

Why take out loans when there is a **BETTER way!!!**

The United States Navy



Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program

Fully Paid Medical/Dental/Optomtry Education Plus Monthly Income.

HPSP offers many financial benefits. The Navy pays:

- Full tuition
- School required fees (except housing and meals)
- Reimbursement for the cost of required books and equipment
- A monthly stipend of at least \$1,279 (subject to taxation and Social Security withholding), an increase is expected in July 2006.

Helping to Reach a Goal.

Reaching your professional goal to become a physician, dentist or optometrist can be a difficult task financially. The Navy may be able to help you. While the Navy can't make your training any easier or give you more hours in your day, the Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) can relieve you of the financial burden of your medical, dental or optometry education. If selected for the program, you will receive a Commission in the Medical Corps, Dental Corps, or Medical Service Corps and become a part of the Navy's Health Care Team.

Qualifications for the Scholarship.

To qualify for HPSP, students must:

- Be accepted to or enrolled in an AMA or AOA school of medicine
- Be accepted to or enrolled in an ADA school of dentistry
- Be accepted to or enrolled in an accredited Optometry school
- Be a U. S. citizen
- Be physically qualified for commission as a Navy officer

Navy Officer Orientation.

To familiarize you with the Navy and prepare you for active duty, you'll attend the Officer Indoctrination School (OIS) at Newport, RI, during the first or second summer break in medical school. While at OIS, you'll be paid the salary and allowances of a Navy Ensign - about \$4,000 for the five weeks. The Navy will pay your round-trip travel costs from your school to Newport and your room and board while at OIS.

Active Duty Navy Clerkships.

While in school, you must apply each year for a temporary active duty Navy clerkship. Clerkships may be taken at Naval hospitals, clinics, or aboard ships. Your attendance at OIS is also considered a clerkship.

Most clerkship's take place during the summer. They last about 45 days during which time you will receive full Navy pay and allowances. Clerkships help you gain a general knowledge of the procedures and techniques used in Navy Health Care. They offer travel at Navy expense and an enjoyable break from the routine of studying.

If your school curriculum will not permit you to spend all 45 days of active service at a Navy medical facility, you may take part or all of your clerkship at your school. You'll still receive your full pay and allowances.

Some schools give credit toward graduation from Navy clerkships.

Obligation of Scholarship Students.

HPSP scholarship students must:

- Serve 45 days of active duty in a Navy clerkship during each year in the program
- Attend OIS prior to reporting to their first permanent duty station
- Serve one year of active duty for each year of scholarship participation (time spent in internship or AEGD/GPR does *not* count toward your active duty obligation)

Graduate Medical Education (Internship and Residency).

Medical school scholarship students are required to apply for graduate medical education at a military training hospital in the fall of the year prior to graduation from school. If selected,

you'll be called to active duty and assigned to an internship at a Navy hospital. Students may also apply to complete residency training while on active duty.

If not selected, you may request a delay in active service to complete your internship or residency in a civilian institution without pay. You'll be serving your active duty obligation after completing your internship or residency.

Assignments after internship may include training in submarine or aerospace medicine, duty aboard Navy ships, with the Fleet Marine Force, or in a Navy hospital.

Dental students can apply for an AEGD/GPR or simply do a credentialing year at some of the finest duty locations in the world. Your first year of training is recognized by the ADA and is fully accredited.

When to Apply.

The best time to apply for a four-year scholarship is the Fall before the year you plan to start attending medical or dental school. Optometry does not have a four-year scholarship. Students already in medical, dental, or optometry school should apply 12 months early for a 3, 2, or 1-year scholarship. Scholarships are awarded on a rolling basis. The program usually closes in April/May. The application takes about 6-8 weeks to complete. Dental students wishing to apply should do so as early as 12 months prior to their starting of dental school for the four-year scholarship and subsequent years if already in dental school. Applications are accepted throughout the year at any time.

The average student selected for a HPSP scholarship had a 3.5 GPA (four point scale) and a 26-29 on the MCAT. Dental applicants had a 3.38 GPA and a 18.45 on the DAT.

You can apply before receiving a letter of acceptance to medical or dental school. You must have your letter of acceptance to be final selected for the scholarship.

How to Apply.

To apply for HPSP, additional information, or if you just have questions, contact:

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