

Health Professions Education Foundation

Accomplishments

Since its inception, HPEF has increased access to care in the state's underserved areas via 14,721 awards totaling more than \$169.7 million to awardees serving in all of California's 58 counties. As of June 30, 2017, HPEF awarded \$23 million to 1,839 students and working health professionals in the Fiscal Year 2016-17 award cycle.

Established in 1987 and housed within the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), the Health Professions Education Foundation (HPEF) is a non-profit foundation that provides financial incentives to aspiring and practicing health professionals. HPEF offers scholarships to healthcare students and loan repayments to working healthcare professionals in exchange for a service obligation of one to three years. Awards range from \$4,000 to \$105,000. All programs may accept donations and grants.

Scholarship and Loan Repayment Opportunities:

Allied Healthcare Scholarship and Loan Repayment Programs

These programs are solely funded by private grants and contributions for allied professions providing direct patient care. Eligible applicants may receive scholarships and loan repayments up to \$8,000 in exchange for a one-year service obligation in an underserved area.

Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship, Bachelor of Science Nursing Scholarship and Loan Repayment Programs

These programs are funded through licensure fees and provide scholarship and loan repayment awards for registered nurses practicing in underserved areas. Eligible applicants may receive up to \$10,000 in exchange for a one-year service obligation.

Vocational Nursing Scholarship, Licensed Vocational Nurse to Associate Degree Nurse Scholarship, Licensed Vocational Degree Nursing Loan Repayment Program

These programs are funded through licensure fees and fund vocational nurses practicing in underserved areas. Eligible applicants may receive scholarships and loan repayments up to \$8,000 in exchange for a one-year service obligation.

Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program

This program is funded by licensure fees and fund licensed psychologists, marriage and family therapists, and social workers practicing in underserved areas. Eligible applicants may receive loan repayments of up to \$10,000 in exchange for a two-year service obligation.

Mental Health Loan Assumption Program

The program is funded by the Mental Health Services Act. Eligible mental health professionals working in the public mental health system may receive loan repayments of up to \$10,000 in exchange for a one-year service obligation.

Advanced Practice Healthcare Scholarship and Loan Repayment Programs

Funded solely by private grants and contributions. Eligible dentists, nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists, occupational therapists, physician assistants, physical therapists, pharmacists, and speech therapists practicing in underserved areas may receive scholarships and loan repayments up to \$25,000 in exchange for a two-year service obligation.

Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program

This program is funded by licensure fees and up to \$1 million transfer each year from the Managed Care Administrative Fines and Penalties Fund. The program funds allopathic and osteopathic physicians and surgeons practicing in underserved areas. Eligible applicants may receive loan repayments up to \$105,000 in exchange for a three-year service obligation in an underserved area.



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