



Office of Rural Health and Primary Care (ORHPC)

Primary Care Resource Initiative for Missouri (PRIMO)

- ☞ Awards funding for eligible educational expenses to qualified students pursuing careers in Missouri as primary care physicians, dentists, dental hygienists, psychiatrists, and other mental health practitioners, in exchange for providing services in underserved areas.
- ☞ Provides financial assistance through undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate studies. For persons training to become physicians, it also expands funding through residency.

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

Maximum Loan Amounts:

- ☞ Undergraduate students may receive \$5,000 annually with a maximum of 4 loans.
- ☞ Students pursuing doctorates in medicine and dentistry may receive loans up to \$20,000 annually with a maximum of 4 loans per individual.
- ☞ Medical Students in an eligible 6-year program may receive \$10,000 the first two years and \$20,000 annually for the remaining 4 years.
- ☞ Physicians in a primary care residency in Missouri may qualify for loans of \$10,000 per year for a maximum of 3 years.

Forgiveness:

- ☞ Earned by working as a primary care provider in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) for 1-year service agreement, per award, up to 5 years.
- ☞ 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 or licensure.
- ☞ No conflicting service obligations.
- ☞ Upon licensure, must engage in qualifying employment.



Program Contact Information:

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<https://health.mo.gov/living/families/primarycare/primo/>