

The National Health Service Corps

Programs

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THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS (NHSC)

Provides assistance to communities that have limited or no access to primary care health care services by providing financial assistance to dedicated providers practicing in these communities.

NHSC PROGRAMS

The NHSC provides financial support to providers in exchange for working at NHSC-approved sites.

Diagram description: The text 'The NHSC provides financial support to providers in exchange for working at NHSC-approved sites.' is positioned at the top. Below it, four blue arrows point downwards to four yellow circles. Each circle contains the name of a program: 'LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM', 'STUDENTS TO SERVICE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM', 'STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM', and 'SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM'.

**LOAN
REPAYMENT
PROGRAM**

**STUDENTS TO
SERVICE
LOAN
REPAYMENT
PROGRAM**

**STATE
LOAN
REPAYMENT
PROGRAM**

**SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM**



HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS

- The degree of shortage in a community is determined by a scoring system that utilizes data such as the patient to provider ratio, average distance to a primary care provider, low birth weight, and other socioeconomic determinants of health
- Scores range from 0 to 26



NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS TODAY

- **More than 45,000 clinicians have served in the NHSC**
 - Expanding access to health care
 - Improving the health of people who live in urban and rural areas, where health care is often scarce
- **NHSC consists of nearly 8,900 clinicians currently working in underserved communities, more than double the 3,600 serving in 2008**
- **The NHSC has supported nearly 14,000 health care providers between 2009 and 2013.**
- **NHSC Programs**
 - Student to Service Loan Repayment (S2S)
 - Loan Repayment (NHSC LRP)
 - Scholarships (NHSC SP)
 - State Loan Repayment (SLRP)



OVERVIEW OF ELIGIBLE DISCIPLINES

	Loan Repayment	Scholarship	Students to Service	SLRP
Physicians	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dentists	✓	✓		✓
Nurse Practitioners	✓	✓		✓
Certified Nurse Midwives	✓	✓		✓
Physicians Assistants	✓	✓		✓
Registered Dental Hygienists	✓			✓
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	✓			✓
Marriage and Family Therapists	✓			✓
Licensed Professional Counselors	✓			✓
Health Services Psychologists	✓			✓
Registered Nurses				✓
Pharmacists				✓

*Primary Care Specialties Only

NHSC SERVICE OBLIGATION REQUIREMENTS

Program	Minimum HPSA Score	Financial Assistance	Service Obligation
Loan Repayment	*0-26	Up to \$50,000 for initial 2 years	Minimum of 2 years
Students to Service (S2S)	14	Up to \$120,000	Minimum of 3 years
Scholarship	**14	Full tuition and fees	Minimum of 2 years
State Loan Repayment (SLRP)	N/A	Varies by state	Minimum of 2 years

*The NHSC LRP program was able to award applicants practicing at sites with a minimum HPSA score of 15

**The NHSC publishes a federal Register Notice with the minimum HPSA score for the Scholarship Program by discipline

- ✓ Full-time, half-time
- ✓ Teaching
- ✓ S2Sers and Scholars can continue in the Corps as Loan Repayors

NHSC Loan Repayment Program

UP TO
\$50,000
2 YEARS

The NHSC Loan Repayment *full-time* program offers up to **\$50,000** in tax-free loan repayment for **2 YEARS** of service.

With continued service, health care providers may be able to pay off all their student loans through continuation contracts.



