

Scholarship and Loan Repayment Programs Application Cycle Introduction

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Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI)



- Every Californian should have access to equitable, affordable, quality health care provided in a safe environment by a diverse workforce.
- As California's health care needs expand, HCAI is now responsible for managing an array of programs that grew substantially in this year's budget, including new areas of workforce development.

California Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI)

- CYBHI intends to transform California's behavioral health system into an innovative ecosystem where all children and youth from birth to age 25 have access to services for emerging and existing behavioral health needs, regardless of health payer.
- Led by the California Health and Human Services Agency, in partnership with other state departments, HCAI is responsible for expanding training for existing behavioral health professionals and increasing the behavioral health workforce that is culturally and linguistically proficient and capable of providing age-appropriate services to children, youth, and families.

HCAI CYBHI Activities

- Create a School Behavioral Health Coach and Counselor Workforce
- Expand Training Capacity for Psychiatry, and Social Workers
- Develop the Substance Use Disorder Workforce
- Build the Behavioral Health Workforce Pipeline
- Build “Earn and Learn” Apprenticeship Models
- Enhance Training to Serve Justice and System-Involved Youth
- Expand Behavioral Health Training for Primary Care Providers
- Expand Peer Personnel Training and Placement Programs
- Augment Existing HCAI Loan Repayment, Scholarship, and Stipend Programs to Support Behavioral Health Disciplines

Funding Programs

- HCAI opens several loan repayment, scholarship and grant program application cycles each year.
- Today we are highlighting two scholarship and two loan repayment opportunities:
 - Allied Healthcare Scholarship Program
 - Advanced Practice Healthcare Scholarship Program
 - Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program
 - Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program

Scholarship Programs Overview

- Help support students dedicated to providing healthcare in medically underserved areas in California in exchange for a 12-month service obligation.
- Goal: to increase the number of appropriately trained health professionals providing direct care in underserved areas.

Allied Healthcare Scholarship Program (AHSP) Eligible Health Professions

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

- Clinical Laboratory Scientist
- Community Health Worker
- Dental Hygienist
- Diagnostic Medical Sonographer
- Dietitian/Nutritionist
- Medical Assistant
- Medical Imaging Technologist
- Medical Laboratory Technologist
- Nuclear Medicine Technologist
- Pharmacy Technician
- Physical Therapy Assistant
- Radiation Therapy Technologist
- Radiologic Technician
- Respiratory Therapist
- Surgical Technician
- Ultrasound Technician

AHSP Eligible Behavioral Health Professions

Behavioral Health Professions

- Behavioral Disorder Counselor
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Home Health Aide
- Marriage and Family Therapist
- Mental Health Counselor
- Occupational Therapist
- Occupational Therapist Assistant
- Psychiatric Aide/Technician
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Substance Use Disorder Counselor
- Social Worker

AHSP Award

- AHSP maximum award:
 - **\$15,000** for non-behavioral health professions
 - **\$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 may be awarded up to three times.
- Grantees will receive a **one-time** payment at the time of contract execution.

Advanced Practice Healthcare Scholarship Program (APHSP) Overview

APHSP applicants must be currently accepted or enrolled in one of the following Advanced Practice programs:

Non-Behavioral Health Professions

- Certified Nurse Midwives
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Dentist
- Nurse Practitioners
- Pharmacists
- Physical Therapist
- Physician Assistant
- Speech Therapist

Behavioral Health Professions

- Occupational Therapist
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric Nurse

APHSP Award

- The maximum award amount for APHSP is **\$25,000**.
- 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 cost of attendance for one year of the program.
- Grantees may be awarded up to three times

Scholarship Eligible Practice Sites

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

Scholarship Programs Eligibility

- Start program by October 1, 2022.
- Be enrolled in a minimum of six units until program completion.
- Maintain a GPA of 2.0 or greater, until program completion.
- Graduate after June 30, 2023.
- 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 or facility upon graduating.
- Provide 32 hours or more per week of direct patient care upon graduating.

Scholarship Program Application

During the application cycle, applicants must:

- Complete an on-line application through the web-based eApp (<https://funding.hcai.ca.gov/>)
- Submit the following required documents:
 - Certification of Enrollment (COE) form
 - Cost of Attendance for one year
 - Conflict of Interest Letter

Scholarship Program Monitoring

- If awarded, Grantees must submit a Graduation Date Verification (GDV) form 30 days after graduating.
- Grantee will have two Progress Reports, 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.

Scholarship Programs

QUESTIONS?

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Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program (LMH) Overview

- Established in 2007 to increase the supply of mental health professionals practicing in mental health professional shortage areas and facilities

LMH Award

- The maximum award amount for LMH is **\$30,000**.
- 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 funds.
- Applicants will not be awarded more than their total educational debt left on their loan balance.
- Applicants may be awarded up to three times
- Grantees will receive **two equal annual** payments over the course of their 24-month service obligation.

LMH Overview

LMH applicants must be currently licensed and/or certified, and practicing in one of the following professions:

- Associate Clinical Social Worker
- Associate Professional Clinical Counselor
- **Behavioral Disorder Counselor**
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
- Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor
- Licensed Psychologist
- Marriage and Family Therapist Intern
- **Mental Health Counselor**
- Postdoctoral Psychological Assistant
- Postdoctoral Psychological Trainee
- **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**
- **Psychiatric Nurse**
- Registered Psychologist
- **Rehabilitation Counselor**
- **Substance Use Disorder Counselor**

LMH Eligibility

- Possess a valid and unrestricted professional license and/or a certification to practice your profession in California.
- Be free from any other service obligation, including from other HCAI programs.
- **Must** not have been in breach of a previous HCAI contract.
- Have outstanding educational debt from a US government or commercial lending institution.
- Commit to providing a 24-month service obligation at a qualifying facility or a mental health shortage area in California.
- Provide 32 hours or more per week direct patient care.

