# National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program

**Program Description**

Students pursuing a career in primary care are eligible to receive funding for their education in exchange for practicing in rural and urban communities in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) with limited access to care, upon graduation and licensure.

**Eligible Disciplines**

- Enrolled or accepted in the following primary care disciplines in an eligible degree program in a U.S. state or territory:
  - MD
  - DMD
  - DO
  - Nurse practitioner
  - DDS
  - Certified nurse-midwife
  - Physician assistant (in primary care)

**Service Commitment**

- 1-year service commitment per scholarship year; 2-year minimum and 4-year maximum

**Financial Benefits**

- Funding for a maximum of 4 years:
  - Tuition
  - Required fees
  - Reasonable educational costs
  - Monthly support stipend

**Tax Liability**

- Only stipend is taxable

**Where Members Serve**

**NHSC Scholars must practice at an NHSC-approved site:**

- Located in a Health Professional Shortage Area with a minimum score that is set each year — hpsafind.hrsa.gov
- Approved sites are located in HPSAs around the country and meet specific requirements

**Sites may be:**

- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
- FQHC look-alikes
- Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)
- Hospital-affiliated primary care outpatient clinics
- Correctional facilities
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) sites
- Indian Health Service, Tribal Clinics, and Urban Indian Health Clinics (ITCUs)
- Private practices (solo/group)
- Other health facilities
- State and county departments of health clinics
- School-based clinics

**Application Requirements**

- U.S. citizen (U.S. born or naturalized) or U.S. national

**Web Site**

NHSC.hrsa.gov/scholarship