

## State and Federal Loan Forgiveness Programs

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Dentists, dental hygienists and allied dental providers are eligible for the programs described in the chart below where applicable in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

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Alabama	<p>Alabama no longer takes part in the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) State Loan Repayment Program.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Alabama Board of Dental Scholarship Awards</a> operates the <a href="#">Dental Service Program</a>. The Board may award an annual loan worth up to the annual cost of in-state tuition and required fees at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry. Loans are awarded based on economic need and scholastic ability. The program is funded by direct appropriation from the Education Trust Fund. Each applicant must agree to work in full-time clinical practice as a licensed dentist in an area of critical need for a specified number of months and agree to provide care to a certain number of indigent patients or patients covered under Medicaid.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Alabama Board of Dental Scholarship Awards</a> will repay student loans in the amount of \$3,000 per year of service in approved communities for a maximum of four years. To learn more about awards given by the Alabama Board of Dental Scholarship Awards call the Board at 205-934-8132.</p> <p>Dentists and dental hygienists pursuing loan repayment opportunities should seek additional opportunities under the federal programs listed at the end of this chart.</p>
Alaska	<p>The Alaska State Loan Repayment Program is also called the Supporting Health Access (through loan) Repayment (<a href="#">SHARP</a>) program. SHARP-I is the traditional option. The program offers loan repayment for primary care clinicians working in federal health professional shortage areas (HPSAs), largely with underserved populations. SHARP is jointly supported by funds from several sources, including the State of Alaska’s General Fund, the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority and the Health Resources and Services Administration, as well as by required partial employer match.</p> <p>Dentists may earn up to \$35,000 per year or, for very hard-to-fill areas, \$47,000 per year. Dental hygienists may earn up to \$20,000 per year or, for very hard-to-fill areas,</p>

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	<p>\$27,000. Settings include community health centers, tribal health clinics and critical access hospitals, among others.</p> <p>On Oct. 23, 2019, <a href="#">SB 93</a> was signed into law and established the Health Care Professionals Workforce Enhancement Program. Under this program, health professionals agree to work for three years in underserved areas in exchange for repayment of student loans or direct incentives. Dentists may be eligible for up to \$35,000 annually, or up to \$47,250 annually when employed in a very hard to fill position. Hygienists may be eligible for up to \$20,000 annually, or up to \$27,000 annually when employed in a very hard to fill position.</p> <p>This program replaces the Division of Public Health’s existing state loan repayment and incentive program, SHARP-2, which sunset June 30, 2019. This new program, nicknamed SHARP-3, builds on current SHARP-2 with new practice settings, new occupations, new employers, new locations and new roles.</p>
Arizona	<p>The <a href="#">Arizona State Loan Repayment Programs</a> (SLRP) provides loan repayment for eligible dentists and is administered by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and by the Bureau of Women’s and Children’s Health.</p> <p>The SLRP has two components: the Primary Care Provider Loan Repayment Program (PCPLRP) and the Rural Private Primary Care Provider Loan Repayment Program (RPPCPLRP).</p> <p>The PCPLRP and the RPPCPLRP follow similar program guidelines. Eligible dentists must work in federally designated health professional shortage area (HPSA) or in Arizona medically underserved areas. They must also agree to a minimum of two years of full-time service (40 hours per week) or half-time service (at least 20 hours per week). The amount of the loan <a href="#">award</a> varies based upon type of provider, full-time versus half-time status, the HPSA score of the service site and the provider’s total student loan indebtedness.</p> <p>The order of making awards to <a href="#">eligible</a> candidates is based on descending total priority score, which is determined by a set of variables that include geographic location, HPSA score, percent of underserved population served and other variables.</p> <p>The difference between PCPLRP and RPPCPLRP is in the service site eligibility requirements based on the type and location of the service site. The PCPLRP requires a primary care provider with current or prospective employment with a public or private, non-profit entity located and providing services in a federally designated HPSA in the state. The RPPCPLRP requires a primary care provider with current or prospective employment with rural private primary care practices located in federally designated HPSA or Arizona medically underserved areas in the state.</p>
Arkansas	<p>The <a href="#">Arkansas Health Education Grant</a> (ARHEG) Program provides assistance to students seeking professional training in dentistry to allow them to attend out-of-state institutions.</p>

