

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

General

1. Is a social security number (SSN) required to apply?

Applicants can submit an application with the last four digits of their SSN. If an applicant does not have an SSN, applicants can submit an application with their individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN).

2. 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.

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

Yes. You may apply if you have an existing service obligation to HPEF or another organization, only if your current service obligation ends before the new service obligation begins.

4. 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.

5. What is the maximum award amount for the scholarship/loan repayment program and am I guaranteed to receive this full amount?

Recipients may receive up to certain amount per award cycle and may not receive the full amount as it is based on the availability of funding.

- Allied Healthcare Scholarship Program (AHSP) - \$8,000
- Allied Healthcare Loan Repayment Program (AHLRP) - \$16,000
- Vocational Nurse Scholarship Program (VNSP) - \$4,000
- Licensed Vocational Nurse Loan Repayment (LVNLRP) - \$6,000
- Licensed Vocational Nurse Scholarship to Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship Program (LVN-ADN) - \$8,000
- Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship Program (ADN) - \$8,000
- Bachelor of Nursing Scholarship Program (BSNSP) - \$10,000
- Bachelor of Nursing Loan Repayment (BSNLRP) - \$10,000
- Mental Health Loan Assumption Program (MHLAP) - \$10,000
- Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program (LMH) - \$15,000
- Advanced Practice Healthcare Scholarship Program (APHSP) - \$25,000
- Advanced Practice Healthcare Loan Repayment Program (APHLRP) - \$25,000
- Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment (STLRP) - \$105,000

6. 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 HPEF cannot predict the number of award recipients.

7. Can I submit my application prior to the deadlines?

You are encouraged to submit your scholarship/loan repayment program application prior to the deadline in order for HPEF to verify that your application is complete. Any documents submitted beyond the deadline will not be accepted.

8. 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**

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

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

10. 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.

11. 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 HPEF in writing within 15 days of change.

12. What happens if I am unable to fulfill the terms of my contractual obligation and cannot complete my service obligation?

If recipient is unable to fulfill their contractual obligation, they will be required to repay scholarship/loan repayment funds received, plus four (4) percent interest over a period of five (5) years. Once breached, the recipient is ineligible to apply for other programs.

EXCEPTION: If MHLAP recipients are unable to complete your 12-month service commitment in the Public Mental Health System, no payment will be made toward your educational loans. The award is not pro-rated based on months served. Thus, there will be no payment and no penalty. You will have the opportunity to re-apply for MHLAP.

13. 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 programs.

EXCEPTION: MHLAP requires a minimum of 20 volunteer or work hours per week.

EXCEPTION: STLRP requires a minimum of 40 hours per week for a minimum of 45 weeks per year. The 40-hours 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 hours spent on call. At least 32 hours per week must be spent providing clinical services during normal office hours. For physicians in obstetrics, at least 21 hours must be spent providing clinical services in addition to deliveries and other inpatient coverage.

14. 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.

15. If I am selected to be a scholarship/loan repayment recipient, does the money come directly to me or will it be sent to my school/lender?

A check will be sent directly to the recipient and the recipient is required to make the payment to the school or lender.

EXCEPTION: For MHLAP a check will be sent directly to the lender(s).

Recipient should expect it to take from 4 to 8 weeks for the payment to be processed after they have completed their obligation and submitted all necessary paperwork.

16. If I am selected to be a scholarship/loan repayment recipient, what are the terms of my contractual obligations.

Program	Required Submit Documents	Amount of Time	Where Service Can Be Fulfilled
Allied Healthcare Scholarship Program	Certification of Enrollment, Transcript, Employment/Volunteer Verification, and Progress Reports	1-year service obligation providing direct patient care in your field of study	Qualified Facility/Agency
Allied Healthcare Loan Repayment Program	Progress Reports, and Lender Statement		
Vocational Nursing Scholarship Program	Certification of Enrollment, Transcript, Employment Verification, Copy of LVN license and Progress Reports	1-year service obligation providing direct patient care on a full-time basis as a LVN	
Licensed Vocational Nurse Loan Repayment Program	Progress Reports, and Lender Statement		
Licensed Vocational Nurse to Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship Program	Certification of Enrollment, Transcript, Employment Verification, Copy of RN license and Progress Reports	1-year service obligation providing direct patient care on a full-time basis as a RN	
Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship Program	Certification of Enrollment, Transcript, Employment Verification, Copy of RN license and Progress Reports		
Bachelor Degree of Nursing Scholarship Program	Certification of Enrollment, Transcript, Employment Verification, Copy of RN license, and Progress Reports		
Bachelor Degree of Nursing Loan Repayment Program	Progress Reports, Copy of RN license, degree or transcripts and Lender Statements		
Advanced Practice Healthcare Scholarship Program	Certification of Enrollment, Transcript, Employment Verification, and Progress Reports	Up to 1-year service obligation providing direct patient care in your field of study	
Advanced Practice Healthcare Loan Repayment Program	Progress Reports, and Lender Statements		

Mental Health Loan Assumption Program	Progress Reports and Lender Statements	1-year service obligation working or volunteering	Public Mental Health Programs/Services that are administered in whole or in part by the County Department of Mental Funds
Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program	Progress Reports and Lender Statements	Up to -year service obligation working	Qualified Facility/Agency
Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program	Progress Report and Lender Statements	3-year service obligation	Qualified Facility/Agency

17. If I am NOT selected to be a scholarship/loan repayment recipient and I re-apply again, 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. HPEF will not reuse or return any documentation previously submitted.

18. 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. The number of times an individual can be awarded varies by program.