

**CRUSH MED SCHOOL DEBT** 

FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR FINANCING YOUR FUTURE IN MEDICINE

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## Agenda

- Welcome from AACOM and AAMC
- What to know about the National Health Service Corps (NHSC)
- How to crush your med school debt
- How the NHSC can help you succeed
- o Q&A



#### **Your Presenters: Co-Hosts**



AACGAM

American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine

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American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM)





**Johnathan Chancellor** 

Senior Education Debt Management Specialist Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)



### **Impact of the NHSC**

More than NHSC members are currently providing care to nearly people in the U.S.

Many NHSC members continue to serve in areas of greatest need beyond their service obligation.









## **National Health Service Corps Student Programs**

**NHSC Scholarship Program** 



2 years service

Tuition, Monthly Stipend, Other reasonable costs

NHSC Students to Service Loan Repayment Program



3 years service

Up to \$120K full-time

6 years service

Up to \$120K half-time



### **Scholarship Program**

#### Who's Eligible?



U.S. citizen or national



Full-time student at an accredited school, pursuing a **primary** care degree in:

Medicine (DO or MD)



Physicians are required to complete postgraduate training in an accredited primary care program.



\*Scholarship pays tuition, a monthly stipend (taxable) and other reasonable educational and living expenses in exchange for a minimum of two (2) years of full-time service.

\*Available up to 4 years





## Students to Service Loan Repayment Program – Accepting Applications Now!

#### Who's Eligible?



U.S. citizen or national



Full-time student in the final year at an accredited school, pursuing a primary care degree in medicine\* (MD or DO)



Have unpaid government or commercial loans for school tuition, reasonable educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses, segregated from all other debts



#### **Postgraduate Training Requirements**

\*Physicians (MD or DO): Must complete an accredited primary medical care residency in an NHSC-approved specialty (Internal Medicine, Family Practice, Pediatrics, OB/GYN, Psychiatry, Geriatrics)









## National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Programs

## NHSC Loan Repayment Program



2 years service

Up to \$75K full-time

Up to \$25K half-time

NHSC SUD Workforce Loan Repayment Program



3 years service

Up to \$75K full-time

Up to \$37.5K half-time

NHSC Rural Community
Loan Repayment Program



3 years service

Up to \$100K full-time

Up to \$50K half-time



## **Loan Repayment Program**

#### Who's Eligible?



U.S. citizen or national



Currently work, or applying to work, at an NHSC-approved site



Have unpaid government or commercial loans for school tuition, reasonable educational costs, and reasonable living expenses, segregated from all other debts



Licensed to practice in state where employer site is located

UP TO \$50,000 or \$75,000

FOR 2 YEARS OF SERVICE



## Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program (STAR LRP)

Expands the eligible pool of disciplines and treatment facilities and supports SUD treatment teams.

**AWARDS UP TO** 

\$250,000 FOR

6-YEAR SERVICE COMMITMENT

Must be trained and licensed to provide SUD treatment at STAR LRP-approved SUD treatment facilities



## Pediatric Specialty Loan Repayment Program

\$100,000 = 3 YEARS full-time service

#### **DISCIPLINES**

- Pediatric medical subspecialty
- Pediatric surgical specialty
- Child / Adolescent mental and behavioral health

#### **SITES**

 Located in health professional shortage area or medically underserved area

#### **SERVES**

Medically underserved populations

https://bhw.hrsa.gov/funding/apply-loan-repayment/pediatric-specialty-lrp



## How competitive are these programs?

#### **Applications and Awards**

Loan Repayment Programs

FY 2024



\*Applications Received

10,313

\*New Awards

6,500

Students to Service

FY 2024



**Applications Received** 

**356** 

**New Awards** 

235

Scholarship Program

FY 2024



**Applications Received** 

3,181

**New Awards** 

172

\*Figure includes three LRPs and LRP continuations









#### **NHSC Site Selection**

#### **NHSC Scholar Site Selection**

- Service begins upon graduation (and completion of any required primary care residency).
- The NHSC works with Scholars to find a practice site that's right for them and meets the required minimum HPSA score.
- When in service, Scholars earn a competitive salary paid by their site.





## Health Workforce Connector: Find your next job

#### **Health Workforce Connector (HWC)**

- View job vacancies at thousands of NHSC- and Nurse Corps-approved sites nationwide.
- Google Maps technology allows users to view the surrounding community (e.g., schools, restaurants, parks, places of worship, shops)
- Narrow your job search by:
  - Field of Practice
  - Specialty
  - HPSA Score
  - Site Name
  - Zip Code
  - Sites with Open Positions



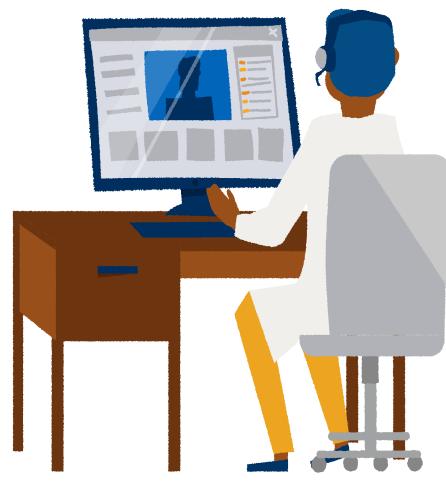
#### **Virtual Job Fair**

#### What Is A Virtual Job Fair?

Virtual Job Fairs offer an innovative way for NHSC- and Nurse Corps-approved sites to promote job opportunities to a targeted audience of primary care clinicians who are interested in serving communities with limited access to health care

#### **Benefits:**

- Sites advertise to a wider audience
- Connections are made virtually with no travel costs
- Clinicians connect with sites in targeted areas where they are looking to work
- Clinicians explore jobs at sites they may not have been aware of for consideration
- Both job-seekers and sites are provided technical assistance on using the Health Workforce Connector





# WHAT ARE OUR AWARDEES SAYING

**Dr. Aaron Anderson** 

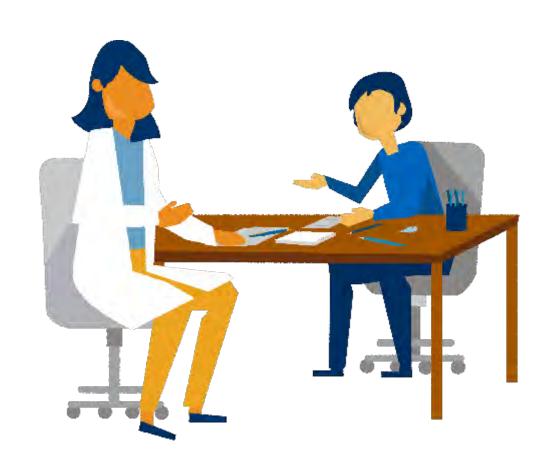




## **NHSC Awardee Story**

• Dr. Aaron Anderson video







## **Frequently Asked Questions**



Which specialties can apply?



What does the scholarship cover?



What's the application process like?



How can I tell if my site qualifies?



When do application windows open?



Which loans does this cover?



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#### **Christopher Galipo, Scholarship Branch Chief**

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