



Pursue a Future as a Physician at VA

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Discover the
**Health Professional Scholarship
Program (HPSP)**

HPSP awards scholarships to students receiving education/training in a health care services discipline. Awards will be offered on a competitive basis and are exempt from Federal taxation.

In exchange for the award, scholarship program participants agree to a service obligation in a VA health care facility.

VA



**U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs**

Veterans Health
Administration

Choose a medical career providing top-notch care to America's Veterans and earn financial support through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Professional Scholarship Program.

Through HPSP, VA offers aspiring physicians one to four years of educational assistance. Students pursuing a degree of doctor of medicine from programs accredited by either the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) or the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) are eligible for financial support.

Payments cover tuition, books, equipment, fees and a monthly stipend. In return, applicants agree to join VA's growing team full time after graduation and post-residency.

VA offers at least 50 scholarships per year and typically accepts applications year round.

REQUIREMENTS

Health Professional Scholarship Program



Eligible Applicants

- ✂ U.S. citizens (U.S. Veterans are considered first among all equally qualified candidates).
- ✂ Complete residency training in a VA-applicable specialty (e.g., pediatrics would not apply).
- ✂ Currently accepted or enrolled in a medical school leading to a degree in medicine.
- ✂ Agree in writing to serve for 18 months at a VA facility for each year of support.
- ✂ Maintain acceptable academic standing and progress leading to graduation.

Other Considerations

- ✂ All candidates are subject to a background/suitability investigation.
- ✂ Candidates agree to become board-eligible in a specialty and licensed in any state to practice medicine.
- ✂ Selection criteria includes academic performance, work experience, faculty and employer recommendations, and career goals.

Learn More

EXPLORE the education benefits of HPSP here: <https://va-ams-info.intelliworx.com/>

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