



The University of Vermont

LARNER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
OFFICE OF PRIMARY CARE & AHEC PROGRAM

Freeman Foundation Legacy Medical Scholarship

The **Freeman Foundation Legacy Medical Scholarship Program** has been established to honor the Freeman family and Foundation in appreciation and recognition of the unique program their outstanding gift has given to assist UVM LCOM students in their education and to assist them to practice where they are needed. The last Class of Freeman Medical Scholars graduated in 2012. The launch of the **Freeman Foundation Legacy Medical Scholarship Program** is a way to continue the legacy of the Freeman family and the many Freeman Scholars who are dedicated to serving the health care needs of Vermonters. The scholarship is given out annually to 4th year students, and up to 6 awards of \$6,000 are given. Any fourth year student may apply **regardless of state of residence or planned specialty**. Recipients must commit to practicing medicine in Vermont on completion of residency/fellowship training. **Announcements go out in September of each year.** For more information, contact Jennifer Savage, UVM AHEC Program 1-800-442-3531 jennifer.savage@uvm.edu

Vermont Medical Society Education and Research Foundation Scholarship

The **Vermont Medical Society's Education and Research Foundation (VMSERF)** gives out a \$10,000 annual scholarship to a University of Vermont LCOM third year student. This tuition-linked scholarship is awarded to a student interested in **any specialty**. Recipients must commit to practicing medicine in Vermont on completion of residency/fellowship training. **Announcements go out in summer and awards are made in the fall.** For questions regarding the program contact **Colleen Magne, Business Manager, Vermont Medical Society 1-800-640-VSMS. www.VTMD.org**

Vermont Educational Loan Repayment Program for Primary Care Practitioners

The **Vermont Educational Loan Repayment Program for Primary Care Practitioners** is funded by the State of Vermont, through the Department of Health, and is administered by the UVM LCOM Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program. The goal of the program is to ensure a stable and adequate supply of primary care practitioners to meet the health care needs of Vermonters.

There are 3 types of applications for eligible physicians (Family Medicine, Outpatient Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Ob/Gyn, Outpatient Psychiatry, Geriatrics):

- 1) "Retention" Application: For primary care practitioners currently practicing in Vermont;
- 2) "Recruitment" Application: For practice sites recruiting a new primary care practitioner; and
- 3) "Job Seeker" Application: For UVM Medical Center residents and UVM LCOM graduates (regardless of residency program location) in their final year of training and seeking employment in Vermont as a primary care physician.

Applications become available in August and are due the first part of September of each year. Awards go directly to the lender to pay educational loans.

For more information about the program, contact Rebecca Dubois at 802-656-2658 or rebecca.dubois@uvm.edu.

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National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Programs

The NHSC provides financial support to providers in exchange for working at NHSC approved sites. Applicants must be pursuing a career in Primary Care (IM, FM, Ped, Ob/Gyn, Psychiatry), must be a U.S. Citizen or U.S. National, and priority is given to those with disadvantaged backgrounds, Exceptional Financial Need, and those likely to stay at HPSA afterwards.

NHSC Scholarship Program: Medical students pursuing a career in primary care are eligible to receive funding for their education in exchange for practicing in communities in HPSAs of 17 or higher. There is a 1 year service commitment per scholarship year or partial year; 2 year min. & 4 year max. Funding includes: tuition, required fees, reasonable educational costs, and a monthly support stipend (only stipend is taxable). **Application cycle opens in spring.**

NHSC Students to Service Loan Repayment Program (S2S): This program provides loan repayment assistance to medical students in their last year of school, in return for a commitment to provide primary health care services in HPSAs of 14 or higher. Students apply while in their last year of medical school and loan repayment assistance of \$120,000 is available with a 3 year full-time service commitment. **Application cycle opens in August.**

NHSC Loan Repayment Program is open to licensed primary care providers who are already employed at approved sites. Providers at sites with a HPSA of 14 & higher are eligible for 50K for 2 years of full-time service. **Application cycle opens in February.**

Visit www.nhsc.hrsa.gov for complete program guidelines for all NHSC Programs.

Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)

The **PSLF** Program was established to encourage individuals to enter and continue in full-time public service employment. The program allows you to receive forgiveness of the remaining balance of your Direct Loans after you have made 120 qualifying monthly payments while working full time for a qualifying employer. To receive forgiveness, you must remain employed with a qualifying employer at the time you apply for and receive forgiveness for your loans. For more information contact Kari Brayden, Medical Student Financial Services Coordinator Kari.Brayden@med.uvm.edu (802) 656-9203 or visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>

Military Loan Repayment & Incentive Programs

The military services offer various scholarships, loan repayment and incentive programs. For more info contact **US Army**: SFC Nichole McElhaney nichole.m.mcelhaney.mil@mail.mil and **VT Army National Guard**: MAJ Robert Burke Robert.e.burke64.mil@mail.mil

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