



HRSA Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students – MUSC OTD Program

AUGUST 27, 2020

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Program Purpose

This program promotes diversity among the health professions by providing awards to eligible health professions and nursing schools, for schools to provide scholarships to students from disadvantaged backgrounds who have a demonstrated financial need and are enrolled full-time in a health profession program or nursing program.

Program Goals

The Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS) Program aims to increase the: 1) number of graduates practicing in primary care, 2) retention of full-time students from disadvantaged backgrounds including students who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups, and 3) number of graduates working in Medically Underserved Communities (MUCs).

Program Objectives

The SDS Program objectives are to: 1) improve distribution, diversity, and supply of primary care providers, 2) improve and strengthen the health profession and nursing workforce by facilitating the entry of individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds into those professions, and 3) improve quality and access to healthcare to individuals in MUCs.

MUSC-Specific Goals

- Goal 1:** Enhance, evaluate, and continually improve recruitment strategies to engage students from disadvantaged backgrounds leading to successful enrollment in the OTD program, and expand the student support infrastructure for enrolled students.
- Goal 2:** Increase the percentage of graduates, especially scholarship recipients, committed to working in Medically Underserved Communities. Scholars will sign a commitment letter agreeing to work in an MUC for two years following graduation, they will receive priority for practicum placements, and longitudinal data will be collected for five years post-graduation for required HRSA and institutional reporting.
- Goal 3:** Enhance and expand strategic partnerships and pipeline programs to increase recruitment of disadvantaged and underrepresented minority students, prioritize practicum rotation sites located in rural and MUCs, and facilitate post-graduation placement in rural and MUCs across the state of South Carolina.
- Goal 4:** Rigorously evaluate program-specific, as well as HRSA-defined programmatic, achievements for continuous improvement and to share lessons learned and best practices with HRSA and peer institutions.

Program Requirements

- **Post-Graduation Work:** Commit to working 2 years post-graduation at MUC site(s)
- **Post-Graduation Follow Up Commitment:** Agree to provide follow up data for 5 years
- **Peer-to-Peer Networking**
- **Matched with Dedicated Faculty Mentors**
- **Partner with leadership in recruiting the next cohort of Scholars**

Program Opportunities

- **Didactic and Experiential Learning:** Complete learning modules related to cultural and linguistic appropriate studies, vulnerable and underserved populations, access to care, and other pertinent topics (embedded in the OTD curriculum)
 - **Practicum Rotations:** Complete 3 in MUC locations – scholars will receive priority placement
 - **Inter-Professional Culturally Sensitive Care Program**
 - **Inter-Professional Cultural Course Electives**
 - **Achieving Leadership in Occupational Therapy – Community Health (A LOT-CH) Fellowship***
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- ***Tentative program**

Eligibility

- Full-time student in the OTD Program
- File a FAFSA (financial aid) for each program year AND must have a FAFSA-determination of financial need of at least \$16,250
- Meet at least one of the qualifications for Environmental/Educational Disadvantaged or Economic Disadvantaged
- You DO NOT have to meet the qualification for Economic Disadvantaged; however those individuals will be given funding priority per HRSA requirements
- Tax returns are required for tax years 2016, 2017, 2018 from all applicants (1040 or 1040A forms only)

Economically Disadvantaged

To qualify as Economically Disadvantaged, you must meet at least one of the following:

- Pell Grant recipient
- Come from a family that received/receives public assistance (e.g., Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, public housing)
- Considered low-income based on HRSA guidelines – determination will be based on tax filing status (see below), number in household size, family income – data will come from submitted tax returns and FAFSA data
 - If you are 24 years old as of August 1, 2020 and filed as an independent for the preceding 3 years, HRSA considers you an independent filer
 - If you were not 24 years old and/or someone claimed you as a dependent on their taxes at any time in the last 3 years, HRSA considers you a dependent filer

Persons in Household	Income Threshold
1	\$24,280
2	\$32,290
3	\$41,560
4	\$50,200
5	\$58,840
6	\$67,480
7	\$76,120
8	\$84,760
For each add'l person	\$8,640

Environmentally/Educationally Disadvantaged

To qualify as Environmentally/Educationally Disadvantaged, you must meet at least one of the following:

- First generation in your family to graduate from college
- Graduated from a public high school for which >50% of enrolled students were eligible for free or reduced-price lunch
- Graduated from a public high school for which <50% of graduates go to college in the first year after graduation
- Graduated from a public high school for which ACT/SAT scores are lower than the state's average
- Graduated from a public high school for which >50% of enrolled students are in poverty
- Graduated from a public high school located in a Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and/or Medically Underserved Area/Population (MUA/P)

Important Dates

Application Due Date:

September 24, 2020 by Noon
(late apps will not be accepted)

Award Notification:

On or before October 15, 2020

Questions:

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Application Link:

<https://redcap.musc.edu/surveys/?s=PPN4M7L4LE>