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	<p>Specifically, ARHEG, which is funded by the state of Arkansas, provides assistance for Arkansas residents attending certain out-of-state accredited dental schools for graduate or professional programs that are unavailable in Arkansas. Due to current economic conditions, however, the number of students who receive assistance may be limited by the availability of funds. Applicants are encouraged to apply but are also encouraged to pursue alternative sources of funding.</p> <p>The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) determines the priorities for the applicable programs. Based upon these priorities and the availability of funding, the Board establishes the number of student places (contract slots) for entering students in each professional field in which the state has needs that are not satisfied by its own institutions. Based upon these determinations, the Arkansas Department of Higher Education negotiates contracts with participating schools either (1) through the Southern Regional Education Board or (2) directly with the institutions. The AHECB allocates a number of contract slots to each participating school, and each school selects students certified as Arkansas residents to fill its allocated slots. Awards were \$21,900 for fiscal year 2018–19 per student.</p>
California	<p>The California <a href="#">State Loan Repayment Program</a> (SLRP) increases the number of health care providers, including dentists and registered dental hygienists, practicing in federally designated health professional shortage areas. <a href="#">Eligibility requirements</a> include, among others, U.S. citizenship; a valid, unrestricted license to practice in California; employment (or pending employment) at a SLRP-approved practice site; and a two-year, full-time (40 hours per week) or a four-year half-time (20 hours per week) commitment. Service years and <a href="#">award amounts</a> for full-time/half-time initial and extension grants may vary from year to year; the amounts are subject to change based upon federal requirements. If awarded, an applicant may receive up to \$50,000 for an initial two-year, full time commitment or four-year, part time commitment. Extensions of up to four years can be granted for varying amounts depending on the extension year. Each site is required to match the awarded grant, on a dollar for dollar basis, up to \$25,000 per provider.</p> <p>The <a href="#">California Dental Corps Loan Repayment Program</a> offers loan repayment for dentists who work in dentally underserved areas and who provide services to at least 50% dentally underserved populations (as defined in the <a href="#">authorizing statute</a>). The program will provide \$35,000 for loan repayment annually for three years, to reach a total of \$105,000, or the total amount of the loan—whichever is the lesser amount. The authorizing statute requires the Dental Board of California to prioritize candidates who: (1) speak one or more Medi-Cal threshold languages; (2) come from an economically disadvantaged background with economic, social or other circumstances; (3) have worked in a health field in an underserved area or with an underserved population; and (4) are dentist specialists recognized by the American Dental Association or have met all eligibility requirements to graduate from a dental specialty residency program approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.</p> <p><a href="#">CalHealthCares</a> provides loan repayment to eligible dentists and physicians whose patient caseload consists of a minimum of 30% Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Eligible</p>

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	dentists may apply for either a loan repayment up to \$300,000 in exchange for a five-year service obligation, or a Practice Support Grant up to \$300,000 in exchange for a 10-year service obligation.
Colorado	<p>Under the <a href="#">Colorado Health Service Corps</a>, dentists and dental hygienists who work full time at an approved site in a health professional shortage area (HPSA) may be eligible for an award up to \$90,000 for dentists and \$20,000 for hygienists. Awards may also be made in amounts up to \$45,000 for dentists working part time and \$10,000 for dental hygienists working part time. All contracts are for three years.</p> <p>Additionally, the <a href="#">State Dental Loan Repayment Program</a> provides awards to dentists and dental hygienists willing to serve in a public, nonprofit or private dental practice in Colorado that serves at least some Medicaid, Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) and/or uninsured patients each month. Participants must agree to serve at the same site, serving underserved patients, for a term of two years. Award amounts vary, based on numbers of Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program), CHP+, Colorado Old Age Pension and/or uninsured patients seen each month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dentists receive an award of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$50,000 if 80 or more underserved patients per month are seen.</li> <li>○ \$37,500 if 60–79 underserved patients per month are seen.</li> <li>○ \$25,000 if 20–59 underserved patients per month are seen.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Dental hygienists receive an award of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$12,000 if 80 or more underserved patients per month are seen.</li> <li>○ \$8,000 if 60–79 underserved patients per month are seen.</li> <li>○ \$6,000 if 20–59 underserved patients per month are seen.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Contact Theo Abbey at 303-692-4916 or <a href="mailto:theo.abbey@state.co.us">theo.abbey@state.co.us</a> to learn more about Colorado's state dental loan repayment program.</p>
Connecticut	<p>The <a href="#">Connecticut State Loan Repayment Program</a> is not currently accepting applications.</p> <p>Dentists and dental hygienists pursuing loan repayment opportunities should seek opportunities under the federal programs listed at the end of this chart.</p>
Delaware	<p>The <a href="#">Delaware State Loan Repayment Program</a> offers financial assistance up to \$100,000 for verifiable educational loans to qualified dentists, and up to \$60,000 for qualified dental hygienists who commit a minimum of two consecutive years of full-time (40 hours per week) or half-time (20-39 hours per week) service in a health professional shortage area. Dentists who commit to a third and fourth year are eligible to receive up to an additional \$50,000 annually, while hygienists who commit to additional services are eligible to receive up to \$30,000 annually. All dentists must agree that a minimum of 20% of patients will be comprised of Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program and/or low income who will be provided care at reduced rates or free-of-charge. All dentists also must agree to provide preventive dental services to eligible clients of the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services. Program funds are sourced from the U.S. Department of Health Resources and Services Administration and requires a 1-to-01 match for every dollar awarded.</p>

