



# MONTANA PRIMARY CARE OFFICE

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**AGENDA:**

- HPSA SCORES
- STUDENT TO SERVICE (S2S)
- NHSC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
- NHSC LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

# PRIMARY CARE OFFICE

- **Mission:** The Montana Primary Care Office (PCO) works to increase and maintain access to primary and prevention health care in Montana to improve the health status of underserved and vulnerable populations.

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/primarycare>

## **NHSC Scholarship Program: IF YOU ARE DOING UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES TO BE A PROVIDER.**

- To qualify: You have to be a U.S. Citizen or U.S. National and you have to be already accepted to or enrolled at an accredited higher education institution where you are studying to become a :
  - Physician Assistant
  - Physician ( M.D. or D.O.)
  - Nurse Practitioner ( with a post grad degree focused in Clinical Practice)
  - Certified Nurse Midwife
  - Dentist
- Covers Four Years Worth of tuition, fees and other “reasonable education costs” ( for books, supplies, equipment), as well as a monthly stipend!!
- You have to agree to serve in an area of “greatest need” as soon as you finish your training for one year for each of support you receive.

You can qualify for the scholarship even if you're still an undergraduate student, because you must be in the “pre-professional phase” of your health professions education and if you are taking undergraduate pre-requisites for admissions to a health professions training program.”

\* Scholarship awards are NON-taxable, except the stipend. The stipend will be taxed.

## **NHSC Scholar Assignment:**

### **After you accept the Money.....**

- One year for every year they gave you money you have to work in a HPSA as a provider at an approved site doing face to face service.
- HPSA scores determine the area you can work. The scores vary each year and the required score for your placement varies each year as well.
- For the program year Oct. 1, 2018 to Sept. 30, 2019, priority for assignment of NHSC scholars was determined to be 18 and above for Primary Care; 18 and above Mental Health and 18 and above for dentists.
- On or about April 1 of each subsequent year, HRSA will publish on its website <https://connector.hrsa.gov/> the HPSA scores used to determine priority for assignment of NHSC scholars for placement cycles after Sept 30.
- You will be required to serve in an area based on what the requirement was when you received the funding.

## Student to Service ( S2S): WHEN YOU ARE MEDICAL SCHOOL AFTER YOUR BACHELORS DEGREE.

- WHO: M.D. /D.O. medical students in their final years of school. DMD/DDS dental students in their final years of school.
- WHAT: Must be enrolled as a full-time student in your FINAL YEAR OF MEDICAL SCHOOL!!
- WHERE: Planning to complete an accredited primary care medical or dental **residency** in a NHSC-approved specialty ( Primary Care – IM/PEDS/OB/GYNO/Family
- At least 3 year work commitment to provide primary care full-time at an approved NHSC site in a HPSA or 6 year of half-time service. HPSA SCORES VARY EACH YEAR. See the guidance for more info!!
- If you agree and meet the requirements, then you may receive up to **\$120,000 towards medical schooling.** ( Exempt from Federal Income and employment taxes – NOT TAXABLE INCOME!)
- Applications typically accepted in the fall -- **OPEN NOW! Through Oct. 31, 2019 7:30 ET.**
- APPLY IN YOUR 2<sup>nd</sup> year of MEDICAL SCHOOL!!! It may take 3 weeks to apply so request email notification [here](#).

\*\* “ 3 years of service for \$120,000 additional dollars is not a bad trade, because it’s not like you’re volunteering during that time (you still get to take a full salary for your position), and while many newly graduated Doctors and Dentists have trouble finding solid employment immediately after graduation, there are tons of openings around the country in Health Professional Shortage Areas.”

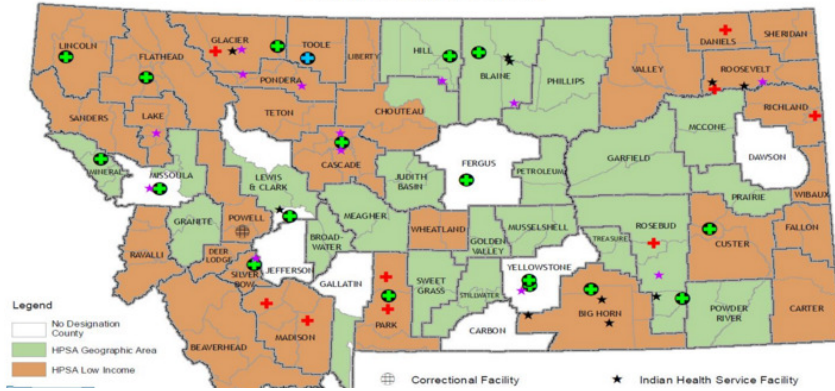
“Enrolling in this program pretty much guarantees two things: first, that you’ll get a significant amount of your student loan debt relieved from the \$120,000 forgiveness benefit, and second, that you’ll be able to secure a full-time position practicing medicine or dentistry (which is nowhere near a given for most Medical and Dental school graduates).” – Forgetstudentloandebt.com

