# POSSIBLE SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS and LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS

#### MASTER OF HEALTH SERVICES - PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

The programs on this listing are not awarded by UC Davis, but are awards established by private organizations. This listing is based on information that we have in our office at this time. If you receive additional information about these programs or learn of any new awards we could add to this listing, we would appreciate your sharing that information with us.

When requesting an award application it is usually helpful to provide as much pertinent information about yourself as possible (e.g., grade level, area of residence, academic track, etc.) and how you meet the award eligibility criteria. NOTE: As of Summer 2013, the Physician Assistant Program is now a graduate program. Some of these programs may be restricted to undergraduates, so you may want to contact a program you're interested in to ensure they offer awards to students in graduate studies.

Some loans listed may be available at lower interest rates than some of the loans offered as part of your financial aid package. If you apply for and receive an outside loan, you may request that it be used to meet a portion of the expenses normally funded by a federal Direct Loan, federal Graduate PLUS Direct Loan, or a private loan. Contact the Financial Aid Office for details.

#### **IDENTIFYING ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF AID**

Other potential sources of funds and information include local hospitals, hospital guilds and community organizations in your hometown. The high school and/or college(s) you attended may also have funds available for Physician Assistant students. Many companies and organizations sponsor scholarship programs for children and/or grandchildren of their employees or members. You or your parents/grandparents should inquire directly with the organization about the availability of educational assistance funds.

#### ON THE WEB

A number of free scholarship search services are available on the Internet. The Financial Aid Information Page <u>www.finaid.org</u> provides links to many of the free search services and some of the fee-based searches as well.

College Board Fastweb! For African American Students American Indian College Fund For Hispanic Students State Specific Grant Information Free Scholarship Search Scholarship Experts

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# SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOAN OPPORTUNITIES

# American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA)

Awards scholarships to student members of the Academy who are enrolled in an accredited PA program.

Deadline: Jan. 15

Application: <u>www.aapa.org/your\_pa\_career/pa\_students/resources/item.aspx?id=924</u>

# American Association of Japanese University Women

Offers \$2,000 scholarships to female students enrolled in a California college or university based on her potential for contributing significantly to U.S.-Japan cultural exchange. Deadline: September Applications: www.aajuw.org/scholarship.php

# American Association of University Women

Selected Professions Fellowships of \$5,000 to \$18,000 to women of color, who have been underrepresented in the fields of medicine, law and business administration. Deadline: December Application: E-mail aauw@act.org or write AAUW Fellowships & Grants, c/o ACT Inc., PO Box 4030, lowa City IA 52243-4030 Website: www.aauw.org or http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-

awards/career-development-grants/career-development-grants-application

# American Indian Science and Engineering Society

Offers four separate types of scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year. Deadlines: February, April and June Application: <u>http://www.aises.org/scholarships</u>

#### **American Medical Women's Association**

Awards \$1,000 Medical Education Scholarships to AMWA student members. Criteria include community service; work, research and participation in women's health issues; participation in Women in Medicine or medical student groups other than AMWA. Deadline: July and December (2 cycles) Application: AMWA, 100 North 20th St, 4th Floor, Philadelphia PA 19103

Website: <u>www.amwa-doc.org</u>

#### Beta Theta Pi

Awards Founders Fund Scholarships to graduate students members of the Fraternity. Also awards scholarship to children of members.

Deadline: April

Application: www.betathetapi.org

# **Blinded Veterans Association**

Offers Kathern F. Gruber scholarship of \$1,000 to \$2,000 to child or spouse of legally blind veteran (blindness may be either service or non-service connected). Deadline: April Application: <u>www.bva.org/services.html</u>

# **Burbank Health Care Foundation**

Awards scholarships of up to \$5,000 to health profession students from the Burbank area, who intends to work in Burbank upon completion of their education/residency. Awards are renewal for up to 3 years. Deadline: November Application: Burbank Health Care Foundation, 303 North Glenoaks Blvd, Suite 750, Burbank CA 91502 Website: www.burbankhcf.org.

