



Scholarship 2025 FAQs

1. Who is eligible to apply for the 2025 Scholarship?

The 2025 Health Professional Scholarship is open to any student enrolled full time in the following accredited graduate programs: Dental, Medical (allopathic or osteopathic), Pharmacy, Nursing, Physician Assistant, and Public Health. Eligible students must be enrolled full time for the 2025-2026 academic year. We will not consider any health professions not listed above. High school students are NOT eligible for this scholarship.

2. Are applicants required to be Hispanic?

Applicants are not required to be Hispanic.

3. What are the requirements for the Personal Statement?

The personal statement should be exactly that – personal. Tell us what sets you apart from other students. Why are you interested in helping underserving communities, and what are your future plans to serve these communities once you begin working in your profession? Make sure you are detailing what you want the reviewer to know about you as a student leader committed to serving the underserved communities in the United States.

Remember to also include your curriculum vitae to list your leadership and health-related accomplishments.

4. I am not a U.S. Citizen, can I still apply?

U.S. Citizens, permanent lawful residents, or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) are eligible to apply.

5. Who is eligible to write my recommendation letter?

A current/past professor or supervisor is required to write your recommendation letter. Your recommendation letter should be included in your completed scholarship application.

6. What is the scholarship deadline?

The application deadline is August 15th, 2025 at 11:59pm EST. Any applications received past the deadline will not be considered. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

7. Where should I send my completed scholarship application?

NHHF has gone paperless.

Only completed applications submitted to our SmarterSelect system will be considered.

The link for the application can also be found here: <https://smr.to/p102876>.

8. Can I apply more than once?

Past applicants may apply only if they did not receive an award from NHHF in the past.

9. I missed the scholarship deadline. Is there anything I can do?

Unfortunately, we do not accept applications past the deadline. If you missed the deadline, we invite you to apply for the 2026 scholarship.

10. How many students receive scholarships per year?

We will award around 20 scholarships this year.

11. I am interested in applying to your scholarship, but I am in another health profession that is not listed. Am I still eligible?

Unfortunately, only health professions explicitly stated in this application will be eligible for the scholarship. We are working hard to expand funding to additional health professional programs and encourage you to check back with us next year.

12. Do I need an original transcript?

We do not require an original transcript. Transcripts should have the student's full name and date of birth listed.

13. I am currently enrolled to begin a graduate program and have no GPA or transcript yet. What should I do?

Please submit your official enrollment in your graduate degree program. Make sure you have at least 9 graduate credit hours "in progress." Also include your official transcripts from your undergraduate studies if Fall 2025 is the first semester of your graduate program.

14. I'm in high school or college, am I eligible for any of your awards?

Those seeking undergraduate degrees in pre-med, biology, chemistry, and health policy are NOT eligible except for students in the BSN or PH program.

15. My grade point average is under the required criteria of 3.0. Would I still be eligible to apply for your awards?

No, you must meet the minimum grade point requirements to be eligible. (Example, a 2.98 GPA will not be rounded to a 3.0)

16. If I have already received an award from the National Hispanic Health Foundation, am I still eligible to apply?

No, past awardees are not eligible to reapply.

17. What are the qualifications?

- 3.0 GPA
- Exceptional academic performance, documented leadership activities, and a commitment to a career providing healthcare services to underserved communities in the US
- Open to any student enrolled full time in the following accredited graduate programs: Dental, Medical (allopathic or osteopathic), Pharmacy, Physician Assistant, Nursing, and Public Health.

18. REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS?

- Personal statement, including career goals (double-spaced, two-page maximum)
- Current curriculum vitae (education, employment, extracurricular activities, awards)
- Letter of recommendation (one letter only)
- Proof of U.S. citizenship, residency, or DACA status
- Proof of enrollment*
- Unofficial transcript
- Signed Media Release form
- Photo of applicant "in action" in their respective field
- **Priority will be given to first-year students.**

o NOTE: If it is your first year and you do not have a current transcript of upcoming classes, you need to provide an enrollment verification from your university to show you are accepted into health professional graduate schools in addition to past year's transcript.