

## **NOV. 18, 2016, IS DEADLINE**

### **TO APPLY FOR LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS**

Friday, Nov. 18, 2016, is the deadline for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who agree to practice in medically underserved communities in California to apply for loan repayment programs administered by the Health Professions Education Foundation (HPEF).

Pharmacists and other health care professionals are eligible to apply for up to \$50,000 through the Advanced Practice Healthcare Loan Repayment Program (APHLRP). In return, chosen applicants agree to continue practicing full-time, direct-patient care at a qualified facility for 24 months.

Pharmacy technicians and other allied health professionals may apply for up to \$8,000 through the Allied Healthcare Loan Repayment Program (AHLRP). Applicants chosen to receive awards agree to provide full-time, direct-patient care at a qualified facility for 12 months.

Qualified work sites are located in areas designated as medically underserved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources Administration or California's Shortage Designation Program. In addition, any state, county, veteran or correctional facility qualifies, as well as Indian Health Centers and Federally Qualified Health Centers.

Complete information about the loan repayment programs – including eligibility criteria, locations of medically underserved areas, and how to apply online – is available for pharmacists at the [APHLRP](#) webpage and for pharmacy technicians at the [AHLRP](#) webpage. Information is also available from HPEF at (916) 326-3640.

[HPEF](#) is a non-profit foundation created by the state to encourage people from underrepresented communities to become health care professionals and increase access to health providers in underserved areas. Located in the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHDP), the foundation has provided more than 12,882 awards totaling more than \$146.7 million through June 2016.

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