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<b>District of Columbia</b>	The DC Health Professional Loan Repayment Program ( <a href="#">HPLRP</a> ) provides loan repayment to eligible health professionals practicing full-time at HPLRP-certified sites in health professional shortage and medically underserved areas in DC. The HPLRP assists certified sites to recruit and retain providers by providing loan repayment up to \$151,841.29 over four years for physicians and dentists and \$83,510.61 for all other eligible providers. Both dentists and hygienists may be eligible under the program.
<b>Florida</b>	<p>Legislation passed in 2019 established the <a href="#">Dental Student Loan Repayment Program</a>. The new program is to be established by the Florida Department of Health and it will help repay student loans for dentists employed by any eligible public health program that serves Medicaid and other low-income patients in a dental health professional shortage area or medically underserved community. The program is authorized to accept up to ten new dentists each fiscal year into the program, and to repay up to \$50,000 annually or \$250,000 total in student loans for each dentist. Dentists may receive funds under the loan program for at least one year, up to a maximum of five years.</p> <p>Implementation of the loan program is subject to legislative appropriation.</p>
<b>Georgia</b>	The <a href="#">Dentists for Rural Areas Assistance Loan Repayment Program</a> administered by the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce, provides service-cancellable loans of up to \$25,000 per year for up to four years for dentists who practice full-time in an underserved, rural county with a population of 50,000 or less. To learn more, contact the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce at 404-232-7972 or <a href="mailto:yspeight@dch.ga.gov">yspeight@dch.ga.gov</a> .
<b>Hawaii</b>	<p>Although Hawaii does have a <a href="#">Hawaii State Loan Repayment Program</a>, dentists and dental hygienists are not included in the loan repayment program according to program staff in the Hawaii/Pacific Basin Area Health Education Center.</p> <p>Dentists and dental hygienists pursuing loan repayment opportunities should seek opportunities under the federal programs listed at the end of this chart.</p>
<b>Idaho</b>	<p>The Rural Health Care Access Program (<a href="#">RHCAP</a>) provides grants to nonprofit organizations to help rural Idaho communities improve access to primary medical and dental health care through grants assistance. "Improving access to health care" includes removing barriers that prevent people from obtaining health care, strengthening health care systems and developing partnerships to better serve communities.</p> <p>Grants of up to \$35,000 per year for a maximum of one year may be awarded to eligible entities serving any area designated as a health professional shortage area (HPSA) or medically underserved area/population. Applicants may submit grant proposals that improve access to health care in any of the three assistance categories: (1) telehealth projects, (2) community development projects or (3) other, e.g., loan repayment for primary/dental care providers, recruitment incentive and/or reimbursement of relocation expenses for primary/dental care providers.</p> <p>The Idaho State Loan Repayment Program (<a href="#">SLRP</a>) is a multidiscipline, state-based loan repayment program for dentists, registered dental hygienists and other eligible</p>