# California Academy of Physician Assistants (CAPA)

Offers three \$1,000 scholarships: The Ray Dale Memorial Scholarship, the Ruth Webb Minority Scholarship, and the Community Outreach Scholarship.

Deadline: December

Application: <u>www.capanet.org/Students\_Pre-PA/CAPA-Scholarship-Application-Info/</u> Contact: 2318 S Fairview St, Santa Ana CA 92704, (714) 427-0321 or email <u>capa@capanet.org</u>

# CA Veterans Dependents Educational Assistance Program

Offers fee-waiver program to children or spouses of veterans who have a parent who is a disabled veteran, or have a spouse who is service-connected (S/C) deceased or rated 100% S/C disabled, is a child earning less than \$11,702 per year (student's income, not parents'). There is no income limit for a spouse or children of S/C deceased or 100% S/C disabled veterans, or for those who have attended a California community college, California state university, or a University of California school and provided proof of the student's relationship to the veteran such as a copy of a birth or marriage certificate. Similar benefits may be available to Medal of Honor recipients, their children or dependent-survivors of a CA National Guard member who was killed or permanently disabled while in service to the state.

Application: <a href="http://www.calvet.ca.gov/vetservices/education.aspx">www.calvet.ca.gov/vetservices/education.aspx</a>

# CALA California Assisted Living Association Scholarship Program

Students who attend this event will have the opportunity to: gain a greater a greater understanding of the assisted living model of care, explore career possibilities within the profession, meet face-to-face with representatives from leading companies in the region, and walk away with practical knowledge and information to give them a leg-up in career pursuits. Students who complete the online or enclosed scholarship application may be selected to attend the Spring Conference & Trade Show in Santa Clara free of charge. The scholarship covers registration for all three days from June 2-4; applicants will be responsible for lodging and transportation.

Deadline: April

Application: CALA, 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 222, Sacramento, CA 95814 or online at <u>www.CAassistedliving.org</u>

# **Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute**

Awards \$5,000 need-based scholarships to Latino students who have a history of performing public service-oriented activities in their communities and who have the leadership potential to continue contributing in the future. Deadline: April

Application: CHCI Scholarship Awards, 911 2nd St NE, Washington, DC 20002 Website: <u>www.chci.org/</u>

# **Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary (2012)**

Offers National Education Loan Fund (up to \$2,500 per year, interest-free) to full-paid life members or children of life members of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Deadline: April Application: National Education Loan Fund Director, DAVA National Headquarters, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring KY 41076 or online at <u>www.bva.org/services.html</u>

# **Health Professions Education Foundation**

Scholarships of \$10,000 provided in return for practice in a medically-underserved area of California for at least two years. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. Loan Repayment Program allows for repayment of up to \$20,000 in education debt incurred while attending a health professions program in return for practice in a medically-underserved area of California. Deadline: September

Information: <u>www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Applications.html</u>

#### Hebrew Free Loan Association

Loans of up to \$1,500 per year (\$4,000 cumulative) to Jewish students from the greater Bay Area (including Sacramento and San Jose) with employed co-signers in Northern California. Repayment begins 90 days after loan is received with minimal payments during early terms of the loan. Application: (415) 546-9902 or e-mail info@hflasf.org

#### **Hispanic Scholarship Fund**

Offers scholarships of \$1,000 to \$3,000 to students of Hispanic background. GPA should be 3.3 or better.

Deadline: January Application: <u>http://hsf.net/en/scholarships/programs/gms-scholarship/</u>

#### Indian Health Service Scholarship Program

Stipends of \$1,172 per month plus payment of books and fees to students who are of American Indian or Alaska Native heritage (federal or state recognized). There is a service obligation of one year in the Indian Health Service for each year of scholarship support provided (minimum of two years).

