



# State of Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board

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## Dental Scholarship Program Applicant Information Sheet

The Dental Scholarship Program (DSP) was created to encourage dentists to practice in areas qualifying as designated Dental Health Shortage Areas, which does not include Brown, Dane, Kenosha, Milwaukee, or Waukesha County, in the State of Wisconsin. A student is eligible to apply if she or he is a Wisconsin resident and enrolled in a graduate dental health training program (Dental Health Care Training Program) at the Marquette University School of Dentistry in the State of Wisconsin.

The dental student is required to enter into an agreement with the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) indicating that, upon graduation, she or he intends to practice in an area which qualifies **at the start of the employment** as a designated Dental Health Shortage Area, which does **not include Brown, Dane, Kenosha, Milwaukee or Waukesha County, in the State of Wisconsin for a period equal to 18 months for each annual DSP scholarship accepted by said student.**

If the DSP scholarship recipient fails to practice in a designated Dental Health Shortage Area, which does **not include Brown, Dane, Kenosha, Milwaukee or Waukesha County**, in this state for the required period, she or he must **repay** to the state an amount equal to the **total dollar amount of annual DSP scholarships awarded to the DSP scholarship recipient multiplied by the recipient's repayment liability percentage.** The scholarship then becomes a **loan**.

Students are eligible to apply for the DSP if they:

- file a FAFSA in every academic year in which a DSP Application is completed:
- [FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid](#)
- are currently in a Dental Health Care Training Program at the Marquette University School of Dentistry to become a dentist.
- are considered a Wisconsin resident for financial aid purposes.
- intend to practice in a designated Dental Health Shortage Area, which does **not include Brown, Dane, Kenosha, Milwaukee or Waukesha County**, in the State of Wisconsin.

HEAB will annually award up to **15** DSP scholarships. The DSP scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Each DSP scholarship is equal to **\$30,000** for every academic year in which the DSP scholarship recipient applies and is eligible. The DSP scholarships will be awarded based on the date on which HEAB receives all the DSP application materials from the applicant, which include both the completed **DSP Application** and the **FAFSA**.

The DSP scholarships are available for up to **four (4)** years. The DSP scholarship recipients must **reapply** every year for a DSP scholarship and the DSP scholarships are disbursed on a **first-come, first-served basis**. If a DSP scholarship recipient's name appears on the statewide support lien docket, the recipient is no longer eligible until the recipient is off the support lien docket.

After completing a Dental Health Care Training Program at the Marquette University School of Dentistry, the DSP scholarship recipient must practice in a designated Dental Health Shortage Area, which does **not include Brown, Dane, Kenosha, Milwaukee or Waukesha County**, in Wisconsin. Qualifying designated Dental Health Shortage Areas may **change** and are updated on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website at:

[Wisconsin Primary Care Programs: Shortage Designations | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)

*To be considered for a DSP scholarship, the student must do all of the following:*

### **DSP Scholarship Application Procedure:**

- Students should inform the financial aid administrator of their interest in receiving a DSP scholarship each academic year, so that administrators will consider them. Based on program eligibility criteria, the school's financial aid administrator will designate students who show eligibility for the DSP.
- If the student is designated by the financial aid administrator, the administrator will send a **DSP Application** weblink to the student and the student must complete the **DSP Application** online. After HEAB receives and

approves the student's completed **DSP Application**, the DSP scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to Marquette University. Subsequent academic year DSP scholarships are subject to this process.

### **After Graduation, Practice in a Dental Health Shortage Area in Wisconsin**

The DSP scholarship recipient must practice in an area which qualifies **at the start of the recipient's employment** as a designated Dental Health Shortage Area, which does **not include Brown, Dane, Kenosha, Milwaukee or Waukesha County**, in Wisconsin for a period equal to **18 months for each annual DSP scholarship that was accepted**. A Dental Health Shortage Area is an area in Wisconsin, which does not include Brown, Dane, Kenosha, Milwaukee or Waukesha County, that is designated by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services under [42 CFR part 5](#), appendix B, as having a shortage of dental professionals.

Qualifying designated Dental Health Shortage Areas, which does **not include Brown, Dane, Kenosha, Milwaukee, or Waukesha County**, in Wisconsin include any of the following: Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA\*), Medically Underserved Areas or Medically Underserved Populations (MUA/MUP), or a Governor's Designated and DHHS Secretary Certified Shortage Areas for Rural Health Clinics. For more information about each area, please visit:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/primarycare/shortage-designation.htm>

To find facilities with a HPSA-Facility designation or rural health clinic with a Governor's Shortage Designation use the HPSA Find Tool at:

<https://data.hrsa.gov/topics/health-workforce/shortage-areas/>

To determine if an address is in a HPSA-Geographic or Population Group designated area or a MUA/MUP, use the Find Shortage Areas by Address Tool at:

<https://data.hrsa.gov/topics/health-workforce/shortage-areas/by-address>

### **Submit a Verification of Employment Form**

Annually, a DSP scholarship recipient must submit a completed **Verification of Employment Form** to HEAB. The DSP scholarship recipient must inform HEAB of any changes to a physical or email address within 30 days of the change. The DSP scholarship recipient is required to submit proof of a permanent dental license.

### **REPAYMENT REQUIRED FOR FAILING TO PRACTICE IN A DENTAL HEALTH SHORTAGE AREA**

**DSP scholarship recipients who withdrew from their Dental Health Care Training Program, or who do not practice in a qualifying designated Dental Health Shortage Area for the required number of months, must repay the DSP scholarship to the State of Wisconsin.** The DSP scholarship will at this point be considered a **loan**. An interest rate of **5%** will be added to the loan. Payments will be required beginning **six (6)** months after withdrawal from the Dental Health Care Training Program or after graduation. The loan must be paid in full within **ten (10)** years from the date that repayment begins.

Year	Cumulative Max Scholarship Award; \$30,00 max per year (\$15,00 per semester Fall and Spring; Summer not available)	Number of Months Required to Earn Forgiveness	Number of Years Required to Earn Forgiveness	Estimated Monthly Payment Amount if Forgiveness is not available; 120 payments, ten-year term
1	\$30,000	18	1.5	\$318.20
2	\$60,000	36	3	\$636.39
3	\$90,000	54	4.5	\$954.59
4	\$120,000	72	6	\$1,272.79

***All correspondence or questions about the Dental Scholarship Program may be directed to:***

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