How many hours are considered “full-time” for the scholarship/loan program?

A minimum of 32 hours per week is considered full-time for the scholarship/loan repayment program.

EXCEPTION: STLRP a minimum of 40 hours per week for a minimum of 45 weeks per year. The 40-hour per week may be compressed into no less than four days per week, with no more than 12 hours of work in any 24-hour period. This does not include spent on call. At least 32 hours per week must be spent providing clinical services in addition to deliveries and other inpatient coverage.

10. If I receive a scholarship/loan repayment, is it likely I will receive a subsequent scholarship/loan repayment?

Being a current recipient does not increase or decrease your likelihood of receiving a subsequent scholarship/loan repayment. Recipients must resubmit a complete application each time they apply.

11. If I am NOT selected to be a scholarship/loan repayment recipient and I re-apply, do I need to resubmit my entire application or can you reuse the materials I have already submitted?

Applicants must resubmit a complete application packet each time they apply. The Health Professions Education Foundation will not reuse or return any documentation previously submitted.

12. If I am selected to be a scholarship/loan repayment recipient, how many times can I reapply?

There is no limit as to the number of times someone can apply. Recipients may receive up to four (4) awards per program, depending on the program: however, each award that you receive requires a 1-3 year service obligation.

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13. What If my loans are in forbearance?

If your loans are in forbearance, you are still required to fill out the Educational Debt Reporting Form and include a recent copy of corresponding lender statements.