Application: <u>www.ihs.gov/scholarship/ihs\_scholarships.cfm</u>

# International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons

The Health Career Scholarship program offers awards of up to \$1,000 to students in a health career field. Preference is given to students with a Christian background. Applicant must be enrolled and have completed a portion of the first year of the program at time of application. Deadline: April

Application: Request via postal mail by sending a short note of request, along with a self-addressed, legal-sized, stamped envelope (in which the director will return an application) to: IOKDS Health Careers Scholarship Director, PO BOX 1040, Chautauqua NY 14722 (www.iokds.org/scholarship1.html)

# Japanese American Citizen League

Scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to members or children of JAY or JACL, and all persons of Japanese ancestry are awarded based on need and scholastic achievement. Deadline: April Application: <u>www.jacl.org/edu/scholar.htm</u>

# Japanese Medical Society of America

Awards of \$2,500 - \$20,000 to medical students of Japanese ancestry who demonstrate academic excellence, show strong interest in the JMSA and its goals and propose a clear, achievable project that will benefit the JMSA and the Japanese community.

Deadline: December

Application: <u>www.jmsa.org</u>

#### Jewish Vocational Service Scholarship

Awards scholarships to Jewish college students who are legal residents of Los Angeles County. Applicants must demonstrate financial need.

Application: Opens January

# Website: http://www.jvsla.org/programs-and-services/jvs-scholarship-program

Lakewood medical center foundation

Applicants must have a permanent address or an address of record in one of the following cities in Southern California: Bellflower, Compton, Cypress, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Norwalk, Paramount, or Signal Hill. They must be currently enrolled in an accredited school of medicine, nursing, or pharmacy. Selection based on academic achievement, financial circumstances, extracurricular activities, and general merit.

Deadline: February

Application: Lakewood Medical Center Foundation, Attn: Scholarships, PO Box 6070, Lakewood CA 90712

http://www.campusrn.com/scholarships/564/L/Lakewood Medical Center Foundation Scholarship .html

# Law Enforcement (or Firefighter) Personnel Dependents Scholarships

Administered by the CA Student Aid Commission, this program provides grants to students who are dependents or spouse of an individual (who was employed in CA peace officer, law enforcement officer, officer or employer of Dept. of Corrects or Dept. of Youth Authority, CA firefighter) who was killed in the performance of duty or is totally disabled as a result of an accident or injury caused by external violence or physical force, incurred in the performance of duty. Grant awards match the amount of a Cal Grant award and range from \$100 to \$12,192 for up to four years. Deadline: Ongoing

Information: <u>www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=109</u>

# John Muir Medical Center Volunteers Scholarship

Offers Edna Haywood Scholarships of up to \$1,000 to students whose home address is within the Medical Center service area (includes Contra Costa and southern Solano counties). Awards based on scholastic ability and financial need.

Deadline: May

Application: John Muir Medical Center, Volunteer Scholarship Fund, PO Box 4110, Concord CA 94542-4110 <u>www.johnmuirhealth.com/get-involved/careers/exploring-a-career-in-health-care/student-opportunities-scholarship.html</u>

# Jim Meeks, P.A.-C., DFAAPA Memorial AFPPA Student Scholarship Application

Physician assistant students who display a commitment to family practice and rural health have an opportunity to receive one of two Jim Meeks, P.A.-C., DFAAPA, Memorial AFPPA Student Scholarships. The two \$1,500 scholarships to be awarded are sponsored by the Association of Family Practice Physician Assistants (AFPPA). Submit an essay (750 words or less) that describes your commitment to family practice, rural health and education. Additionally, describe your efforts to support and promote the PA profession.

Deadline: September

Application: <u>http://www.afppa.org/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=69&Itemid=50</u>

# National Health Service Corps (NHSC)

Recipients receive monthly stipend of \$1,128 plus payment of books and fees. For each year of support participant owes one year of service in a health profession shortage area as assigned by NHSC. Minimum service obligation is two years.

Deadline: May

Application: http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/scholarships/overview/index.html

# National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF)

The National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF), affiliated with the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University, will award 24 scholarships to graduate dental, medical, health policy, pharmacy, physician assistant, podiatry, and public health school students and BA and above nursing students. Eleven scholars will receive a 2 year scholarship for \$5,000 per year (medical students must be interested in primary care). Thirteen scholars will receive a 1 year scholarship for \$2,000.

Deadline: October

Website: http://nhmafoundation.org/index.php/scholarship-program

# **Physician Assistant Foundation**

The P.A. Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA). A student member of the AAPA who is attending an ARC-PA-accredited P.A. program and is in the didactic or clinical professional phase of the program is eligible to apply. Scholarships are awarded based on the availability of funds provided through contributions.

