

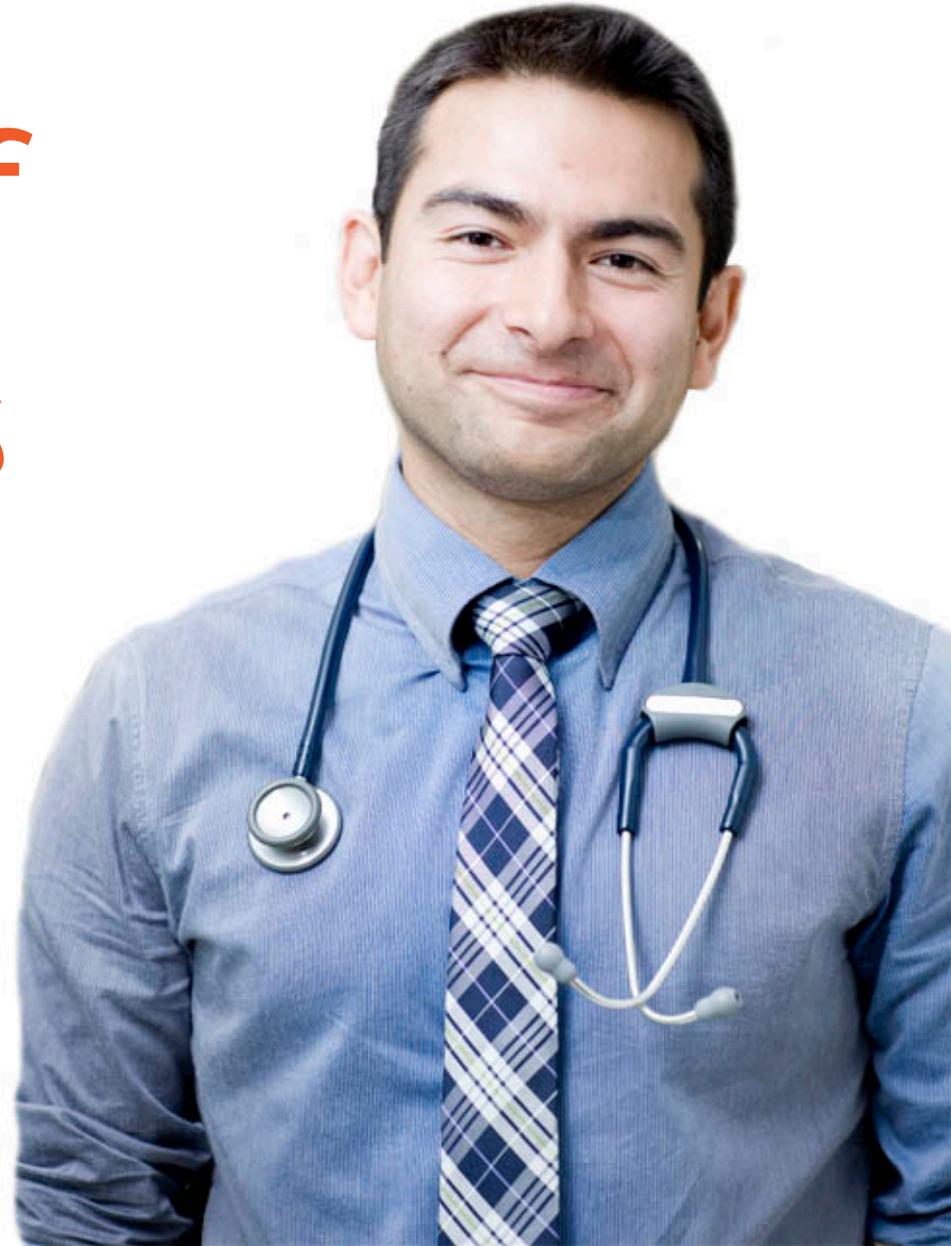
NATIONAL HEALTH
SERVICE
CORPS 



THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS (NHSC)

builds healthy communities by supporting qualified health care providers dedicated to working in areas of the United States with limited access to care.

History of the Corps



The NHSC was created in response to the health care crisis that emerged in the United States in the 1950s and 1960s when retiring physicians left many areas of the country without medical services.

1970s

- NHSC created
- First scholarships
- Grew from 181 providers to over 1,800
- Budget 10 times larger by end of decade

1980s

- Loan Repayment Program (LRP) launched
- Predicted physician surplus—budget reduced
- Field strength at 1,500 by 1989

1990s

- Early 1990s — Only 1,000 providers serve
- Mental health disciplines added to LRP
- Over 2,500 providers in service by end of decade

2000s

- Recovery Act and Health Care Reform —increased funding
- Unprecedented growth in field strength
- Nearly 10,000 providers*

