

# Allied Healthcare Scholarship Program (AHSP) Program Overview Webinar

November 7, 2024

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Christopher Roina, Communication Analyst, Operations Unit

## **Office of Health Workforce Development & Allied Healthcare Scholarship Program Overview**

Hovik Khosrovian, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Health Workforce Development

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Michelle Crouch, Acting Program Manager

## **AHSP Application Cycle & Program Eligibility**

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Christopher Roina, Communication Analyst, Operations Unit

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Hovik Khosrovian, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Health Workforce Development

# **HCAI and Allied Healthcare Scholarship Program (AHSP)**

Hovik Khosrovian, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Health Workforce  
Development

# HCAI's Vision and Mission

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## Vision

A healthier California where all receive equitable, affordable, and quality health care.

## Mission

HCAI expands equitable access to quality, affordable health care for all Californians through resilient facilities, actionable information, and the health workforce each community needs.

# Health Workforce Development

## Develop, support and expand a health workforce that:

- Serves medically underserved areas
- Serves Medi-Cal members
- Represents the California it serves through racial and language diversity

## Offer programs that provide financial support for:

- Organizations building the workforce pipeline
- Organizations expanding educational capacity
- Individuals pursuing health careers
- Organizations supporting providers and addressing retention



# **AHSP Program Elements, Key Dates, Application Cycle, & Program Eligibility**

Michelle Crouch, Acting Program Manager

# Allied Healthcare Scholarship Program (AHSP) Overview

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## Program Purpose

HCAI offers the AHSP scholarship program which helps support students who are dedicated to providing healthcare in medically underserved areas in California in exchange for a 12-month service obligation.

## Program Goal

The goal is to increase the number of appropriately trained health professionals providing direct care and encourage them to provide healthcare in California's health professional shortage areas.

# Eligible Disciplines

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

- Anesthesia Technician
- Anesthesiologist Assistant
- Auto-Transfusionist
- Cardiovascular Technologist
- Certified Nurse Assistant
- Clinical Laboratory Scientist
- **Degreed Nutritionist**
- Dental Assistant
- Dental Hygienist
- Diagnostic Medical Sonographer
- Doula
- Electrocardiogram
- Health Educator
- Home Health Aide
- **International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant**
- Licensed Midwife
- Medical Assistant
- Medical Imaging Technologist
- Medical Laboratory Technologist
- Nuclear Medicine Technologist
- Orthotist
- Orthotist/Prosthetist
- Paramedic
- Perfusionist
- Pharmacy Technician
- Phlebotomist
- Physical Therapy Assistant
- Podiatrist
- Radiation Therapy Technologist
- Radiologic Technician
- **Registered Dietitian**
- Respiratory Therapist
- Speech and Language Pathologist
- Surgical Technician
- Ultrasound Technician



# Allied Healthcare Scholarship Program (AHSP) Funding

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- The Allied Healthcare Scholarship Program receives funding from special funds and/or donations from both individuals and organizations.
- The maximum award amount for AHSP is \$15,000.00
- 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, for every award, their service obligation will increase by one year.
- If awarded, Grantees will receive a **one-time** payment at the time of contract execution.

# **Application Cycle**

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- The application cycle opened on November 1, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. and closes on December 13, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. Late applications are not accepted, and there are no extensions.
- Applicants complete an on-line application and must provide all required documents at time of application submission.
- Required documentation include:
  - **Conflict of Interest Letter**
  - **Scholarship Program Verification**
  - **Cost of Attendance Verification for one year**
- All applications are reviewed by program staff and only eligible applications move forward to be scored.

# Scholarship Program Eligibility

Be aware that many applications are disqualified, because:

- Application is missing required documentation or information
- Not enrolled in the minimum units
- Cost of Attendance is incomplete or not an official document
- Not enrolled or registered in a program
- Not enrolled in an eligible program
- Required documentation could not be opened or viewed
- Applicant has an existing service obligation
- Application submitted after the deadline

# Scholarship Program Eligibility (cont.)

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- Start educational program by October 1, 2024.
- Be enrolled in a minimum of six units, or its equivalent, until program completion.
- Maintain a GPA of 2.0 or greater, until program completion.
- Graduate after March 30, 2025.
- Be free from any other service obligation, including from other HCAI 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, at a qualifying facility, within 6 months of graduating.

# Scholarship Program Eligibility (cont.)

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## 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 (HPSA-D)
- Health Professional Shortage Area-Primary Care (HPSA-PC)
- Health Professional Shortage Area-Mental Health (HPSA-MH)
- Medically Underserved Area (MUA)
- Primary Care Shortage Area (PCSA)
- State Health Facility
- County Health Facility
- Children's Hospitals
- Correctional Facility
- Native Indian Health Center
- Non-profit Facility
- Rural Healthcare Center (RHC)
- Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
- Public School Facility
- Skilled Nursing Facility
- Substance Use Facility
- Veteran's Facility

# Scholarship Program Eligibility (cont.)

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## 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 (2) 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 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 (4) 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.

# Allied Fiscal Year 2023-24 Awards

Cycle Year	Eligible Applications	# Awarded	\$ Awarded	# Eligible Not Funded
FY 2023-24	157	63	\$ 883,914.00	94

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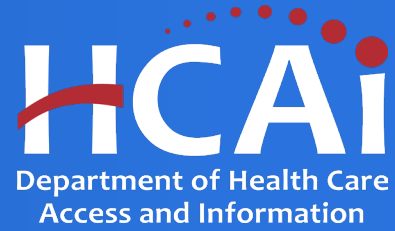
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