

UNITED STATES NAVY

Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP)

It is a program that will enable you to obtain a fully funded education in the field of Medicine or Dentistry leading to a commission in the US Navy Medical or Dental Corps. In addition, you will receive a monthly stipend of around \$2,300 while enrolled in the program.

What are the financial benefits of this program?

100% of your tuition is paid.

Schools fees (minus housing and meals) are paid.

Full reimbursement for the required books and equipment

Monthly stipend of around \$2300

What does it take to qualify for this program?

Be accepted to or enrolled in an AMA or AOA school of medicine

Be accepted to or enrolled in an ADA school of dentistry

Be accepted to or enrolled in an accredited Optometry school

Be a U. S. citizen

Be physically qualified for commission as a Navy officer

How will I become orientated as a Naval Officer?

To familiarize you with the Navy and prepare you for active duty, you'll attend the Officer Development School (ODS) at Newport, RI, during the first or second summer break in medical school. While at ODS, you'll be paid the salary and allowances of a Navy Ensign about \$5,000 for the five weeks. The Navy will pay your round-trip travel costs from your school to Newport to include your room and board while at ODS.

What are Clerkships?

While in school, you must apply each year for a temporary active duty Navy clerkship. Your attendance at ODS is also considered a clerkship. Most clerkships take place during the summer. They last about 45 days during which time you will receive full Navy pay and allowances. Clerkships help you gain a general knowledge of the procedures and techniques used in Navy Health Care. They offer travel at Navy expense and an enjoyable break from the routine of studying. If your school curriculum will not permit you to spend all 45 days of active service at a Navy medical facility, you may take part or all of your clerkship at your school. You'll still receive your full pay and allowances.

What will my obligation be if I am accepted into the program?

HPSP scholarship students must:

-Serve 45 days of active duty in a Navy clerkship during each year in the program

-Attend ODS prior to reporting to their first permanent duty station

-Serve one year of active duty for each year of scholarship participation (time spent in internship or AEGD/GPR does not count toward your active duty obligation)

-Graduate Medical Education (Internship and Residency).

-Medical school scholarship students are required to apply for graduate medical education at a military training hospital in the fall of the year prior to graduation from school. If selected, you'll be called to active duty and assigned to an internship at a Navy hospital. Students may also apply to complete residency training while on active duty.

-If not selected, you may request a delay in active service to complete your internship or residency in a civilian institution without pay. You'll be serving your active duty obligation after completing your internship or residency.

-Assignments after internship may include training in submarine or aerospace medicine, duty aboard Navy ships, with the Fleet Marine Force, or in a Navy hospital.

-Dental students can apply for an AEGD/GPR or simply do a credentialing year at some of the finest duty locations in the world. Your first year of training is recognized by the ADA and is fully accredited.

When to Apply.

The best time to apply for a four-year scholarship is the Fall before the year you plan to start attending medical/dental school. Students already in medical/dental school should apply 12 months early for a 3, 2, or 1 year scholarships. Scholarships are awarded on a rolling basis. The application takes about 6-8 weeks to complete. Medical/dental students wishing to apply should do so as early as 12 months prior to their starting of medical/dental school for the four-year scholarship and subsequent years if already in medical/dental school. Applications are accepted throughout the year at any time.

You can apply before receiving a letter of acceptance to medical or dental school. You must have your letter of acceptance to be final selected for the scholarship.

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