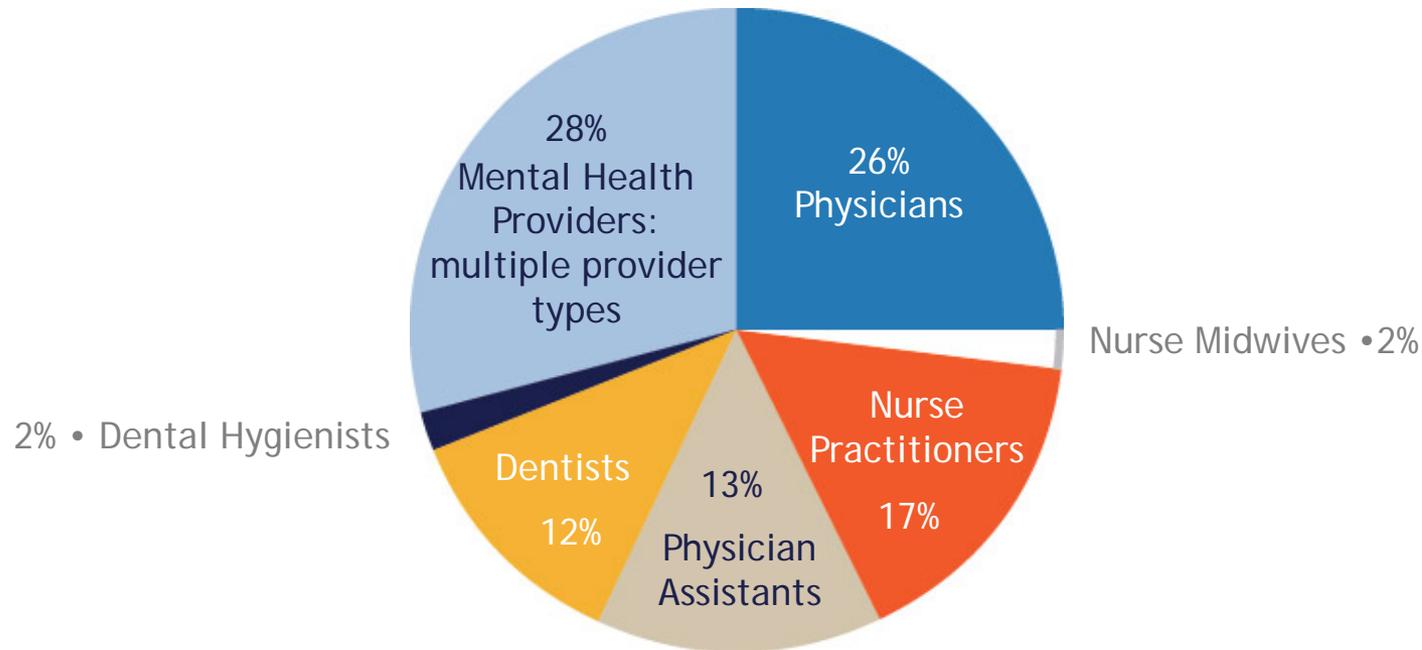
**As of September 30, 2012*



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NHSC FIELD STRENGTH*



**As of September 30, 2012*

Nearly 10,000 NHSC primary care providers are working in communities with limited access to health care nationwide.



FAST FACTS

- ✓ NHSC members are currently providing care to more than 10 million people in the United States
- ✓ Networking and other educational resources are available to support NHSC providers during their service
- ✓ The number of providers in service has nearly tripled since 2008



NHSC Loan Repayment Program



LOAN REPAYMENT AWARD

The NHSC Loan Repayment Program offers two levels of funding, based upon the need of the community in which a provider works, as defined by Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) score

Initial Award Amounts

	2 Years Full-time	4 Years Half-time	2 Years Half-time
Sites with HPSA Score of 14+	Up to \$60,000	Up to \$60,000	Up to \$30,000
Sites with HPSA Score of 0-13	Up to \$40,000	Up to \$40,000	Up to \$20,000

With continued service, NHSC providers may be able to pay off all of their student loans.



ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ U.S. citizen or national
- ✓ Currently work, or applying to work, at an NHSC-approved site
- ✓ Have unpaid government or commercial loans for school tuition, reasonable educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses, segregated from all other debts
- ✓ Licensed to practice in state where employer site is located





Must be licensed in
one of the following

ELIGIBLE DISCIPLINES

- ✓ Physician (MD or DO)
- ✓ Physician assistant
- ✓ Nurse practitioner (primary care)
- ✓ Certified nurse midwife
- ✓ Dentist
- ✓ Dental Hygienist
- ✓ Psychiatrist
- ✓ Psychologist (health service)
- ✓ Licensed clinical social worker
- ✓ Psychiatric nurse specialist
- ✓ Marriage and family therapist
- ✓ Licensed professional counselor



HOW TO APPLY?

