

Medical Student Scholarship Program

Frequently Asked Questions

When is the application period?

Applications are accepted beginning March 1 and must be postmarked on or before May 15.

How do I obtain an application?

Applications can be downloaded from this site. You may call to request an application to be mailed or e-mailed. If applications are not available for the coming year, you may call us to be placed on the mailing list.

What can I expect after the Center for Rural Health receives my application?

You will be notified by mail in early August if you are selected or denied. If you are selected, contracts will be included with your notification letter.

Who is eligible for the Medical Student Scholarship Program?

Illinois residents accepted for or enrolled in an allopathic or osteopathic medical school in Illinois.

How are the payments disbursed and when can I expect payments if I am selected?

The scholarship funds are paid directly to your school's financial aid office. The school will disburse the living stipend to you.

I received the scholarship last year, what do I need to do this year to continue receiving the scholarship?

If you are a previous recipient, in good academic standing, you will be sent renewal contracts in June.

If I am a recipient, what is my obligation?

As a recipient of the scholarship, you are required to work as a primary care physician in an office-based practice in an area within Illinois having a shortage of primary care providers for the same number of years you receive the scholarship.

What if I complete my education, but do not fulfill my obligation?

If you fail to meet your obligation, you are required to reimburse the state three times the total amount of the scholarship grant received for each unfulfilled year of the obligation.

What do I need to do when I move, change phone numbers or have a change in my contact information?

You must submit your changes in writing to the Center for Rural Health within seven days of any change of contact information.

What can I expect once I complete my obligation?

Once you have documented that you have fulfilled your obligation, you will receive a letter from the Illinois Department of Public Health stating your obligation has been completed.