NHSC LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

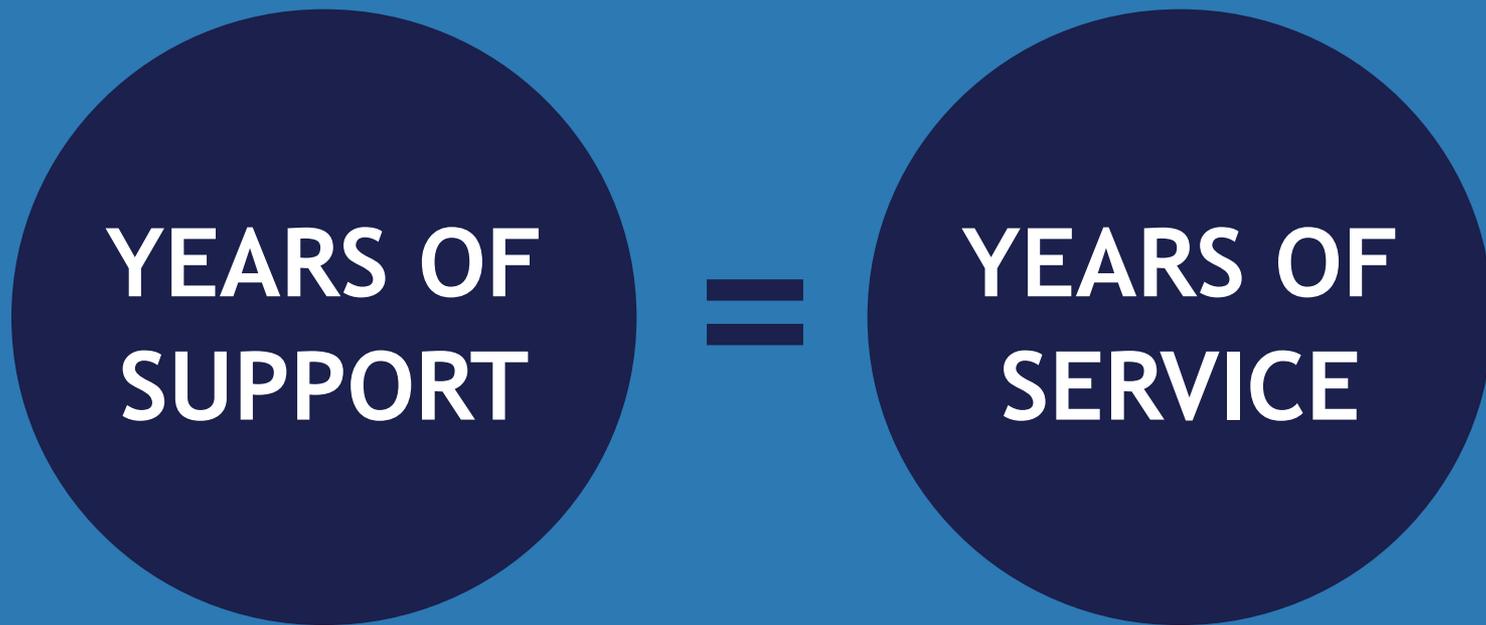
- **FY 2013 Application Cycle**
 - Over 5,700 Applications Received; 2,106 New Awards made
- **FY 2014 Application Cycle (January - March 2014)**
 - Over 6,250 Applications Received
 - Awards -- August 2014
 - Funding levels for FY 2014 - based on Community Need
 - HPSAs 14 & above - up to \$50,000
 - HPSAs 13 & below - up to \$30,000



NHSC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- **FY 2013 Application Cycle**
 - 196 Awards made; 1,739 Applications Received
- **Regional Offices manage Scholar Placement**
- **Regional Offices can assist with non-NHSC site eligibility**
- **Getting Prepared for Service (GPS) Program**
 - Webinars; Social Media; Mentor Program
 - Virtual Job Fairs
- **FY 2014 Application Cycle (March - May, 2014)**
- **Scholars who remain at their initial placement site or who continue to practice at an NHSC-site in a high needs area, with qualifying educational debt, have priority funding for NHSC Loan Repayment**





NHSC Scholars commit to serve in the Corps upon completion of their training – one year for each year of support (2 year minimum, 4 year maximum).



