

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## General

**1. Do I have to be a permanent California resident or U.S. citizen to apply for the scholarship/loan repayment?**

Applicants must have a valid legal presence and ability to work and provide care in the state of California.

**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?**

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.

**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) - \$8,000
- 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) - \$10,000
- Bachelor of Nursing Scholarship Program (BSNSP) - \$13,000
- Bachelor of Nursing Loan Repayment (BSNLRP) - \$11,000
- Mental Health Loan Assumption Program (MHLAP) - \$10,000
- Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program (LMH) - \$15,000
- Health Professions Education Scholarship Program (HPSP) - \$50,000
- Health Professions Education Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP) - \$50,000
- 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 the Foundation cannot predict the number of award recipients.

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

You are encouraged to submit your scholarship/loan repayment program application prior to the postmark deadline in order for the Foundation to verify that your packet is complete. Applicants are urged to submit their application as early as possible. Any documents submitted beyond the postmark deadline will not be accepted.

**8. May I request an extension to file my application if I cannot obtain all required documents by the postmark 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 the Foundation in writing within 30 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 ten percent interest over a period of seven (7) years. Once breached, recipient is ineligible to apply 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 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 the 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 program.

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

**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.

**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.

**EXCEPTION: MHLAP** a check will be sent directly to the lenders.

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

Program	Required Submit Documents	Amount of Time	Where Service Can Be Fulfilled
<b>Allied Healthcare Scholarship Program</b>	Certification of Enrollment, Official Transcript, Employment/Volunteer Verification, Request for Information, and Progress Reports	1-year service obligation or 100 volunteer hours providing direct patient care in your field of study	Qualified Facility/Agency
<b>Allied Healthcare Loan Repayment Program</b>	Request for Information, Quarter Reports, and Lender Statement	1-year service obligation or 100 volunteer hours providing direct patient care in your field of study	
<b>Vocational Nursing Scholarship Program</b>	Certification of Enrollment, Official Transcript, Employment Verification, Request for Information, Copy of LVN license and Progress Reports	2-year service obligation providing direct patient care on a full-time basis as a LVN	
<b>Licensed Vocational Nurse Loan Repayment Program</b>	Request for Information, Quarter Reports, and Lender Statement		
<b>Licensed Vocational Nurse to Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship Program</b>	Certification of Enrollment, Official Transcript, Employment Verification, Request for Information, Copy of RN license and Progress Reports	2-year service obligation providing direct patient care on a full-time basis as a RN	
<b>Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship Program</b>	Certification of Enrollment, Official Transcript, Employment Verification, Request for Information, Copy of RN license and Progress Reports		
<b>Bachelor Degree of Nursing Scholarship Program</b>	Certification of Enrollment, Official Transcript, Employment Verification, Request for Information, and Progress Reports		
<b>Bachelor Degree of Nursing Loan Repayment Program</b>	Request for Information, Quarter Reports, and Lender Statements		
<b>Health Professions Education Scholarship Program</b>	Certification of Enrollment, Official Transcript, Employment Verification, Request for Information, and Progress Reports	2-year service obligation providing direct patient care in your field of study	
<b>Health Profession Education Loan Repayment Program</b>	Request for Information, Quarter Reports, and Lender Statements		

<b>Mental Health Loan Assumption Program</b>	Progress Report 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
<b>Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program</b>	Progress Reports and Lender Statements	2-year service obligation working or volunteering	Qualified Facility/Agency
<b>Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program</b>	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. The Health Professions Education Foundation 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. Recipients may receive up to two (2) awards per program; however, each award that you receive required a 1-3 year service obligation.

**EXCEPTION: MHLAP** recipients may receive up to six (6) awards from the program depending on their employment county. However, there is not limit as to the number of times someone can apply.