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	<p>health care providers working in a federally designated HPSA. The loan repayment is provided through a federal grant, and every award must be matched with funds provided by the practitioner's employer. Participating sites must implement a sliding-fee scale for low-income and uninsured patients and accept Medicare and Medicaid. Loan repayment awards may range from \$10,000 to \$25,000 per year, depending on employer contribution. A two-year service obligation is required of full-time practitioners, and sites must submit annual reports during the funding period. Participants currently receiving loan repayment and fulfilling a service obligation are not eligible.</p> <p>The SLRP dual application process requires the submission of an application by the health care employment site and the practitioner seeking the loan repayment. New applications for the SLRP are not being accepted at this time, but state officials anticipate the new SLRP application period to begin early 2020.</p>
Illinois	<p>Under the Illinois National Health Service Corps State Loan Repayment Program (<a href="#">SLRP</a>) dentists who sign a contract with the Illinois Department of Public Health guaranteeing their minimum commitment of two years of service in a health professional shortage area, may receive up to \$25,000 annually for a maximum of \$50,000 for full-time service. The required site contribution is up to \$12,500 per year for two years. A third year and a fourth year of service can be added individually upon completion of the initial two-year obligation. Providers will be able to work less than full time, but at a minimum of half time, if they agree to extend their obligation period twofold.</p> <p>Additionally, under the <a href="#">Dental Student Grant Act</a>, grants are available to dental students who exhibit financial need and are members of a racial minority. Grants may be used to pay for reasonable educational expenses at an Illinois dental school and for reasonable living expenses.</p>
Indiana	<p>The Indiana Health Care Professional Recruitment and Retention Fund Program (<a href="#">IHCPRRF</a>) provides loan repayment for student loans incurred by health care professionals practicing in public or private nonprofit settings in federally designated health professional shortage areas approved by the Indiana State Department of Health and, therefore, cannot establish private practices. The program is open to both dentists and dental hygienists, and applicants may receive up to \$20,000, depending on their loan debt, for a two-year commitment to work full time. An additional \$20,000 may be granted for a second two-year commitment. The annual goal is to grant 30 awards.</p> <p>The project has grant opportunities for professional loan repayments to qualifying providers in mental health and addiction-related disciplines first, followed by primary care physicians, who are also in short supply. The plan calls for 30 awards for each year of the four-year grant period. An advisory committee with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Mental Health and Addiction and the Indiana Hospital Association as partners, will be formed to help with project development and grant awards by September.</p>
Iowa	<p>The Primary Care Recruitment and Retention Endeavor (<a href="#">PRIMECARRE</a>) Iowa Loan Repayment Program requires a two-year practice commitment in a public or</p>

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	<p>nonprofit site located in a health professional shortage area. The program provides up to \$50,000 for two years of full-time service and \$25,000 for two years of part-time service for dentists, and \$30,000 for two years of full-time and \$15,000 of part-time service for dental hygienists. The next request for proposal is anticipated to be posted in the fall 2020 and is dependent on the appropriation of additional funds.</p> <p>The Fulfilling Iowa's Need for Dentists (<a href="#">FIND</a>) and <a href="#">Delta Dental of Iowa Loan Repayment</a> programs are also available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Delta Dental of Iowa Loan Repayment program annually offers one \$50,000 award for the repayment of dental education debt to be used over a three-year grant period.</li> <li>• The FIND program—an extension of the Delta Dental of Iowa Loan Repayment Program—collaborates with communities on the recruitment of dentists and the establishment of private practice dental offices located in rural, underserved areas in Iowa. The program offers up to \$100,000 for dental education debt over a five-year period. In return, each selected dentist agrees to practice in one of Iowa's designated dental shortage areas and to allocate 35% of patient services to underserved populations. Four new awards are available for the FIND program each state fiscal year.</li> </ul>
Kansas	<p>Under the <a href="#">Kansas State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)</a>, for a minimum commitment of two years of full-time service, dentists are eligible to receive up to \$25,000 annually for repayment of outstanding educational debt. Registered dental hygienists are eligible to receive up to \$20,000 annually. Qualifying practice sites must be a nonprofit or public health care practice site meeting Kansas SLRP eligibility requirements. All practice sites must complete the Health Care Practice Site Application form to be included with the health care professional's application.</p> <p>Please note that the loan repayment awards are made on a competitive basis and are limited to available funds. After the initial two-year contract has been fulfilled, the health care provider may extend the contract for up to three additional years of service in one-year increments. The application cycle is open June 1 through July 31 each year.</p> <p>Since 2011, the Kansas Dental Association and Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation, in partnership with Delta Dental of Kansas, have promoted dentists to practice in rural Kansas through the Kansas Initiative for New Dentists Program (<a href="#">KIND</a>). KIND Loan Forgiveness Grant provides existing dentists up to \$50,000 in assistance for moving/locating to a rural area. A KIND Loan Forgiveness Grant recipient must commit to practicing in a rural area for three years and be a KanCare (Medicaid) Provider.</p> <p>The KIND Scholarship is also available for students. Eligible dental students may apply for the KIND Scholarship each year. The awardee may receive up to \$25,000 per year or \$100,000 in total scholarship assistance. In return, the student commits to practicing dentistry in a rural area as a KanCare (Medicaid) provider for a period of time determined by the total KIND scholarship award.</p>

