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Medical Schools,

For the first time in history the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) awarded scholarships to medical students in 2020. The scholarship is competitively awarded to an individual who has been unconditionally accepted into medical school or is currently enrolled as a medical student. The scholarship is pretty straight forward. The VA will pay tuition, books, most fees, and provide a monthly living stipend of approximately \$1,150 a month (tax-free). In return the medical student comes to work for the VA after they complete their residency training. The only limitation at this time is that the residency cannot be pediatrics related. The service obligation is 18 months for every year the VA sponsors the medical student.

Please spread the word amongst your faculty, and students. I've attached a flyer that you can provide to your medical students, and to financial aid. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me or the [HPSPTeam@va.gov](mailto:HPSPTeam@va.gov). A direct link to the HPSP program can be found here as well: <https://va-ams-info.intelliworxit.com/>

Thanks, and stay safe!!

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**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.

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

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