

Health Resources and Services Administration

Rockville, MD 20857 Bureau of Health Workforce

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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am pleased to share that the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will launch its 2022 application cycles for two different scholarship programs:

- Nurse Corps Scholarship Program
 - Opens: March 8, 2022 Closes: May 5, 2022
- National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program
 - Opens: March 15, 2022 Closes: May 5, 2022

HRSA's **Nurse Corps (NC) Scholarship Program** provides financial support to students enrolled in nursing degree programs. After graduation from nursing

school, scholarship recipients serve a minimum two-year commitment at an approved health care facility with a critical shortage of nurses. The scholarship covers up to four years of support and includes:

- Payment of tuition and eligible fees;
- A monthly stipend for living expenses; and
- Other reasonable educational costs.

Last year, HRSA awarded more than \$50M in scholarships to 529 eligible students.

HRSA's National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program offers students

pursuing <u>eligible degrees</u> in primary health care a scholarship of up to four years to cover:

- Payment of tuition and eligible fees;
- An annual payment for other reasonable educational costs; and
- Monthly stipends to assist with living expenses while pursuing health professions degree educational training programs.

This financial support is provided in exchange for a minimum two-year service commitment in high-need Indian health facilities, upon completion of their training. Last year, HRSA awarded more than \$292 million for nearly 1,200 scholarships to eligible students.

This <u>comparison chart</u> provides an overview of the key differences within the programs.

I ask your help in sharing these opportunities widely to:

- Nursing and medical school administrators and financial aid officers to share with their students;
- Health care facilities, including clinics and hospitals; and

- Community members and educators (especially high school teachers) who can encourage all current and future eligible applicants to apply either this year or in future application cycles.

If you have questions, please contact your <u>HRSA regional points-of-contact</u> or email <u>aianhealth@hrsa.gov</u>. Thank you very much for your consideration of these programs.

Sincerely,

/s/

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