

APPLICATION

HEALTH PROFESSIONS STUDENTS LOANS (HPSL) Program

ACADEMIC YEAR: 2024

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**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Health Resources and Services Administration
Bureau of Health Workforce**

**Application to Participate in the
HEALTH PROFESSIONS STUDENTS LOANS (HPSL) Program**

Section I: INDICATIVE DATA

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Zip 4 Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

USSid: (If Exist) _____

UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) number: _____

Congressional District: _____

Central Registry Entity Identification Number: _____

Institution Code: _____

A. PROGRAM DISCIPLINE:

Check the appropriate line

_____ Dentistry _____ Optometry _____ Pharmacy

_____ Podiatric Medicine

_____ Veterinary Medicine

(An application must be filled out for each discipline)

B. ACCREDITATION INFORMATION:

a. Name of Accrediting Association: _____

b. Status of Accreditation (check the appropriate line)

_____ Full Accreditation

_____ Provisional or Conditional Accreditation

c. Date (Month and Year) when current accreditation will expire _____.

d. Is your institution a public or nonprofit institution? (Yes/No): _____

e. Is your institution located in a rural area? (Yes/No): _____

Section II: APPLICATION DATA

A. ENROLLMENT:

Full-time discipline student enrollment as of **October 15, 2023** _____

B. FUNDS REQUESTED:

a. Projected Federal Funds needed for the period **07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025** \$ _____
(NOTE: requested amount may not be the full amount received.)

b. Institutional Contribution (1/9th of line a) \$ _____

c. Total Funds Requested for the period **07/01/2024 -06/30/2025**
(*Total of a and b*) \$ _____

INSTITUTION: _____

PROGRAM: _____ EIN#: _____

OPSID (leave blank): _____

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT

The terms and conditions set forth represent the agreement between the applicant school and the Secretary of Health and Human Services for the establishment and maintenance of a Health Professions Student Loan (HPSL) fund, and are binding on all parties and personnel participating in the program supported.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR: Please indicate the person responsible for the day-to-day administration of this program.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL: This agreement must be signed by the Authorizing Official. The person designated as the Authorizing Official is legally responsible and accountable for the use and disposition of any funds awarded on the basis of this agreement.

A. ASSURANCES AND PUBLIC POLICY REQUIREMENTS

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 45CFR Part 80 states: A No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving financial assistance from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), must be operated in compliance with this law.

Attention is called to the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and in particular to Section 901 of such Act and 45 CFR 86, which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Attention is called to Section 710 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act which provides that no contract, grant, cooperative agreement, loan guarantee, or interest subsidy payment may be awarded under Titles VII and VIII to, or for the benefit of, any school program or training center if the tuition level or educational fees at the school, program or training center are higher for certain students solely on the basis those such students are the recipients of traineeships, loans, loan guarantees, service scholarships, or interest subsidies from the Federal Government.

In accordance with 45 CFR, Part 83 of the DHHS Regulations issued under Section 704 and 855 of the PHS Act, no grant, loan guarantee, or interest subsidy payment under Titles VII or VIII of the PHS Act shall be made to or for the benefit of any entity, and no contract under Titles VII or VIII of the PHS Act shall be made with any entity, unless the entity will not discriminate on the basis of sex in the admission of individuals to its training programs.

In accordance with 45 CFR Part 91, attention is called to the general rule that no person in the

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United States shall, on the basis of age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving financial assistance. Attention is called to the requirements of OMB circular M-87-32 which provide that an applicant institution receiving a loan must not be delinquent on any Federal debt.

The applicant institution must comply with the requirements of 45 CFR, Part 76, Subpart F, which requires certification that grantees will provide and maintain a drug-free workplace.

The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, P.L. 101-226, require that any public or private institution of higher education (including independent hospitals conducting training programs for health care personnel), State educational agency, or local educational agency receiving Federal financial assistance must certify to the Secretary of Education, as a condition for funding, that it has adopted and implemented a drug prevention program as described in 34CFR, Part 86, (55FR 33580), August 16, 1990. The provisions of the regulations also apply to subgrantees which receive Federal funds from any Federal grantee regardless of whether or not the primary grantee is an institution of higher education, State educational agency, or local educational agency.

The applicant organization must certify, among other things, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency. Subawardees, (i.e, other corporations, partnerships, or other legal entities called Lower tier participants), must make the same certification to the applicant organization concerning their covered transactions. The pertinent DHHS regulations are found in 45 CFR Part 76.

B. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Institutions must meet certain criteria in order to be eligible to participate in the HPSL program, which fall into the following categories:

- discipline and degree programs;
- location of the institution;
- accreditation;
- written agreement between the institution and the Secretary of Health and Human Services;
- default rate performance standard;
- non-discrimination requirements;
- non-delinquency of the institution on Federal debt;
- drug-free workplace, schools and campuses requirements;
- lobbying and disclosure of lobbying requirements; and
- debarment and suspension provisions.

DISCIPLINE AND DEGREE PROGRAMS

Any public or other nonprofit institution that offers degrees to full-time students in disciplines as specified below may apply to participate in the HPSL program:

- doctor of dentistry;

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- bachelor or doctor of science in pharmacy;
- doctor of podiatric medicine;
- doctor of optometry; and
- doctor of veterinary medicine.

Note: With the enactment of the Health Professions Education Extension Amendments of 1992, schools of allopathic medicine and osteopathic medicine will be phasing their HPSL funds into Primary Care Loan (PCL) funds. Effective July 1, 1993, new borrowers must train and practice as primary health care physicians. Only borrowers who obtained HPSL loans prior to July 1, 1993 will be eligible to receive HPSLs without meeting the requirements under the PCL program. Information on the PCL program appears in Primary Care Loan.

[Section 721(b)(4) of the Public Health Service Act]

LOCATION OF THE INSTITUTION

The health professions school must be located in a State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa or the Trust Territory of the Pacific.

[Section 799(9) of the Public Health Service Act]

ACCREDITATION

A health professions school that is interested in participating in the HPSL program must be accredited by an appropriate accrediting body that is recognized by the Secretary of Education. The approved accrediting bodies for health professions schools are as follows:

- dentistry: Commission on Dental Accreditation
- optometry: Council on Optometric Education of the American Optometric Association
- pharmacy: American Council on Pharmaceutical Education
- podiatric medicine: Council on Education of the American Podiatric Association
- veterinary medicine: American Veterinary Medical Association

[Section 799(1)(A) of the Public Health Service Act]

WRITTEN AGREEMENT

Health professions schools must enter into an agreement with the Secretary of Health and Human Services as a criterion for participation. The agreement requires that the institution:

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- establish a fund for the HPSL program;
- deposit in the fund Federal Capital Contribution, Institutional Capital Contribution, collections from loans in repayment, and any other earnings;
- provide an ICC of at least one-ninth of the FCC;
- permit the funds only to be used for student loans and the costs associated with collection;
- award funds only to students who are studying full-time in eligible discipline and degree programs;
- inform borrowers of the terms and conditions of HPSLs; and
- submit an annual operating report that describes the use of the fund.

[Sections 721(a) and 721(b) of the Public Health Service Act]

DEFAULT RATE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Each June 30, a school must have an HPSL default rate that does not exceed five percent. Schools that exceed the five percent performance standard are subject to probation, suspension or termination from program participation.

The regulations require a school to meet a performance standard for participation in the Primary Care HPSL Loan Programs.

On June 30 each year a school must have a default rate of not more than five percent. The default rate is the ratio (stated as a percentage) that the defaulted principal amount outstanding of the school bears to the matured loans of the school. For this purpose:

- the term "defaulted principal amount outstanding" means the total amount borrowed from the loan fund of a school that has reached the repayment stage (minus any principal amount repaid or cancelled) on loans in default for 120 days or more.
- the term "matured loans" means the total principal amount of all loans made by a school minus the total principal amount of loans made by the school to students who are enrolled in a full-time course of study at the school or are in their grace period.

The worksheet for calculating the default rate in the Primary Care FCC Loan Programs can be found on the internet at <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/dsa/ratecalc/html>.

Any school that has a default rate greater than five percent on June 30 of any year will be required to:

- reduce its default rate by fifty percent (or a school with a default rate below 10 percent must reduce its rate to five percent) by the close of the following six-month period; and
- by the end of each succeeding six-month period, reduce its default rate to 50 percent of the required rate for the previous six-month period until it reaches five percent.

Refer to Fiscal Management, Program Monitoring, Chapter 2 for additional information on the default rate performance standard.

[Section 721(c)(1) of the Public Health Service Act; 42 CFR Part 57.216a]

NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Participating health professions institutions must adhere to statutes and regulations addressing non-discrimination. These include:

- Section 794 of the Public Health Service Act and its implementing regulations 45 CFR Part 83, which prohibit discrimination in the admissions process on the basis of sex;
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and its implementing regulations 45 CFR Part 80, which prohibit discrimination in federally assisted programs on the basis of race, color or national origin;
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and its implementing regulations 45 CFR Part 86, which prohibit discrimination in federally assisted education programs on the basis of sex;
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its implementing regulation, 45 CFR Part 84, which prohibit discrimination in federally assisted programs on the basis of handicap;
- Section 798(C) of the Public Health Service Act, which prohibits institutions from charging higher tuition to students that benefit from Federal financial aid funds; and
- 45 CFR Part 91, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age.