STUDENTS TO SERVICE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

- **Program Overview**

- Physicians (MD/DO) in 4th year of training
- Must match to primary care residency
- Placement in a HPSA of 14 or higher
- Placement assistance provided
- \$120,000 for a 3-Year commitment

- **FY 2013 Application Cycle (Open Sept. - Nov.)**

- 78 Awards; 100 Applications Received

- **FY 2014 Application Cycle (Open September - November)**

- 87 Awards; 100 Applications Received



STUDENTS TO SERVICE

- Students owe three years of service and receive payment over period of 4 years



NHSC SITES

- NHSC-approved sites are health care facilities that provide comprehensive outpatient, ambulatory, primary health care services to populations residing in HPSAs.
- The NHSC maintains a continuous relationship with NHSC sites and the State Primary Care Offices through staff located in every region



NHSC SITE BENEFITS

- Recruitment and Retention Assistance
 - NHSC Job Center
- Technical Assistance
- Resources



BECOME A SITE

- Meet Site Requirements
- Complete an application:
<http://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/sites/becomenhscapprovedsite/>



SITE REQUIREMENTS

1. Be located in and treat patients from a federally-designated HPSA
2. Not discriminate in the provision of services to an individual
3. Use a discounted/sliding fee schedule to ensure that no one who is unable to pay will be denied access to services **based on income, not assets**
4. Accept assignment for Medicare beneficiaries, and have an appropriate agreement with the applicable State agency for Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries
5. Prominently display a statement in common areas and on site's website that explicitly states that: i) no one will be denied access to services due to inability to pay; and ii) there is a discounted/sliding fee schedule available



INELIGIBLE SITES

The following site types are not eligible to apply as an NHSC site:

- 1) Inpatient Hospitals (including Veteran's Administration hospitals), with the exception of Medicare-approved CAHs);
- 2) Other Inpatient Facilities;
- 3) Residential Facilities;
- 4) County/Local Prisons



NHSC JOBS CENTER

- ✓ Providers can search NHSC-approved sites, including those with current job openings
- ✓ Online site profiles showcase languages spoken by patients, services offered, patients served annually, optional photos and much more
- ✓ Site Administrators can post vacancies, update site profiles, and manage 6-month verifications for participating providers



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OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE QUALITY SERVICES THAT PROMOTE WELLNESS & BALANCE OF MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT FOR THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.

The NATIVE Project was incorporated in 1989 as a 501 (c) 3 non-profit agency offering safe & fun activities to youth in the greater Spokane area. Addressing an alarming trend of alcohol and substance abuse issues in the community, the NATIVE Project quickly evolved into an adolescent youth, outpatient treatment center. By 1999, the NATIVE Project became the parent company to an I.H.S. contracted, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) called NATIVE Health of Spokane. Since our incorporation, we have served over 217 Federally recognized Tribes from across the US & over 16,000 patients. We're a multidisciplinary team agency that includes chemical dependency, mental health, dental, pharmacy and primary care treatment. In the clinic alone, we have 1 MD, 2 ARNPs, 2 RNs, 1 LPN, 2 HCAs, 1 RD/CDE, 1 LICSW/CDP, 1 LMHC, 1 Clinical Case Manager, 1 Clinic Manager, 2 Schedulers, 2 Patient Registration, 1 Clinical Applications Coordinator, 1 Researcher & an on-site contracted pharmacy.

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SEARCH RESULTS

NHSC PARTICIPANT PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS

- **2-year Full-Time Clinical Practice**
 - Up to \$50,000* for an initial 2 years of full-time clinical practice to clinicians serving at an NHSC-approved service site with a HPSA score of 14 or higher.
 - Applicants who will be working at NHSC-approved service sites with HPSA scores of 13 or lower are eligible to receive up to \$30,000* for an initial 2 years of full-time clinical service.
- Full-time clinical practice is defined as **no less than 40 hours per week**, for a minimum of 45 weeks per year (includes 8 hours of administrative time or time spent teaching)



NHSC CLINICAL PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS

- **2-year Half-Time Clinical Practice**
 - Up to \$25,000* for an initial 2 years of half-time clinical service to clinicians serving at an NHSC-approved service site with a HPSA score of 14 or higher.
 - Applicants who will be working at NHSC-approved service sites with HPSA scores of 13 or lower are eligible to receive up to \$15,000* for an initial 2 years of half-time clinical service.
- Half-time clinical practice is defined, for the purposes of the NHSC, as a **minimum of 20 hours/per week** (not to exceed 39 hours/ week) for 45 weeks a year. Of the 20 hours/week, a minimum of 16 hours must be spent providing direct patient care (including teaching); no more than 4 hours can be spent in an administrative capacity



QUESTIONS?

