

# AIR FORCE HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (HPSP) FACTS

**SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED:** 2, 3 or 4-year periods. Candidates are expected to follow a schedule leading directly to a Doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO).

**SCHOLARSHIPS COVER:** Full tuition and all required fees such as textbooks, small equipment, and supplies needed for classes.

**STIPEND (monthly living allowance):** Currently \$2,279.10 per month x 11.5 months = \$26,209.65 annually. Monthly stipends are split and paid twice monthly usually on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**BONUS:** \$20,000 one-time bonus paid to you during your first month of sponsorship to use as you please

**COMMITMENT:** 1 FOR 1 (example: 4 year scholarship requires a 4 year active duty commitment)

Applicants selected will also be required to complete a 45-day clerkship annually. During such time the monthly stipend will stop and you will receive commissioned officer active duty pay:

\*Round trip travel between university and training site is provided by Air Force.

\*\*During clerkship your dependents (wife, husband, children) will be authorized to use Armed Forces TRICARE health care facilities, base Exchanges/commissaries, and other base facilities/activities.

**REQUIREMENTS AFTER GRADUATION:** RESIDENCY is required. This can be done at a civilian institution or an Air Force facility. Like civilian organizations, the Air Force selects the best qualified candidates for each type of residency. Needs of the Air Force come first. Graduates of our residency programs have consistently ranked in the top 17<sup>th</sup> percentile on initial board exams in every training area we provide.

\*\*\*Residency does not count toward your active duty commitment.

\*\*\*You **will not** be taken from your residencies to go active duty General Medical Officers. You will need to complete your residency requirements in full in order to become an active duty Air Force Officer.

**ENTRY GRADE:** HPSP graduates will enter active duty in the rank of Captain (0-3)

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Applicant submits an application through the local Air Force Health Professions recruiter. The selection board evaluates each application based on the “whole person” concept, awarding points in the following areas:

- Undergraduate GPA and school attended 3.2 or better
- Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) score. Minimum 500 with minimum of 123 in each subcategory
- Work experiences (example: full/part time, direct patient care, research employment, etc.)
- Extracurricular activities (sports, clubs, professional organizations, community involvement)
- Letters of reference (VERY IMPORTANT)

**WHY ME? WHY NOT?** *Serving your country while bettering your self is the greatest honor a person can know.* The patriotic spirits that founded the democratic freedoms we enjoy today are all but gone. Everyone seems to have the mind set of, “The military is not for me, let someone else do it,” or “What’s in it for me?” Some of us must step to the front and do what others can’t or won’t do. You have the opportunity to serve your country and at the same time gain a very valuable medical education, at our expense. You’ll be able to practice medicine the way it’s meant to be, without insurance restrictions, fear of constant malpractice lawsuits, payrolls, hassles of hiring and firing employees, facilities overhead, too many or too few patients, and many other obstacles the private sector must deal with. Our doctors can concentrate on their patient’s well-being.

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