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	<p>The <a href="#">Kansas Dental Education Opportunities Program</a> is designed to encourage dentists to establish Kansas practices. Kansas helps pay the difference between resident and nonresident tuition at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC). Applications also available from UMKC. Deadline: Rolling.</p>
Kentucky	<p>The Kentucky State Loan Repayment Program (<a href="#">KSLRP</a>) is a 50/50 matching loan repayment administered by the Kentucky Office of Rural Health. For every federal dollar provided by the KSLRP, participants must have a 1-to-1 match from a sponsor source. Sponsors can include employers at the practice site; private foundations, corporations, community organizations, and/or philanthropies; and, rurally-oriented organizations requesting that their funds be used to support the placement of practitioners in rural areas.</p> <p>The program requires a two-year commitment to practice at an eligible site. Eligible sites must be a public or nonprofit private entity; provide primary care services; be in an identified health professional shortage area; accept Medicare, Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program; utilize a sliding-fee scale; and see all patients regardless of their ability to pay. Total funding limits for a two-year commitment vary by profession as follows: \$80,000 for dentists and \$20,000 for registered dental hygienists.</p>
Louisiana	<p>The purpose of the <a href="#">Louisiana State Loan Repayment Program</a> is to encourage primary care practitioners to serve in health professional shortage areas (HPSAs). The program will repay government or commercial educational loans obtained by the practitioner.</p> <p>Dentists may receive up to \$30,000 annually for a three-year initial commitment. Dental hygienists may receive up to \$15,000 annually for a three-year initial commitment. Participants who complete their original commitment, remain at an eligible HPSA site, still have educational loans to repay and have been compliant with all requirements may be able to extend their commitment for a two-year extension of \$24,000.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Louisiana Tax Credit for Healthcare Providers</a> provides a nonrefundable tax credit for up to \$3,600 for five years to dentists who establish and maintain a primary office within a federally designated dental HPSA that is also in a rural area as defined by the Louisiana Department of Health.</p>
Maine	<p>The <a href="#">Maine Dental Education Loan</a> is a forgivable loan program for Maine residents seeking advanced dental education. To receive loan forgiveness, a dentist must practice general dentistry full time in an underserved area of the state in an eligible dental care facility. <a href="#">Legislation</a> passed in 2019 increased the maximum amount participants may receive from \$20,000 to \$25,000. Disbursement of loan funds is made directly to the institution.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Maine Dental Education Loan Repayment Program</a> provides loan repayment assistance for dentists practicing general dentistry in eligible dental care facilities in underserved areas of Maine. The initial contract term is for two years with the ability to renew for an additional two years. Dentists must agree to:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serve all patients regardless of ability to pay through insurance or other payment sources;</li> <li>• Accept payment terms of MaineCare;</li> <li>• Provide a sliding-fee scale for payment of services to individuals with family income up to 200% of the federal poverty level; and</li> <li>• Not limit service to any individual based on the payment source.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Legislation</a> passed in 2019 increased the maximum amount participants may receive from \$20,000 to \$25,000. Funds are paid directly to the lender or loan servicer of the dentist's outstanding education loans.</p> <p><a href="#">The Maine Health Professions Loan Program</a> is a need-based, competitive loan for Maine students pursuing advanced medical, dental and veterinary education. The program provides up to \$25,000 annually and up to \$100,000 total for a maximum of four years. The number of loans awarded each year is limited and depends on available funding. Interest does not accrue while students are in school. Repayment interest rate varies from 0% to 8%, depending on location and practice type.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Maine Grants &amp; Loans Programs</a> website provides additional information on each loan program.</p> <p>A limited number of eligible dentists who practice in underserved areas may also be eligible for a <a href="#">tax credit</a> ranging between \$6,000 and \$18,000. The amount of the tax credit depends on length of time practiced in an underserved area. Please review this section of the Maine Revised Code for details regarding <a href="#">eligibility</a>.</p>
Maryland	<p>The purpose of Maryland Dent-Care Loan Assistance Repayment Program (<a href="#">MDC-LARP</a>) For Dentists is to increase access to oral health care services for Maryland Medical Assistance Program (MMAP) recipients by increasing the number of dentists treating this population. Participating dentists must agree to a three-year commitment and treat a minimum of 30% MMAP recipients as a portion of their total patient population per year. For a three-year commitment and dependent upon available funding, MDC-LARP may provide loan repayments to five Maryland licensed dentists a year.</p>
Massachusetts	<p>The <a href="#">Massachusetts Loan Repayment Program for Health Professionals</a> awards up to \$25,000 per year and \$50,000 total for dentists and up to \$20,000 per year and \$40,000 total for dental hygienists. <a href="#">Eligible health professionals</a> must be employed by or have a contract to work in eligible public or nonprofit health care organizations, located in a federally designated health professional shortage area, and make a commitment of two years of full-time work or the equivalent extended commitment of part-time work (e.g. a 20-hour work week will mean a four-year contract) while providing primary health services in an eligible health care organization.</p>
Michigan	<p>The Michigan State Loan Repayment Program (<a href="#">MSLRP</a>) assists employers in the recruitment and retention of medical, dental and mental health care providers who continue to demonstrate their commitment to building long-term, primary care practices in underserved communities designated as health professional shortage</p>

