



HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Medical Student Debt

- More than 70% of medical school graduates carry debt.¹
- The median educational debt for indebted medical students graduating in 2019 was \$200,000.¹
- For public medical schools, the median cost for state residents for four (4) years is \$156,600 (\$39,150 a year).²
- For private medical schools, the median cost for four (4) years is \$256,212 (\$64,053 a year).²
- The 10 most expensive U.S. medical schools exceed \$67,000/year in tuition and fees.³
- The Air Force HPSP offers medical students the opportunity to receive a full tuition scholarship along with a generous monthly stipend in exchange for future service as an Air Force physician.

Benefits of the HPSP Program

- Students receive full tuition and required fees at the accredited U.S. medical school of their choice located within the continental U.S., Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico.
- Books and most other educational fees are also covered under the HPSP scholarship.
- An annual salary of >\$33,000 which includes (including monthly stipend of \$2,608/month for 10 ½ months)
- Second Lieutenant military and travel pay for the remaining 45 days, during their active duty tour.
- There is a \$20,000 signing bonus for students who receive a four (4) year AF HPSP scholarship, similar to the Army and Navy program. Likewise, three (3) year scholarship participants can receive the signing bonus if they agree to a four (4) year commitment.

Who Can Apply?

- Applicants must be accepted to or enrolled in a medical school accredited by either the Association of American Medical Colleges (MD schools) or American Osteopathic Association (DO schools) located within the continental U.S., Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens and physically qualified for commissioning as an Air Force officer.

When to Apply?

- For four (4) year scholarships, the best time to apply is early fall of the year prior to attending medical school.
- Students already in medical school applying for three (3) year scholarships should apply immediately.
- Scholarships are awarded on a rolling basis; early application maximizes opportunity for selection.

Selection Criteria

- Applicants must have a minimum 3.2 undergraduate GPA and 500 MCAT with a minimum score of 124 on each of the MCAT subsections. (waivers may be considered)
- Applicants for three (3) and four (4) year scholarships with at least a 3.6 undergraduate GPA and an MCAT total score of 505 (& minimum subsection score of 124 in each subsection) are automatically selected and do not meet a scheduled accession board.

Participation in the Program

- The student's #1 priority while enrolled in the HPSP program is to dedicate themselves to their studies. Students are not expected to wear their uniforms to class.
- Students who are enrolled in the HPSP program also participate in specialized military training programs designed to help orient participants to Air Force medicine; these are known as ADTs.
- Students are placed on ADT orders for 45 days for each year of participation. During that 45 day period, the students may attend training programs that last from 2-5 weeks in length (e.g. Commissioned Officer Training five (5) weeks, Aerospace Medicine Primary Course two (2) weeks, and clinical rotations four (4) weeks).
- The first ADT will be to attend COT at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama, where HPSP participants receive practical instruction and training on their role as an Air Force Medical Officer.
- HPSP students attend Aerospace Medicine Primary Course to gain understanding of medicine in the Air Force and their connection to the Air Force Mission.
- During the remaining ADTs, medical students will do clinical rotations at one of our nine (9) Air Force teaching facilities around the country.
- Students are expected to meet Air Force Fitness Standards while on active duty. Students must pass the fitness test at the start of COT.