



Allied Health Scholarship Program Overview

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Allied Healthcare Scholarship Program (AHSP) Overview

Allied Healthcare Scholarship Program applicants must be currently accepted or enrolled in one of the following Allied Healthcare programs:

Behavioral Health Professions

- Behavioral Disorder Counselors
- Certified Nursing Assistants
- Home Health Aides
- Marriage and Family Therapists
- Mental Health Counselors
- Occupational Therapists
- Occupational Therapist Assistant
- Psychiatric Aids/Technicians
- Rehabilitation Counselors
- Substance Use Disorder Counselors
- Social Work

Allied Healthcare Scholarship Program (AHSP) Award

- The maximum award amount for AHSP is **\$25,000** for behavioral health professions
- HCAI may award full, partial, or no funding to an applicant based on the applicant's success in meeting the selection criteria, and the amount of available funding.
- Applicants will not be awarded more than their total Cost of Attendance for one year of the program.
- Applicants can apply as many times as they would like but can only be awarded up to three times.
- If awarded, Grantees will receive a **one-time** payment at the time of contract execution.

Scholarship Program Eligibility

- Start the program by October 22, 2022.
- Be enrolled in a minimum of six units, or equivalent, until program completion.
- Maintain a GPA of 2.0 or greater, until program completion.
- Be free from any other service obligation, including from other scholarship or loan repayment programs.
- **Must** not have been in breach of a previous HCAI contract.
- Commit to providing a 12-month service obligation in a medically underserved area upon graduating.
- Provide 32 hours or more per week of direct patient care upon graduating.

Scholarship Program Eligibility (cont.)

PRACTICE SITE

For a facility to be eligible, it must be in one of the following eligible geographic or site designations:

- Health Professional Shortage Area-Dental
- Health Professional Shortage Area-Primary Care
- Health Professional Shortage Area-Mental Health
- Primary Care Shortage Area (PCSA)
- State Health Facility
- County Health Facility
- Children's Hospitals
- Correctional Facility
- Native Indian Health Center
- Rural Healthcare Center (RHC)
- Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
- Veteran's Facility
- Public School Facility

Scholarship Program Eligibility (cont.)

APPLICATION CYCLE

During the application cycle, Applicants must:

- Complete an on-line application through the web-based eApp (<https://funding.hcai.ca.gov/>), which at the time of submission must include the following required documents/attachments:
 - Certification of Enrollment (COE) form
 - Cost of Attendance for one year
 - Conflict of Interest Letter (if applicable)

Scholarship Program Eligibility (cont.)

MONITORING

- If awarded, Grantees will be required to submit a Graduation Date Verification (GDV) form 30 days after graduating.
- Over the course of their 12-month service obligation, Grantee will have two progress reports, which must be signed by the grantee and their supervisor, certifying that the Grantee is maintaining the required 32 hours per week spent providing direct patient care for the given reporting period.
- Any changes regarding employment (i.e., change of worksite, hours, etc.) will require a new Employment Verification Form (EVF) and the employer must be verified for program eligibility.
- If a Grantee requires time away from their practice site, they are allowed up to four weeks away. If their absence should exceed the allowed time, their contract must be amended; thereby, extending their obligation end date, to make up that additional time missed.

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QUESTIONS?