

HPSP Program : Information and Resources – September 17, 2025

If I am accepted into the program, how do I receive funds?

Tuition and Fees will be paid directly to the school – Monthly and Book Stipend will be paid directly to the participant

Is the scholarship available for a portion of BSW in addition to the MSW?

MSW only for the HPSP Scholarship

Does the HPSP program allow for days off from work to complete clinical hours?

While in school you would need your work schedule not to interfere with your schooling - if you are speaking of residency - the HPSP program office will put you in a deferment status - upon graduation when you are placed for your obligated service you would have to work with your direct supervisor for days off

What is the minimum GPA requirement?

You must provide a transcript that possesses and shows a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of at least 3.0 with 15 earned credit hours at the time of applying.

Pass/Fail transcripts can be used, however you will need to attach a formal letter from your school indicating the converted CGPA on a 4.0 scale with the total earned credit hours.

If the program we choose needs pre-nursing courses does that qualify for funding?

You must be currently enrolled or unconditionally accepted in an accredited academic program that will qualify for employment in one of the professional fields associated with the scholarship program prior to applying.

The academic program must be at the educational level required, and the academic program must be located in the United States.

Pre-professional phases of your health professions education (Pre-Med, Pre-nursing, etc.) is not eligible for HPSP.

Pre-requisites and/or dual degree plans are NOT eligible for HPSP.

You must be full time enrolled in a eligible academic program unless you are a full-time VA employee.

You can only have and create one application for one school for HPSP consideration. You must be certain on the school you are going to attend prior to applying for HPSP.

We do not accept multiple applications for any reason.

How many applicants are accepted?

There is no cap to the number of applications accepted during the application open date range.

Does the HPSP scholarship retroactively pay for student loans already paid?

HPSP does not pay retroactively.

Does the after-school time requirement include becoming military personal? Or will a person remain a civilian VA employee?

Your Obligated Service would be served at a VA Medical Center

Do we get an idea/estimate of the salary to be paid once we start working with the VA?

Salary would be discussed with you by the local facilities Human Resource department

I am currently at Chamberlain University in the ABSN program, what would be considered as a full-time student?

Each University is different in what is considered full time. If you are considered full-time with Chamberlain University, you will be considered full-time with the HPSP program office.

How many times can we apply for this scholarship?

You can apply during each application cycle

Do we need to be a Veteran to apply for this scholarship?

You must be 18 years of age or older to apply.

You do not need to be a VA employee.

Veteran Status is not required.

You cannot be under an existing service obligation to another entity after your academic training is complete.

If I get accepted for a scholarship and begin my service obligation, can I apply again to continue my education?

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Will there be a contact for additional information?

You can email hpspteam@va.gov -OR- you can join office hours on Thursday 4-6 EST

[Join the meeting now](#)

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What could an applicant do to increase the chances of being chosen for the scholarship?

Be selective of who you choose to do your references / Evaluations and Recommendations (References) Required: Academic Faculty Required: Either an Employer/Manager or Other (VA Employee) Required: Supervisor

If I am currently in a nursing program for my BSN, am I not eligible?

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For MD/DO Scholarship does the 6-year service requirement include residency or is it post residency?

Post Residency is when your obligated service would begin

Are relocation fees covered?

Relocation fees are not covered by the HPSP Program

Once accepted for this scholarship, is it good for the entire program or do you have to reapply every year?

You will be covered by the scholarship until you graduate but no more than 4 years

Can I apply while I am studying my prerequisites, or do I have to be in a nursing program to apply ?

You can only apply if they have unconditional acceptance and usually completing and passing prerequisite is a condition on acceptance.

Would we still have to qualify under the army, military requirements with weight and height to be accepted or serve after we finish our program?

You will have to pass a pre-employment physical based on VA standards for that occupational before being hire to begin your obligated service.

Is there an age restriction for the HPSP Program?

You must be 18 years of age or older to apply for the HPSP Program

For eligibility, it says a 3.0 along with 15 earned credit hours. I am in a Clinical PsyD program (doctoral) this first year was 13 credit hours. In January I will be in more classes and my transcripts would show that but it would be ongoing classes. I can show an over 3.0 gpa for undergrad but would my transcripts be better for this doctoral program or my undergrad that has fully complete credits?

Provide both to meet both requirements

I was accepted into the HPSP scholarship. My online profile says the funds were disbursed but I have not received the disbursement. Is there anything I need to do ?

Monthly stipends are automatically processed by a third party, VA Fiscal Office. This automated process is scheduled to occur during the initial 5 business days of the month. There are occasions that holidays or weekends can delay the payment. Due to the amount of students in the program (over 1000) we can not inquire about delayed payments until the 15th of the month. If you have not received payment by the 15th please email HPSPTeam@VA.Gov for assistance.

How many years of service obligation would there be for 3rd and 4th year Medical School? Would the service obligation be different for residency and fellowship? Would placement be matched with skills in the VA hospitals?

18 months of service obligation for each year sponsored. While in residency the obligated service will be placed in deferment. A 1 year fellowship adds 6 months to the service obligation. The participant will be placed at a VA hospital with a critical need of that specialty.