



BUREAU OF HEALTH WORKFORCE PROGRAMS FOR DENTISTS & DENTAL HYGIENISTS

The National Health Service Corps loan repayment and scholarship programs provide funding to dentists, dental hygienists, and dental students committed to serving in communities of need. Dental professionals are eligible to apply to more than one program but are only permitted to accept payment from one at a time. See similarities and differences below:

	NHSC Loan Repayment Program	Students to Service Loan Repayment Program	NHSC Scholarship Program
Program Eligibility Requirements for all programs includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A U.S. citizen (U.S. born or naturalized) or U.S. national• Eligible for federal employment• Do not have an existing service obligation	Practicing dentist or dental hygienist currently working at an NHSC-approved site	Enrolled as a full-time student in the last year of dental school with a graduation date on or before July 1 during the application year	Enrolled as a full-time student in a U.S.-accredited dental school
Service Commitment at an NHSC-Approved Site	2 years	3 years	2-year minimum
Eligible Disciplines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dentist (DDS/DMD): specialists in general or pediatric dentistry• Dental hygienist	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dentist (DDS/DMD); service can be deferred to accommodate residency in general dentistry, pediatric dentistry, dental public health or a geriatric dentistry fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dentist (DDS/DMD); service can be deferred to accommodate residency in general dentistry, pediatric dentistry, dental public health or geriatric dentistry fellowship
Financial Benefits	Can be awarded up to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$50K full-time• \$25K part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can be awarded up to \$120,000• Payments are made in annual lump sums of up to \$30,000 depending on award amount	Funding covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuition• Required fees• Reasonable educational costs• Monthly support stipend
Tax Liability	Not taxable	Not taxable	The stipend is taxable
Program Websites	nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment	nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment/nhsc-students-to-service-loan-repayment-program	nhsc.hrsa.gov/scholarships/how-to-apply