## NHSC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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- ✓ Step 1: Read the NHSC Scholarship Program
  Application & Program Guidance to help you:
  - Understand the NHSC program requirements.
  - Determine your interest in applying for the NHSC Scholarship Program.
- ✓ Step 2: Check Your Eligibility. To be eligible, you must be:
  - · A U.S. citizen or U.S. national
  - Accepted or enrolled, full time, in an eligible degree program at an accredited U.S. school in one of these primary care disciplines:
    - Medicine (MD or DO)
    - Dentistry (DDS or DMD)
    - Nurse practitioner (NP)
    - Certified nurse midwife (CNM)
    - Physician assistant (PA)
- ✓ Step 3: Understand the Service Commitment. NHSC Scholarship program participants agree to provide a one-year service commitment in an underserved community for each year of scholarship support received. There is a two-year minimum service commitment and participants can receive a maximum of four years of support.
- √ Step 4: Access My BHW to <u>Create an Account</u>. You
  will also need to set up and use <u>Google Authenticator</u> to
  log in.

Need assistance with resetting your password or other help? Contact the NHSC Customer Care Center, 1-800-221- 9393, (TTY: 1-877-897-9910), M-F, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET, except federal holidays.

- ✓ Step 5: Provide Letters of Recommendation. You will need one (1) academic and one (1) non-academic letter of recommendation. Discuss your application with those submitting letters on your behalf.
  - Make sure your recommenders understand the:
    - Purpose of the program
    - Accepted letter formats
    - Submission process
    - Application deadline
  - Confirm receipt of the letters through your My BHW account.

## √ Step 6: Gather Supporting Documents

- · All documents must:
  - Be legible and formatted as a PDF, DOC, or DOCX (Word document) file no larger than 5 MB.
- Have a handwritten or digital signature when required with a signature block.

## √ Step 7: Provide Required Documentation

- Proof of U.S. citizenship
  - U.S. birth certificate
  - ID page of a U.S. passport
  - Certificate of Citizenship or Naturalization
- · Authorization to Release Information\*
- Acceptance Report/Verification of Good Standing\*
- One essay (500 words or less)
- Transcript
- · Current tuition and fees schedule
- \* These two documents should be on the NHSC Scholarship Program form.

## √ Step 8: Provide Additional Supporting Documentation (if applicable)

- · Verification of Disadvantaged Background
- Statement Regarding Existing Service Obligation Review the "Completing an Application" section of the NHSC Scholarship Program Application & Program Guidance for detailed information.
- ✓ **Step 9: Review Your Application.** Certify the completeness and accuracy of the responses and documentation you provide.
- √ Step 10: Submit Your Application for Review by the Deadline. You may edit your application and resubmit the application until the application closes on April 25.

We will notify you about the final status of your application by **September 30, 2025**.