

About us

Established in 1987, the Health Professions Education Foundation (HPEF) is the state's only non-profit foundation statutorily created to encourage persons from underrepresented communities to become health professionals and increase access to health providers in medically underserved areas. Supported by grants, donations, licensing fees, and special funds, HPEF provides scholarship and loan repayment programs to students and graduates who agree to practice in California's medically underserved communities. Housed in the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, HPEF's track record of delivering health providers to areas of need has resulted in approximately 16,385 awards totaling more than \$186.7 million to allied health, nursing, mental health and medical students and recent graduates practicing in 58 of California's 58 counties.

Mission Statement

The Health Professions Education Foundation (HPEF) improves access to healthcare in underserved areas of California by providing scholarship and loan repayment programs to health professional students and graduates who are dedicated to providing direct patient care in those communities. In return for this support, recipients agree to provide direct patient care in a medically underserved area (MUA) of California for a period of one to three years.

Program Name - Professions Supported	Award Amount	Service Obligation	Maximum # of Awards
Scholarship Programs			
Allied Healthcare Scholarship Program (AHSP): Clinical Laboratory Scientists Medical Assistants Occupational Therapist Assistants Radiologic Technicians Ultrasound Technicians Community Health Workers/Promotoras Medical Imaging Technologists Pharmacy Technicians Respiratory Therapists Other Allied Healthcare Dental Hygienists Medical Laboratory Technologists Physical Therapy Assistants Social Workers Diagnostic Medical Sonographers Nuclear Medicine Technologists Radiation Therapy Technologists Surgical Technicians	Up to \$8,000 per award	1 Year	3
Vocational Nurse Scholarship Program (VNSP): Licensed Vocational Nurses	Up to \$4,000 per award	1 Year	2
Licensed Vocational Nurse to Associate Degree Nursing (LVN to ADN): Registered Nurses	Up to \$8,000 per award	1 Year	3
Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship Program (ADNSP): Registered Nurses	Up to \$8,000 per award	1 Year	3
Bachelors of Science Nursing Scholarship Program (BSNSP): Registered Nurses	Up to \$10,000 per award	1 Year	3
Advanced Practice Healthcare Scholarship Program (APHSP): Certified Nurse Midwives Nurse Practitioners Physical Therapists Clinical Nurse Specialists Occupational Therapists Physician Assistants Dentists Pharmacists Speech Therapists	Up to \$25,000 per award	1 Year	3
Loan Repayment Programs			
Allied Healthcare Loan Repayment Program (AHLRP): Anesthesia Technician Community Health Worker/Promotora Medical Assistant Orthotist/Prosthetist Respiratory Therapist Anesthesiologist Assistant Dental Assistant Medical Interpreter Paramedic Surgical Technologist Audiologist Dental Hygienist Medical Laboratory Scientist Perfusionist Auto-Transfusionist Diagnostic Sonographer/Radiographer (including mammographer, etc.) Phlebotomist Cardiovascular Technologist Dietitian/Nutritionist Medical Radiation Scientist Physical Therapy Assistant Clinical Laboratory Scientist Electrocardiogram Technician Neurophysiologist Podiatrist Community Health Worker/Promotora Emergency Medical Technician Occupational Therapy Assistant Radiotherapist/Radiation Therapist/Medical Dental Assistant Health Educator Orthoptist Dosimetrist	Up to \$16,000 per award	1 Year	3
Licensed Vocational Nurse Loan Repayment Program (LVNLRP): Licensed Vocational Nurses	Up to \$6,000 per award	1 Year	3
Bachelors of Science Nursing Loan Repayment Program (BSNLRP): Registered Nurses	Up to \$10,000 per award	1 Year	3
Advanced Practice Healthcare Loan Repayment Program (APHLRP): Certified Nurse Midwives Nurse Practitioners Physical Therapists Clinical Nurse Specialists Occupational Therapists Physician Assistants Dentists Pharmacists Speech Therapists	Up to \$25,000 per award	Up to 2 years	3
Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program (LMHSPEP): Associate Marriage and Family Therapist Postdoctoral Psychological Assistant Registered or Licensed Clinical Social Worker Associate Clinical Social Worker Postdoctoral Psychological Trainee Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Registered or Licensed Psychologist Registered or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate Professional Clinical Counselor	Up to \$15,000 per award	Up to 2 years	3
Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program (STLRP): Allopathic or Osteopathic Physicians	Up to \$105,000 per award	3 Years	2



Jasmeet Kaur Bains, MD
Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan
Repayment Program 2018
Program Awardee

"Having grown up in Delano, California, I know what a severe lack of primary care looks like. The rural community faced, and still faces, enormous barriers to accessing healthcare, and I felt a huge obligation to give back to the people and the place I called home. When I first signed on to practice in Taft, California, I knew it would be a challenge. As a physician who speaks English, Spanish, and Punjabi, I am better able to communicate with patients from a variety of cultures, many of whom may have struggled to access care in the past due to a language barrier, about their health concerns and needs. I am particularly passionate about healthcare in underserved areas as this was a vision handed down to me by my grandparents.

The Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program (STLRP) provides a much-needed relief for the mountain of educational debt and allows physicians to focus on providing care, instead of worrying about how to pay their loans. Providing care to a community that lacked equitable access to healthcare for so long is an honor and pleasure for me, and I am grateful that STLRP helped make this possible. I look forward to going to work every day as a full-time rural physician."



Jasmeet Kaur Bains, MD
Providing care to children at Omni Health
Clinic in Taft, California.

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