

# **Medical Student Scholarship Program**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **When is the application period?**

Applications are accepted beginning March 1 and must be postmarked on or before May 15.

### **How do I obtain an application?**

Applications can be downloaded from this site. You may call to request an application to be mailed or e-mailed. If applications are not available for the coming year, you may call us to be placed on the mailing list.

### **What can I expect after the Center for Rural Health receives my application?**

You will be notified by mail in early August if you are selected or denied. If you are selected, contracts will be included with your notification letter.

### **Who is eligible for the Medical Student Scholarship Program?**

Illinois residents accepted for or enrolled in an allopathic or osteopathic medical school in Illinois.

### **How are the payments disbursed and when can I expect payments if I am selected?**

The scholarship funds are paid directly to your school's financial aid office. The school will disburse the living stipend to you.

### **I received the scholarship last year, what do I need to do this year to continue receiving the scholarship?**

If you are a previous recipient, in good academic standing, you will be sent renewal contracts in June.

### **If I am a recipient, what is my obligation?**

As a recipient of the scholarship, you are required to work as a primary care physician in an office-based practice in an area within Illinois having a shortage of primary care providers for the same number of years you receive the scholarship.

### **What if I complete my education, but do not fulfill my obligation?**

If you fail to meet your obligation, you are required to reimburse the state three times the total amount of the scholarship grant received for each unfulfilled year of the obligation.

### **What do I need to do when I move, change phone numbers or have a change in my contact information?**

You must submit your changes in writing to the Center for Rural Health within seven days of any change of contact information.

### **What can I expect once I complete my obligation?**

Once you have documented that you have fulfilled your obligation, you will receive a letter from the Illinois Department of Public Health stating your obligation has been completed.