Scholarships: <u>www.pa-foundation.org/scholarships-fellowships/pa-student-scholarships/</u> Website: <u>www.pa-foundation.org/</u>

# Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara

Offers scholarships and no-interest loans to students who graduated from a Santa Barbara area high school (Carpinteria or Goleta) or who have resided in the Santa Barbara area as a non-student for at least three years.

Deadline: January Application: <u>www.sbscholarship.org</u>

# Smith (Virginia or Cyril) Scholarship

Scholarships awarded to students who attended high school within the city of Merced for at least three years. Minimum GPA of 2.8 is required. Deadlines: March (Cyril Smith); April (Virginia Smith) Application: www.mcoe.org/smith/Pages/default.aspx

# UC Davis Health System: Financial Aid

Information: http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/financialaid/news.html

# United Methodist Aid Programs (2012)

Offers loans of up to \$1,200 per year at 6% interest to students who are full and active members of the United Methodist Church. Repayment begins six months after graduation.

Deadlines: September 30 for Fall; January 31 for Spring

Offers HANA scholarships of up to \$3,000 to Hispanic, Black, Asian, or Native American students who are active members of the United Methodist Church and active within their ethnic community. Deadline: April

Application: <a href="http://www.gbhem.org/loans-scholarships">www.gbhem.org/loans-scholarships</a>

Zeta phi beta sorority

Offers scholarships of \$500 to \$1,000 to men and women students. Non-Zeta members may also apply

Application: <u>www.zphib1920.org</u>

# LOAN REPAYMENT OPTIONS

#### Armed Forces Reserve Loan Repayment Program

All branches of the military offer loan repayment programs which provide for repayment of educational loans in exchange for service in the military.

Information: Air Force <u>www.airforce.com</u>, Army <u>www.goarmy.com</u>, Marines <u>www.marines.com</u>, or Navy <u>www.navy.com</u>, National Guard <u>www.nationalguard.com</u>, <u>www.myarmybenefits.us.army.mil</u>

#### **Army National Guard**

Provides monthly stipend in addition to school loan repayment of up to \$50,000 and/or bonus of up to \$60,000 to physician assistant students/graduates who are members of the Army National Guard. Information: Recruiter Mrs. Benita Micelli, (571) 265-3867, or <u>www.nationalguard.com</u>

#### California State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

SLRP authorizes repayment of educational loans to health professionals, who in turn must commit to practice in medically underserved areas in public or non-profit entities for a minimum of two years and maximum of four years. The SLRP has \$949,000 in funding available to repay outstanding government or commercial loans that were incurred during undergraduate or graduate education. Eligibility: Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant

Application: August- October

Website: http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/hwdd/slrp.html

## Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment Program

Health professions faculty from disadvantaged backgrounds. Individuals serve on the faculty of an accredited health professions college or university for 2 years. The government pays up to a maximum of \$40,000 of the participant's student loans and provides funds to offset the tax burden. Eligibility: Advanced Practice RN, RN, Physician Assistant Application: Cycle currently closed

Website: http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/faculty/

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# Extramural Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program For Individuals From Disadvantaged Backgrounds

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announces a program that provides for the repayment of educational loan debt of health professionals from disadvantaged backgrounds. Individuals who qualify must have an educational loan debt equal to 20% of their income and agree to conduct clinical research as employees of the NIH. Qualified applicants include individuals with a professional or doctoral degree, come from a disadvantaged background, and a non-federal employee at the time of application. The program will pay up to \$35,000 per year for two years. Eligibility: Professional or doctoral degree

Application: Continuous program so applications are always accepted.

Website: <u>http://www.federalgrantswire.com/extramural-loan-repayment-for-individuals-from-disadvantaged-backgrounds-conducting-clinical-research.html#.UpOhR8Skpu4</u>

# Indian Health Services Loan Repayment Program

The LRP awards loan repayment to health professionals practicing in specific health profession disciplines who are willing to commit to an initial two-year service obligation while working in health facilities serving American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

Eligibility: Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant: Certified, Nurse: Associate, BS, and MS. Application: Application cycle begins October 1 and runs through the Friday of the second full week of August. Application are evaluated monthly beginning in January, or as soon as funds become available.