LMH Eligible Practice Sites

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

- Health Professional Shortage Area-Mental Health (HPSA-MH)
- A publicly funded facility
- A public mental health facility
- A non-profit private mental health facility
- Children's Hospital
- Correctional Facility
- County Health Facility
- Public School Facility
- State-Operated Health Facility
- Veteran's Facility

LMH Application

During the application cycle, Applicants must:

- Complete an on-line application through the web-based eApp (<https://funding.hcai.ca.gov/>)
- Include the following documents
 - Employment Verification Form
 - Lender Statement
 - Conflict of Interest Letter
 - Proof of licensure and/or certification

LMH Monitoring

- Grantees must submit four (4) Progress Reports, signed by the grantee and their supervisor, certifying that the grantee is maintaining the required 32 hours per week spent providing direct client 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 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.

LMH

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Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program (STLRP) Overview

- Established in 2003 to increase access to healthcare and promote the retention of primary care physicians in medically underserved areas (MUAs) of California.
- Goal is to recruit and retain eligible primary care physicians.
- Applicants can receive up to \$105,000 in exchange for a 36-month service obligation, wherein they provide direct patient care at a qualifying facility within a qualifying MUA.

STLRP Award

- The maximum award amount for STLRP is **\$105,000**.
- 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 funds.
- Applicants will not be awarded more than their total educational debt left on their loan balance.
- Applicants can be awarded up to three times.
- Grantees will receive **three annual** payments over the course of their 36-month service obligation.

STLRP Eligibility

- Possess a valid and unrestricted MD or DO license to practice in California.
- Be free from any other service obligation, including from other HCAI programs.
- **Must** not have been in breach of a previous HCAI contract.
- Have outstanding educational debt from a US government or commercial lending institution.
- Have completed a **three-year** residency.

STLRP Hour Requirements

- Applicant must be providing “Full-time” medical services.
- “Full-time” is defined as a minimum of **40** hours worked per week with at least **32** of those hours spent providing direct patient care on an outpatient basis.
- **Exception:** For applicants engaged in the practice of obstetrics, full-time is defined as a minimum of **40** hours worked per week with at least **21** of those hours spent providing direct patient care on an outpatient basis.
- **Note: “Outpatient basis” means, their patients are not admitted to the hospital.**

STLRP Eligible Practice Sites

- For a facility to be eligible, it must be in a STLRP-defined Medically Underserved Area (MUA).
- For the purposes of STLRP, an MUA is defined as being one of the eligible geographic or site designations below:
 - Health Professional Shortage Area-Primary Care (HPSA-PC)
 - Health Professional Shortage Area-Mental Health (HPSA-MH)
 - Primary Care Shortage Area (PCSA)
 - State Health Facility
 - County Health Facility
 - Children's Hospitals
 - Correctional Facility
 - Native American Health Center
 - Rural Healthcare Center (RHC)
 - Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
 - Veteran's Facility
 - Public School Facility

STLRP Practice Setting

The practice site must qualify as one of the following practice settings:

- A community clinic, a clinic owned or operated by a public hospital or health system, or a clinic owned and operated by a hospital that maintains the primary contract with a county government to fulfill the county's role, which is in a medically underserved area and at least 50 percent of whose patients are from medically underserved populations.

OR

A physician owned and operated medical practice setting that provides primary care located in a medically underserved area and has a minimum of 50 percent of patients who are uninsured, Medi-Cal beneficiary, or beneficiaries of another publicly funded program that serves patients who earn less than 250 percent of the federal poverty level.

STLRP Practice Setting Work

- The applicant will work with their employer to identify which practice setting applies to their facility.
- Work performed in said practice setting must be clinical work in nature, and not hospital work. 'Clinical work' is on an outpatient basis, that is patients must not be admitted to the hospital, whereas 'Hospital work' is on an inpatient basis, that is patients are admitted.

STLRP Application

During the application cycle, applicants must:

- Complete an on-line application through the web-based eApp (<https://funding.hcai.ca.gov/>)
- Include the following documents
 - Employment Verification Form (EVF)
 - Lender Statement
 - Conflict of Interest Letter
 - MD or DO Professional License

STLRP Monitoring

- Grantees will submit six Progress Reports
 - Certifies that grantee is maintaining the required “Full-time” (40+ hours per week), with at least 32 hours per week spent providing direct patient care on an outpatient basis 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.
- Grantee is allowed up to seven weeks away from work. If need to be away longer, discuss with your program officer.

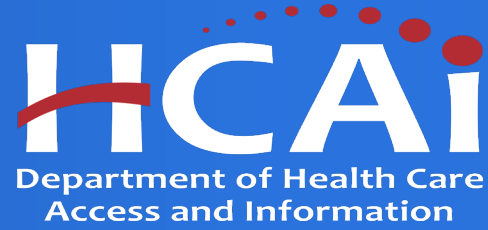
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Program Reference Information

- All programs open on May 16, 2022, and close on October 31, 2022.
- Check out more information for the programs:
 - [Allied Healthcare Scholarship Program](#)
 - [Advanced Practice Healthcare Scholarship Program](#)
 - [Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program](#)
 - [Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program](#)
- Check out [HCAI's Funding Eligibility Tool](#)



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