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>Health Professional Scholarship Program (HPSP)

## Health Professional Scholarship Program

Provides financial assistance to students receiving education or training in a direct or indirect health-care services discipline (Title 38 and Hybrid Title 38 occupations); and assists in providing an adequate supply of such personnel for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). HPSP helps the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) meet its need for qualified health care professionals for which recruitment or retention is difficult.

### **Below are the FY2020 Scholarships as determined and published for VHA workforce needs.**

Please follow the appropriate link to USAJOBS in order to apply for your specific scholarship.

- **Health Professional Scholarship Program (HPSP) Nursing Scholarship (BSN Students Only)**  
<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/561134700>
- **Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist (DRT) Scholarship**  
<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/561137300>
- **Health Professional Scholarship Program (HPSP) Physician Assistant Scholarship**  
<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/561139800>
- **Health Professional Scholarship Program (HPSP) Pharmacist Scholarship**  
<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/561141300>
- **Health Professional Scholarship Program (HPSP) Physician Scholarship**  
<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/561156300>
- **Health Professional Scholarship Program (HPSP) Medical Technologist (MT) Scholarship**  
<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/561146600>
- **HPSP Nurse Practitioner Mental Health Scholarship**  
<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/561147400>

**During FY 2020, HPSP anticipates offering scholarships to Medical Officers (Medical School Students) to meet requirement introduced as part of the VA Mission Act of 2018. Program details are as follows:**

- VA's Health Professionals Scholarship Program provides scholarships to medical students in exchange for service at VA.
- Includes tuition, fees, books and equipment, and a stipend for 2 to 4 years with an obligation of 18 months of service for each year of support.
- Applicants must agree to specialize in a field applicable to VA and are required to complete training leading to licensure and board eligibility. (Pediatrics is not applicable)
- Minimum number of scholarships is 50 annually, or 10% of VA's physician shortage when that number falls below 500.

**In order to apply to the HPSP Physician Scholarship please follow the link below:**

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/561156300>

### **Eligibility**

- Eligible applicants must be enrolled in, or accepted for enrollment in, an academic program located in the United States that prepares graduates to meet the VA qualification standards for employment in the occupations listed above.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States and pass a background investigation

## **Covered Expenses**

- Full-time students:
  - Tuition, authorized required fees, stipend, and annual education expense payment
  - 4 years to complete education
- Part-time students (current VA employees only):
  - Tuition, authorized required fees, stipend, and annual education expense payment (Award amounts are based on ratio of full-time attendance)
  - 6 years to complete education

## **Service Obligation**

- Upon completing their educational program and licensure/certification, participants work as permanent, full-time VA employees in the occupations for which the scholarship was awarded
- Participant service obligation: Full-time student – 2 to 3 years; Part-time student – 1 to 3 years
- Physician - 18 month service obligation for each year of support.
- Participants sign a Mobility Agreement to relocate at their own expense if required to fulfill their service obligation

## **Application Process**

- HPSP FY2020 Scholarship cycle is open. Follow the above links in order to apply. If you have questions contact us at [HPSPTeam@va.gov](mailto:HPSPTeam@va.gov)