1

Review the
Application and
Program Guidance

2

Find a job at an
NHSC-approved
site or find out if
your current job
is at an NHSC-
approved site

3

Apply online at
[NHSC.hrsa.gov/
loan repayment](https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment)

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NHSC Scholarship Program



The scholarship* includes:

- ✓ Payment of tuition and required fees (tax-free)
- ✓ Some other tax-free educational costs (books, etc.)
- ✓ A monthly living stipend (taxable)

**available for up to 4 years*



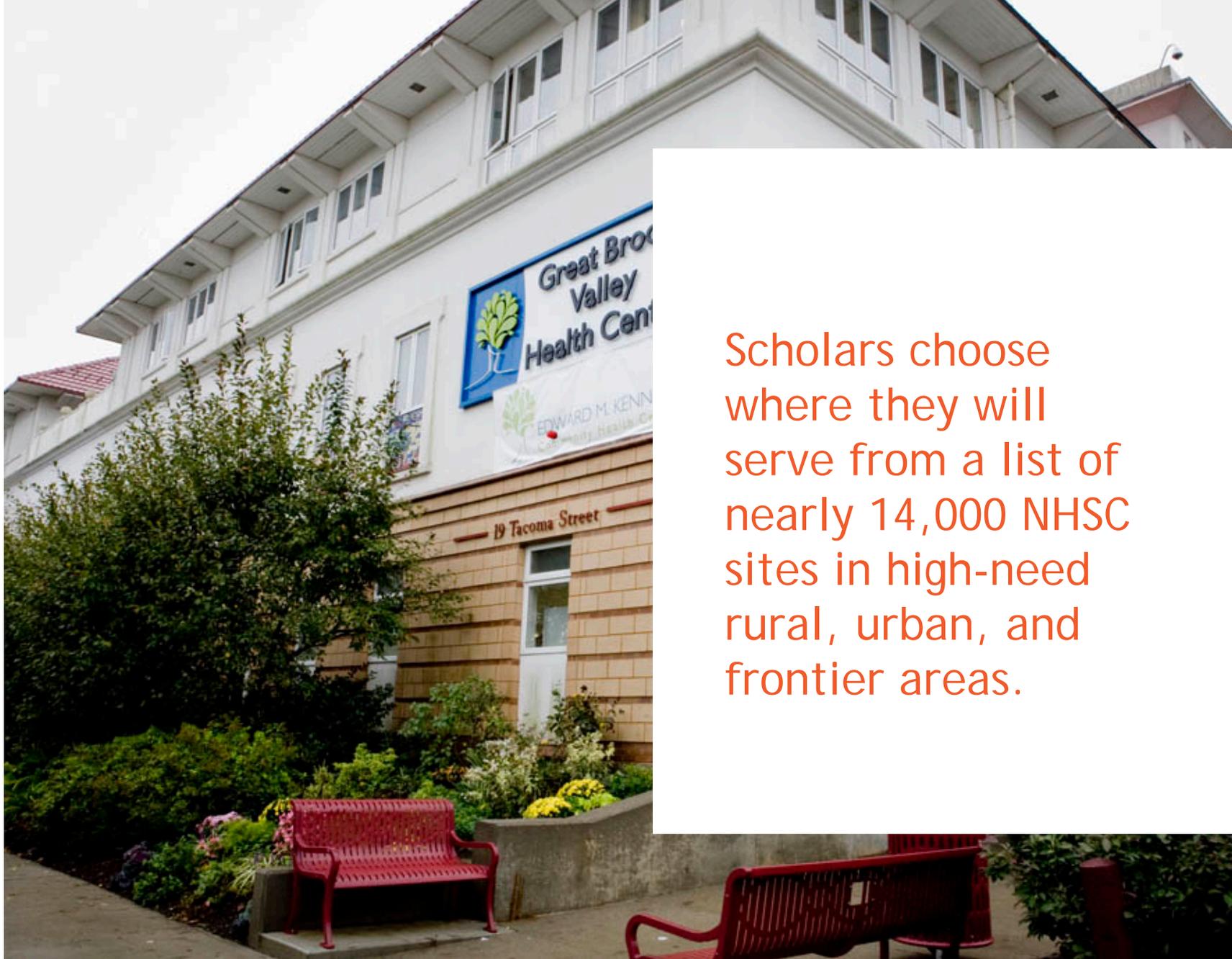
**YEARS OF
SUPPORT**

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**YEARS OF
SERVICE**

Scholars commit to serve in the Corps upon completion of their training – one year for each year of support (at least 2 years).





Scholars choose where they will serve from a list of nearly 14,000 NHSC sites in high-need rural, urban, and frontier areas.



ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ U.S. citizen or national
- ✓ Full-time student at an accredited school, pursuing a degree in:
 - Medicine (DO or MD)
 - Nurse practitioner
 - Certified nurse-midwife
 - Physician assistant (primary care)
 - Dentistry (DMD or DDS)



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Students to Service Loan Repayment Program



(S2S LRP)





The NHSC offers up to \$120,000 in tax-free loan repayment for 3 years of full-time or 6 years of half-time service. Loan repayment begins during residency.

With continued service, eligible providers may be able to pay off all their student loans.



ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ U.S. citizen or national
- ✓ Full-time student in the last year at an accredited school, pursuing a degree in Medicine (MD or DO)
- ✓ Planning to complete an accredited primary medical care residency in an NHSC-approved specialty (Internal Medicine, Family Practice, Pediatrics, OB/GYN, Psychiatry and Geriatrics)
- ✓ Have unpaid government or commercial loans for school tuition, reasonable educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses, segregated from all other debts



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