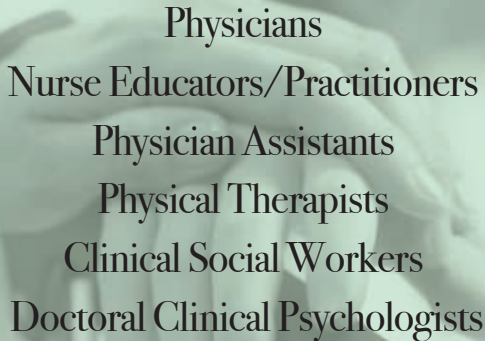




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Physicians
Nurse Educators/Practitioners
Physician Assistants
Physical Therapists
Clinical Social Workers
Doctoral Clinical Psychologists

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The Health Sciences Scholarship Program (HSSP), established by the West Virginia Legislature in 1995, provides a scholarship incentive for students in the state's higher education system to complete their training and provide primary care in underserved rural areas of West Virginia, or teach in an undergraduate nursing program in the state.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

The Health Sciences Scholarship Program awards approximately 25 scholarships each academic year to students in the state's higher education system: \$20,000 for medical students and \$10,000 for other health disciplines. Awards are made by the Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences, based on a competitive process and recommendations of an advisory panel.

ELIGIBILITY

Students enrolled in a degree program in West Virginia in the following fields are eligible: Primary Care Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Educators, Physical Therapists, Social Workers, and Clinical Psychologist.

- Fourth-year medical students at a school of allopathic or osteopathic medicine who are entering primary care internships or residency programs in West Virginia, including general/family medicine, general pediatrics, general internal medicine, combined internal medicine/pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, and general psychiatry;
- Students who are in the final year of a primary care graduate program for physician assistants, nurse practitioners, or a master's degree nursing program leading to a career in nursing education;
- Students who are in the final year of a graduate program in physical therapy; and
- Students who are in the final year of a graduate program in social work or a doctoral program in clinical psychology. Social work students must be training to become Licensed Independent Clinical Social Workers. Doctoral clinical psychology students must match with an internship in West Virginia.



SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants must demonstrate an interest in and commitment to primary care in West Virginia. Other selection factors include: background or family ties in rural West Virginia; work or living experience in a rural area; and experiences as a health professional or health professions student in rural West Virginia. Awards will be made from a pool of all applicants, and preference will be given to West Virginia residents.

The West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, or veteran status in the provision of educational or employment opportunities.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application packets are available at: www.cfww.com under **Financial Aid Planning > Find Scholarships**. Campus Contacts listed in this brochure can assist you in this process.

The deadline for return of completed applications is Saturday, October 15, 2011. All applications must be postmarked by this date.

SERVICE OBLIGATION

Students who are awarded a scholarship must sign a contract to practice primary care for a minimum of two years in an underserved rural area of the state upon completion of training. Nurse educators must teach in an approved undergraduate nursing program in the state for at least two years.

Students are responsible for locating a practice site in a designated underserved area or a nursing faculty position **after** they have completed their training. The penalty for not fulfilling the service obligation is repayment of the scholarship with interest.

Students will receive a listing of areas and facilities that qualify for the service obligation. The application packet will include: 1) a map and list of underserved rural areas; 2) a list of state and federally funded health facilities; and 3) a list of state approved undergraduate nursing programs.

Awards will be announced in early December.

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