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	<p>areas (HPSAs). MSLRP will assist those selected by providing up to \$200,000 in tax-free funds to repay their educational debt over a period of up to eight years. New applicants and current participants compete for consecutive two-year MSLRP agreements requiring them to remain employed for a minimum of 40 hours per week for no less than 45 weeks per year at eligible, nonprofit practice sites providing primary health care services to ambulatory populations. Nonprofit employers must contribute a 20% match. For-profit employers placing providers in nonprofit practice sites, such as state prisons, must contribute a 50% match. Providers must remain with the employers who sponsor them during their two-year agreements, and employers must continue to employ the providers they sponsor during their two-year service obligations.</p> <p>Dental hygienists are not currently eligible for reimbursement under this program.</p> <p>The 2020 application period is Feb. 3 through Feb. 7, 2020.</p>
Minnesota	<p>The <a href="#">Martha Mordini Rukavina Loan Forgiveness Program</a> provides loan reimbursement to dentists willing to practice in the Taconite Assistance Area (TAA) of northeastern Minnesota for at least five years. Forgivable loan amounts of up to \$120,000, not to exceed the applicant's documented outstanding educational debt, will be dispersed at a rate of \$30,000 per year for four years.</p> <p>Dentists may also apply to the Minnesota State Loan Repayment Program (<a href="#">MN SLRP</a>). The MN SLRP provides funds for repayment of qualifying educational loans of up to \$20,000 annually for full-time, primary care providers. In return for the loan repayment award, participants must complete a two-year service obligation at nonprofit, private or public sites located in federally designated health professional shortage areas. Both dentists and registered clinical dental hygienists are eligible.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Dedicated to Minnesota Dentists Loan Repayment for Service Program</a> is a competitive program sponsored by Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation in collaboration with Minnesota Dental Foundation. Selected dentists must practice in a town with a population of less than 15,000 in a Minnesota Dental Health Professional Shortage Area for five years, and serve a patient population of which 15% must be public program patients. Individuals accepted are eligible for up to \$200,000 in qualified loan repayments.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Minnesota Dental Therapist/Advance Dental Therapist Loan Forgiveness Program</a> is available to practicing Dental Therapists (DTs)/Advanced Dental Therapists (ADTs) or final year DT and ADT students in the process of completing their training or certification. Selected participants are required to practice in a designated rural area full-time for at least three years, with an optional fourth year. Participants may receive an annual award of up to \$13,000 not to exceed \$52,000 or the balance of designated loans, whichever is less.</p> <p>For more information on Minnesota Health Care Loan Forgiveness and Repayment Programs, please visit: <a href="http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/orhpc/funding/loans/index.html">www.health.state.mn.us/divs/orhpc/funding/loans/index.html</a>.</p>