# AFTER YOU GRADUATE AND YOU NEED LOAN REPAYMENT MONEY:

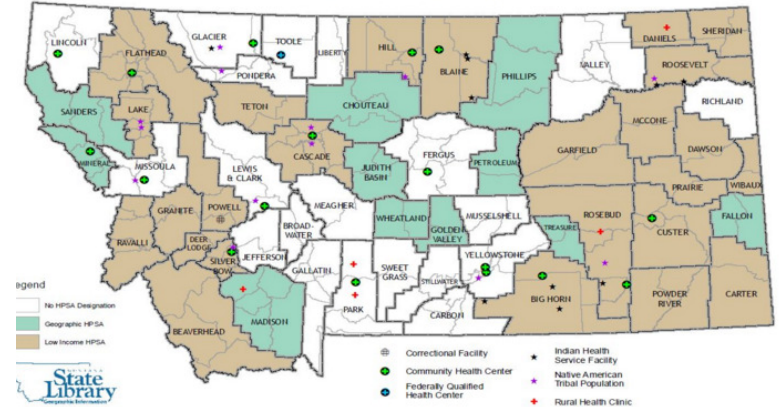
1. Go work in a HPSA as a Primary Care Doc.
2. Here is the link to finding HPSAs: <https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area/hpsa-find>
3. If you want to apply to the NHSC find a site here: <https://connector.hrsa.gov/connector/>
4. Try the MRPIP if you do not want to work at a NHSC approved site: <https://mus.edu/Prepare/Pay/Loans/MRPIP.asp>
5. Try the SLRP if these don't pan out: <http://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/primarycare/SLRP.aspx>

MT HPSA DESIGNATIONS: GO TO [HTTPS://DATA.HRSA.GOV/TOOLS/SHORTAGE-AREA/HPSA-FIND](https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area/hpsa-find) TO FIND YOUR HPSA

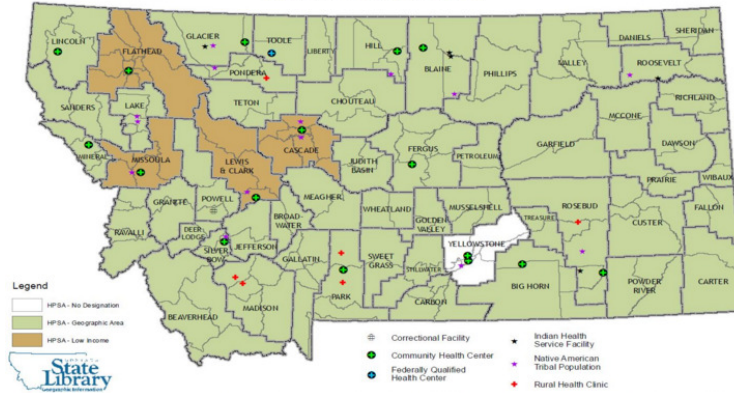
Montana Primary Care  
Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)



Montana Dental Care  
Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)



Montana Mental Health Care  
Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)





# National Health Service Corps



- Go to: <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment/index.html>
- Look at the HPSA score. Better chance if you are over a 16.
- \$50K for the 1<sup>st</sup> year \$50K for the second. Mandatory 2 year contract.



# MT NHSC STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (SLRP)

## Eligible Disciplines:

- Primary Care Physicians (MD or DO) includes Psychiatrists
- Certified Nurse Practitioner
- Certified Nurse Midwife
- Primary Care Physician Assistant
- Clinic or Counseling Psychologist
- LSCW, LCPC, Mental Health Counselor, Marriage and Family Counselor
- Dentist and Dental Hygienist
- Nurse
- Pharmacist

# MT NHSC STATE LOAN REPAYMENT DETAILS:

- \$75,000 Federally matched with \$75,000 State money
- Federal \$ can be matched by an organization
- Up to \$30,000 for a 2 year service commitment/obligation
- Application Cycle opens To Be Determined based on Federal NHSC Award Cycle
- Must be employed at a currently approved NHSC site

Go to:

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