



Office of Rural Health and Primary Care (ORHPC)

NURSE STUDENT LOAN (NSL) PROGRAM

- Awards funding for eligible educational expenses to qualified students pursuing careers in Missouri as licensed practical nurses or professional nurses, in exchange for providing services in underserved areas or hospitals.

Applications are accepted from January 1 to March 1. (You must apply every year)

Maximum Loan Amounts:

- Practical Nursing Degree Students (LPN/PN): 1 (one) time loan award of \$2,500.00.
- Professional Nursing Students (ADN, DN, BSN, MSN, APN, DNP): Loan of \$5,000.00, per year. (You must apply every year)

Forgiveness:

- Earned by working in any Missouri Hospital or Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) for 1-year service agreement, per loan award.
- You can look up HPSA sites by visiting the following website:
<https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area>

Qualifications:

- Missouri Resident.
- Full-Time Student working towards an applicable degree, diploma, or licensure.
- No conflicting service obligations.
- Upon graduation, students must engage in qualifying employment.



Program Contact Information:

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