

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What are the major differences between FSLRP and HPLRP?

	FSLRP	HPLRP
<b>Award amount</b>	\$70,000	\$75,000
<b>Contract service obligation period</b>	Minimum two (2) years	Minimum three (3) years
<b>Employment type</b>	Full-time only	Less than full-time allowed
<b>Default penalties</b>	Minimum \$31,000 See default section for details	Double the amount disbursed, plus interest
<b>Eligibility requirements</b>	Vary for site and provider	Vary for site and provider

### Can I apply for both the FSLRP and the HPLRP programs?

Yes. Designate which program(s)—one or both—you are applying for in the beginning of the online application. FSLRP awards are offered first. If selected for FSLRP, you may choose to decline and be considered in the HPLRP pool, but an award is not guaranteed. If you accept an FSLRP offer, you will not be considered for HPLRP.

*Please note:* You may not be considered for a program if you did not select it by checking the box.

### Are the site qualifications the same for both programs?

FSLRP has more requirements. For example, the site must have a federal Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designation, and they must have an implemented and posted sliding fee discount schedule.

### What if I don't have a job by the application deadline? Can I still apply?

You must be employed at one of the eligible sites, or have a contract stating you will be starting employment by July 1, 2018, in order to be eligible to apply.

### Do you accept late applications?

We receive more applications than we can fund. In fairness to the providers who submit complete applications by the deadline, we do not accept late applications, or missing documents from incomplete applications, after the application deadline. It is very important to submit your application as early as possible to allow time for review.

### What are my chances of receiving an award?

Every year is different, depending on the applicant pool. Awards are based on score. Applicants are scored based on criteria outlined in the WAC and scoring elements identified by the program's planning committee.

**I see there is a limit on the number of days per year I can be away from the clinic/site. I was planning to take a month off next year to go on an extended vacation. Will this impact my contract?**

Yes. You are only allowed a certain number of days under each program to be away from the site for any reason (holidays, sick leave, paid time off, leave without pay, etc.). If you exceed the number of days allowed, it will put your account into default, and you will have to pay back according to your contract.

**How long after I submit my application will I know whether I am selected for an award?**

As soon as decisions are made, all applicants will be contacted. This may take 6-8 weeks due to FSLRP and HPRLP being awarded separately and due to declined offers.

**What happens if I get laid off or terminated?**

Contact our office immediately. We have a Site Change Policy and will work with you to try and keep your account from going into default repayment. You may have the option to look for another site where you can complete your service obligation. If you are terminated for cause, you will go into default repayment immediately.

**What happens if more than one person from my site applies?**

More than one person at a site may be able to receive loan repayment. There are a number of variables. There is a cap on how many awards can be made per profession at one site. If the providers are in different professions, there can be more than one award at a site.

**I am a nurse who sometimes works outside of the ambulatory clinic. I do home visits, educational classes, and other activities. Do I qualify for the program?**

To be eligible for the program, you must work in a clinic (or hospital) with scheduled appointments. Programs such as WIC, immunization programs, etc. are not included. If you are a Public Health Nurse, you do not qualify for the program. Please refer to the full-time and less than full-time definitions and hours allowed that are not scheduled appointments.

**If I am selected for an award, are these funds tax exempt?**

You will need to refer to IRS Publication 970 Tax Benefits for Education (Section - 5 Student Loan Repayment Assistance). We do not report the funds to the IRS.