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## **Tennessee Rural Health Loan Forgiveness Program**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Tennessee resident as defined by UT and TBR on date of application/reapplication
- Not be ineligible under T.C.A. § 49-4-904
- Enrolled full time in an eligible program of study
- Enrolled at an eligible postsecondary institution that:
  - Has a School of Medicine accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, or its successor, as a full-time student seeking the degree doctor of medicine (M.D.)
  - Has a School of Medicine accredited by the Bureau of Professional Education of the American Osteopathy Association, or its successor, as a full-time student seeking the degree doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.)
  - Has a School of Dentistry accredited by the Commission on Dental Association, or its successor, as a full-time student seeking the degree doctor of dental surgery (D.D.S.) or the degree doctor of dental medicine (D.M.D.)
  - Offers a Physicians assistant program accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, or its successor, as a full-time student seeking to become a physician assistant
  - Offers a Nurse practitioner program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc., or its successor, or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, or its successor, as a full-time student seeking to become a nurse practitioner

### **Award Amount**

- \$12,000 per year **or** cost of tuition, mandatory fees, books and equipment; whichever is less

### **Continuation Requirements**

- Maintain satisfactory progress in the program of study in which the student is enrolled

### **Loan Forgiveness Requirements**

- After becoming a TN licensed physician, TN licensed dentist, osteopathic physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner with a TN certification of fitness, agree to practice medicine or dentistry in a health resource shortage area one year for each year of funding in this program
- Student may not accept other financial aid that carries a service obligation after graduation and receipt of applicable license, except for service obligation to the US armed forces, reserve, or national guard
- Sign a promissory note each year the scholarship is awarded stipulating the repayment obligation if service requirement is not met
- Students who do not fulfill the service obligation of the program will be required to repay all funds obtained from the award of the scholarship at nine percent (9%) interest

### **Program Notes**

- No student shall be awarded if the program of study cannot be completed by the end of the fifth year of the five-year pilot program
- For the first and fifth years of the program, no more than 25 students shall receive the award
- For the second, third, and fourth years, no more than 50 students shall receive the award

If you have any questions or need additional information you can visit our website, [www.TN.gov/collegepays](http://www.TN.gov/collegepays) or by contacting Jana McCall at (615) 253-7466 or [jana.mccall@state.tn.us](mailto:jana.mccall@state.tn.us).