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Mississippi	<p>The <a href="#">Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship Program (MRDSP)</a> identifies qualified university and college students from rural areas of the state for dental school matriculation. The scholarship program consists of three distinct phases through which participants' progress: undergraduate pre dental education, dental school, and future plans that include the establishment of an initial practice entry support system. During dental school training, MRDSP Scholars are awarded a \$35,000-per-year scholarship, and are also given support to help them to be successful.</p>
Missouri	<p>The <a href="#">Missouri Health Professional Loan Repayment</a> offers the repayment of outstanding educational loans in exchange for providing primary health care services in areas designated as health professional service areas (HPSAs). The maximum loan repayment amount is up to \$50,000 for two years of service in a HPSA.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Primary Care Resource Initiative for Missouri Student Loan Program</a>, a competitive state program, awards forgivable loans to students pursuing health care training leading to Missouri licensure or registration in dentistry or dental hygiene. The amount of funding provided depends on the student's chosen discipline and educational status.</p>
Montana	<p>The <a href="#">Montana NHSC Student Loan Repayment Program</a> provides loan repayment funds for dentists and dental hygienists working in health professional shortage areas at an approved National Health Service Corps site. In exchange for two-years of service, full-time applicants may receive up to \$15,000 per year. The program is funded through a federal grant that requires a \$1-to-\$1 match with nonfederal dollars. Approved sites that provide \$1-to-\$1 match can award up to \$25,000 per year for a two-year commitment from the eligible health care providers.</p>
Nebraska	<p>The <a href="#">Nebraska Loan Repayment Programs</a> are available to primary care, mental, dental and allied health professionals practicing in shortage areas in Nebraska. There is one application for two state loan repayment programs. The individual seeking loan repayment must initiate the application. Once they complete and submit their portion, a notice will be sent to the entity providing the matching funds. The entity then completes the application. Dentists are eligible to receive up to \$200,000, and dental hygienists are eligible for up to \$100,000 when practicing at an eligible site located within a designated health professional shortage area.</p>
Nevada	<p>The <a href="#">Nevada Health Service Corps (NHSC)</a> program offers loan repayment for dentists and registered clinical dental hygienists in exchange for engaging in full-time clinical practice in an assigned community for a contractually specified period. Typically, the length of time equals two years of full-time service. Candidates must agree to provide services to all patients, regardless of their ability to pay, accept specified forms of public insurance, deliver services with medically-accepted quality standards for performance and remain in the assigned underserved area for the duration of the period of obligated service. Awards are made based on the funding available during that cycle. The NHSC reserves the right to determine the amount of the award and the length of the period of obligated service individually for each application.</p>

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New Hampshire	<p>The <a href="#">New Hampshire State Loan Repayment Program</a> (NH SLRP), provides funds to health care professionals, including dentists and registered clinical dental hygienists, working in areas of the state designated as being medically underserved. NH SLRP contracts are awarded first to applicants who have secured a 1-to-1 match for each state dollar in the contract. This match can come from the eligible practice site or the community in which the applicant will practice. If an applicant is unable to secure a match, the application will be considered in competition with all other unmatched applications received.</p> <p><u>Full-time Service:</u> The NH SLRP offsets graduate or undergraduate educational loans to full-time dentists at \$75,000 for a minimum service obligation of 36 months, with an opportunity for a 24-month extension at \$40,000. Registered dental hygienists, are eligible to receive \$30,000 for a 36-month minimum service obligation, with an opportunity for a 24-month extension at \$10,000.</p> <p><u>Part-time Service:</u> The NH SLRP will offset graduate or undergraduate educational loans to part-time dentists at \$27,500 for a 24-month minimum service obligation, with an opportunity of a 12-month extension at \$10,000, and to part-time registered clinical dental hygienists at \$17,500 for a 24-month minimum service obligation, with an opportunity for a 12-month extension at \$5,000.</p>
New Jersey	<p>Effective July 1, 2019, the <a href="#">Primary Care Practitioner Loan Redemption Program of New Jersey</a> (NJLRP) program does not provide funding for new applicants. Those who were already accepted into this program will continue to benefit, provided all other eligibility is met.</p>
New Mexico	<p>The <a href="#">New Mexico Health Professional Loan Repayment Program</a> (HPLRP) provides repayment of outstanding student loans for dentists who make a two-year service commitment to practice full-time in a designated medical shortage area in New Mexico. The program is open to New Mexico residents, and is federal and state funded. Health professionals practicing in a federal health professional shortage area (HPSA) will be offered federal funding first and will receive the highest priority. Recipients are eligible for renewal upon completion of their two-year obligation. The HPLRP application opens every year on March 15 and closes May 1.</p> <p>The <a href="#">New Mexico Health Service Corps</a> provides stipends to dental and dental hygiene students in exchange for entering into a contract with the New Mexico Department of Health to provide services for a minimum of two years at approved rural, medically underserved clinics upon completion of training. The amount of any stipend awarded is dependent upon available resources and is paid for a maximum of two years.</p> <p>Under the <a href="#">New Mexico Rural Health Care Practitioner Tax Credit Program</a>, health care providers in rural, underserved areas may be eligible for an income tax credit. Under the authorizing statute, eligible professionals who provide health care for at least 2,080 hours during a taxable year at an approved location will be eligible for a tax credit for that year. Eligible professionals who provide health care for less than</p>