Website: http://www.ihs.gov/loanrepayment/index.cfm

# National Health Services Corps Loan Repayment Program

Full-time at an NHSC-approved site with HPSA score of 14 or above can receive up to \$60,000 in loan repayment for committing to serve at site for at least two years. Full-time at an NHSC-approved site with HPSA score of 13 or below can receive up to \$40,000 in loan repayment for committing to serve at the site for at least two years. Half-time at an NHSC-approved site with HPSA score of 14 or above can receive up to \$60,000 in loan repayment for committing to serve for four years, or up to \$30,000 for two years of service. Half-time at an NHSC-approved site with HPSA score of 13 or below can receive up to \$40,000 in loan repayment for committing to serve for four years, or up to \$30,000 for two years of service. Half-time at an NHSC-approved site with HPSA score of 13 or below can receive up to \$40,000 in loan repayment for committing to serve for four years, or up to \$20,000 for two years.

Application: February- April Website: http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/index.html

# National Health Services Corps/Ca Loan Repayment Program

The California State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) assists with the repayment of educational loans for primary healthcare professionals who provide healthcare services in federally designated Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) to improve access to health care in underserved areas in California. Health professionals may be granted up to \$60,000 for a two-year full-time initial award. Eligibility: Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care Physician Assistant Application: August - October

Website: <u>http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HWDD/SLRP.html</u> <u>http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HWDD/2013/SLRP/pdfs/SLRPFactSheetJune.pdf</u>

# NHSC/CA State Loan Repayment Program

Provides for repayment of up to \$25,000 (two year commitment) or up to \$35,000 (three or four year commitment) of educational loans incurred during training to student who agree to provide patient care in a certified eligible site in a designated shortage area in California. Deadline: May

Application: <a href="http://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/applicationprocess/index.html">www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/applicationprocess/index.html</a>

#### National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Programs (LRP)

If you commit at least two years to conducting qualified research funded by a domestic nonprofit organization or U.S. federal, state, or local government entity, NIH may repay up to \$35,000 of your qualified student loan debt per year, including most undergraduate, graduate, and medical school loans. Loan repayment benefits are in addition to the institutional salary you receive for your research. Eligibility: Must have a health professional doctoral degree from accredited institution, <u>with one</u> <u>exception</u>: The Contraception & Infertility Research LRP is open to individuals with a doctoral degree, as well as nurses, physician assistants, graduate students, and postgraduate research fellows training in health professions.

Application: December Website: <u>http://www.lrp.nih.gov/index.aspx</u>

#### Northwest Regional Primary Care Association

NWRPCA works closely with the US Public Health Service to promote primary care practice opportunities in underserved areas. Student loan repayment programs available for Idaho State, Oregon State and Washington State residents.

Application: Submit to:

6512 23rd Avenue, NW Seattle, WA 98117 Phone: (206) 783-3004

Website: <u>www.nwrpca.org</u>

#### **Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program**

NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program puts registered nurses (including advanced practice nurses and nursing faculty) on a rewarding career path while paying off 60% of their unpaid nursing student loans in just 2 years – and an additional 25% of the original balance for an optional third year. Eligibility: R.N. License Deadline: February Website: <u>http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing/</u>

#### The Health Professions Loan Repayment Program

Those awarded the Health Professions Education Loan Repayment may receive up to \$20,000. If awarded, recipients agree to a two-year service obligation practicing direct patient care at a qualified facility in California. Qualified facilities include those designated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources Administration (HRSA) as a medically underserved area (MUA), health professional shortage area (HPSA), county, state, or veteran's facility. Eligibility: Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant Deadline: October

Website: http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/HPSPLRP.html

# US Armed Forces Loan Repayment Programs (Army)

The Active Duty Health Professions Loan Repayment Program can help you repay up to \$120,000 of those loans

Eligibility: Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant

Website: http://www.goarmy.com/amedd/health-care/benefits.html