The Virginia State Loan Repayment Program (VA-SLRP) is a federal grant from the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Health Professions and is administered by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Office of Health Equity (OHE). VA-SLRP grants participants educational loan repayment in exchange for at least two years of service in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) in Virginia.

Criteria
VA-SLRP participants must agree to serve at least two years initially, in a HPSA in Virginia as determined by HRSA. To locate Virginia’s HPSAs by address, please visit: https://bit.ly/2wLPkNL

VA-SLRP requires a community match. The initial service obligation is two years, and for that time, the maximum payment is $100,000. An amount of $50,000 is paid by the community/practice site in the first two years of the agreement and up to $50,000 paid by the VA-SLRP Program. For the third and fourth renewal years, extensions can be awarded each year up to $40,000 ($20,000 VA-SLRP and $20,000 community/practice site match. The Federal award amount will be determined by the amount provided by the participants’ practice site cash match portion. The total awards for all four years cannot exceed $140,000 or the loan balance.

Eligible Applicants
Health care professionals trained in the following disciplines are eligible to apply to VA-SLRP: primary care physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, physician assistants, registered dental hygienists, psychiatric nurse specialists, mental health counselors, health service psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, alcohol and abuse counselors (Masters level), marriage and family therapists, registered nurses, and pharmacists.

Application
For a full list of scholarship conditions and to complete a VA-SLRP application, visit: https://bit.ly/2EL3ynB

Complete applications and return to:
Virginia Department of Health
Office of Health Equity
ATTN: Loan Repayment Program
109 Governor Street, Suite 714W, Richmond, VA 23219

Application Deadline
VA-SLRP applications are accepted January 1-March 31 of each year.

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