Office of Rural Health and Primary Care (ORHPC)

Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

Awards funding for educational loan repayment to Missouri licensed practicing psychiatry, medical, and dental health professionals in exchange for services in Missouri areas with a shortage of mental health, medical, and dental professionals.

Applications are accepted from January 1 to March 1, each year.

Maximum Loan Amounts:

$50,000 for eligible primary care physicians and dentists (MD, DO, DDS, DMD)
Qualifying physician specialties include: family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN, and psychiatry.

Forgiveness:

Earned by working as a primary care provider in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) for 2-year service agreement, per award.

You can look up HPSA sites by visiting the following website: https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area

Qualifications:

Missouri Resident
No conflicting service obligations.
Must engage in qualifying employment.

Program Contact Information:

Email: DHSS.LoanRepayment@health.mo.gov
Telephone: 800-891-7415 or 573-751-6441
Website: https://health.mo.gov/living/families/primarycare/loanrepayment