In addition, institutions may not discriminate on the basis of religion in the admissions process.

[42 CFR Part 57.216]

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE, SCHOOLS AND CAMPUSES

Participating schools must comply with the requirements in 45 CFR Part 76, Subpart F. This section of the regulations stipulates that institutions must certify that they will provide and maintain a drug-free workplace.

The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 and its implementing regulations 34 CFR Part 86 apply to any public or private institution of higher education (including independent hospitals conducting training programs for health care personnel), State educational agency, or local educational agency. As a condition of funding from Federal financial assistance programs, the statute requires these entities to certify to the Secretary of Education that they have adopted and implemented a drug prevention program. These provisions also apply to subgrantees of Federal funds whether or not the primary grantee is an institution of higher education, a State

educational agency, or a local educational agency.

NON-DELINQUENCY OF THE INSTITUTION ON FEDERAL DEBT

Participating institutions must comply with non-delinquency on Federal debt requirements. Examples of Federal debt or possible sources include delinquent taxes, audit disallowances, FHA loans, and other unpaid administrative debts. Specific examples include:

- a scheduled payment on a direct loan that is more than 31 days past due;
- the unpaid disallowed amount in a "Notice of Grants Cost Disallowance" unless otherwise unresolved; and
- unpaid Social Security tax payment or other administrative payment owed to the Federal Government.

LOBBYING AND DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING

Institutions must adhere to restrictions on lobbying and provide a disclosure statement about lobbying activities for each Federal award to the institution in excess of \$100,000. The Office of Management and Budget published guidance for restrictions on lobbying in the *Federal Register*.

DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION OF CAMPUSES

According to regulations in 45 CFR Part 76, an institution must certify that neither it nor any of its principals are debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal dependent or agency. Subawardees (e.g., other corporations, partnerships, or other legal entities) also must provide the same certification to the institution.

C. FEDERAL CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION (FCC)

1. Monies paid to the institution, pursuant to this application in the form of FCC shall be maintained by the institution in a separate account, hereafter referred to as the AFCC Fund.@ In addition to Federal Capital Contributions, the institution shall maintain in the FCC Fund:
 - a) an amount equal to not less than one-ninth of such FCC, contributed by the institution;
 - b) collections of principal and interest on loans made to students from the FCC Fund;
 - c) collections of charges pursuant to 42 CFR Part 57 Section 205;
 - d) any other earnings of the FCC Fund.
2. The FCC Fund shall be used by the institution only for:

- a) loans to eligible students pursuing a full-time course of study;
 - b) costs of litigation arising in connection with the collection of any obligations to the FCC Fund, and interest thereon; and
 - c) other collection costs that are in excess of the usual expenses incurred in the collection of student loans to the extent specifically approved by the Secretary.
3. The Secretary, DHHS shall pay to the institution its proportionate share of the amount of principal and interest which is canceled with respect to student loans pursuant to Section 722(d) of the Public Health Service Act.
 4. The FCC Fund must be maintained by the institution in an insured, interest bearing account at all times, unless it is not cost effective, and all earnings must become a part of the FCC Fund. If the account is not federally insured, the institution will be liable for any loss that may occur.
 5. Capital distributions shall be made as provided under Section 728 of the PHS Act.
 6. Institutions must submit an Annual Operating Report as required By the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The report accounts for the money in the FCC account and its use and the student's outcome.

INSTITUTION: _____

PROGRAM: _____ EIN#: _____

OPSID (leave blank): _____

Program Director: _____
NAME (print)

Title: _____

Address: _____

Address2: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

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Financial Aid Official: _____
Title: _____

Address: _____

Address2: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

CERTIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE: The undersigned official of the applicant institution accepts, as to any Federal funds allocated and paid as a result of this application, the obligation to comply with the applicable provisions of the PHS Act as amended, regulations, and with the PHS policies in effect at the time of such allocation and payment.

Signature of Authorizing Official:

Name (print) Title _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

E-mail address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT OR MISREPRESENTATION IN OBTAINING THESE FUNDS IS SUBJECT TO PENALTIES WHICH MAY INCLUDE FINES AND IMPRISONMENT UNDER FEDERAL STATUTE.