

U.S. Military Health Professions Scholarships

The military Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) can be a rewarding way to pay for your medical (MD and DO), dental, veterinary, clinical or counseling psychology, pharmacy, optometry, and other health program training.

Points to Consider

- This is not the same program as ROTC.
- Apply for HPSP scholarships at the same time as you apply to professional programs working closely with a military health professions scholarship recruiter.
- Agreements vary but typically a scholarship covers tuition and fees, provides or includes a stipend to live on, and sometimes a signing bonus.
- After completing your professional degree and residency (if applicable), you care for members of the armed forces and their families.
- You may also be a first responder to global disasters.
- Not only do you avoid student loans from professional school, you also do not have to pay malpractice insurance while you are in the military.
- You will have a number of people in your command providing significant leadership training that other professionals at your level will not have.
- **You must be a U.S. citizen to qualify for these scholarships.**

The Army, Navy, and Air Force all have Health Professions Scholarship Programs with the Army having the largest program and the only branch with veterinary services. Each branch of the military may vary in the particulars of these agreements so you should look carefully to see which branch will work best for you. In most of these programs you will provide the military with your services for at least one year for each year you spend in training at their expense.

Loan Repayment Agreements

Loan repayment agreements are also available for medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, and psychology and other fields. In these agreements you would complete your professional training and then enter the military. You would provide your services to the military in return for them paying off all or part of your student loans.

More Information

- [Health Professions Scholarship Program](https://www.medicinethemilitary.com/applying-and-what-to-expect/medical-school-programs/hpsp) <https://www.medicinethemilitary.com/applying-and-what-to-expect/medical-school-programs/hpsp>
- [U.S. Army Health Professions Scholarship Program](https://www.goarmy.com/amedd/education/hpsp.html) <https://www.goarmy.com/amedd/education/hpsp.html>
- [U.S. Navy Medical Corps](https://www.navy.com/what-to-expect/education-opportunities/graduate-professional-degree-opportunities) (*the Navy provides care for the Marines*) <https://www.navy.com/what-to-expect/education-opportunities/graduate-professional-degree-opportunities>
- [U.S. Air Force](https://www.airforce.com/careers/specialty-careers/healthcare/training-and-education) <https://www.airforce.com/careers/specialty-careers/healthcare/training-and-education>

Uniformed Services Medical School

Students interested in military service and studying medicine could also consider applying to the [F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University](https://medschool.usuhs.edu/). The USU provides tuition-free education, research opportunities, and a world-class education. <https://medschool.usuhs.edu/>

Department of Veterans Affairs

The Department of Veterans Affairs has several opportunities available for those interested in a career in medicine. Veterans applying to medical school may be eligible for the:

- [Veterans Healing Veterans Medical Access and Scholarship Program](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-38/chapter-I/part-17/subject-group-ECFR204acd5cafab9df) (VHVMASP) <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-38/chapter-I/part-17/subject-group-ECFR204acd5cafab9df>
 - [Health Professions Scholarship Program](https://www.vacareers.va.gov/Benefits/EducationSupport/#scholarships) (HPSP) <https://www.vacareers.va.gov/Benefits/EducationSupport/#scholarships>
 - [Specialty Education Loan Repayment Program](https://www.vacareers.va.gov/Benefits/EducationSupport/#repay) (SELRP) <https://www.vacareers.va.gov/Benefits/EducationSupport/#repay>
- The VHVMASP is for Veterans only, and the HPSP and SELRP allows the VA to give preference to Veteran applicants. All three programs give financial support in exchange for service at a VA facility after finishing residency.

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