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	<p>2,080 hours, but at least 1,040 hours, will be eligible for one-half of the tax credit amount. Full-time practicing dentists are eligible for a \$5,000 annual tax credit, and dental hygienists practicing full time are eligible for a \$3,000 annual tax credit.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Allied Health Loan for Service Program</a> provides educational loans to students seeking certification/licensure in an eligible health field, including dental hygiene. As a condition of each loan, the student must declare his/her intent to practice as a health professional in a designated shortage area. For every year of service, a portion of the loan will be forgiven. If the entire service agreement is fulfilled, 100% of the loan is eligible for forgiveness. Penalties may be assessed if the service agreement is not satisfied. The award may not exceed \$12,000 per year and is based on the financial need of the student. The one-year award may be renewed for up for four years upon resubmission of yearly application. The application opens every year on May 15 and closes on July 1.</p>
New York	<p>The <a href="#">New York State Primary Care Service Corps Loan Repayment Program</a> (PCSC LRP) is designed to increase the number of certain clinical practitioners, including dentists and dental hygienists, in underserved areas. PCSC LRP <a href="#">eligibility</a> requires the practitioner clinicians must commit to practice at an active New York State Department of Health approved site.</p> <p>Please refer to the <a href="#">2019 webinar</a> for additional information.</p>
North Carolina	<p>Under the <a href="#">North Carolina State Loan Repayment Program</a> dentists who provide services in eligible facilities serving those with high need may receive loan repayment of principal plus interest maximums of \$100,000 for general practice with a four-year commitment. The maximum for dental hygienists is \$60,000 for a four-year commitment.</p> <p>Additionally, North Carolina may award a High Needs Service Bonus. This incentive was designed for providers who have no loans and provide services in eligible facilities serving those with high need. The bonus maximum (assuming no loans) for a four-year commitment is \$50,000 for dentists and \$30,000 for dental hygienists.</p> <p>Providers must also provide at least 32 hours of direct care per week at an on-site clinical practice for full-time status. If a provider works less than 32 hours of direct care per week, they may receive a prorated incentive. Prorated incentives are based on total educational loan debt. Providers must provide at least 20 hours of direct care per week for part-time status.</p>
North Dakota	<p>The <a href="#">North Dakota Dentist Loan Repayment Program</a> will repay loans for selected dentists who serve in a public health clinic, practice with a focus on underserved populations or a nonprofit clinic. Providers must serve in areas of the state with a defined need for such services. Each dentist selected may receive up to \$100,000 to repay educational loans and must sign a contract to practice full time for five years within an area identified by the State Health Council as having a defined need for dental services.</p> <p>The <a href="#">North Dakota Federal/State Loan Repayment Program</a> is also available for general and pediatric dentists and registered dental hygienists who practice in</p>

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	eligible public and nonprofit sites. Applicants must agree to practice two years in a selected area. Award recipients may receive up to \$50,000 for a two-year service commitment that requires a 1-to-1 match from the sponsoring organization or community. Dentists must provide patient care for 32 hours per week. No more than 8 hours per week may be spent on practice-related duties. Up to 8 hours per week may be spent teaching in a clinical setting.
Ohio	The <a href="#">Ohio Dentist and Dental Hygienist Loan Repayment Programs</a> provide loan repayment for selected eligible dentists and dental hygienists who provide dental care in a health professional shortage area or a dental health shortage area, accept Medicaid and see patients regardless of their ability to pay. Selected applicants who practice a minimum of 40 hours per week may receive up to \$25,000 annually for the first two years of service, and \$35,000 annually for a third and fourth year of service. Part-time participants may receive up to half the amount of full-time participants. To qualify, applicants must be dental or dental hygiene students in the final year of dental or dental hygiene school, dental residents in the final year of residency or currently practicing general or pediatric dentists or dental hygienists. Funds are tax-exempt. A two-year initial contract is required with a maximum of two additional one-year renewals.
Oklahoma	The <a href="#">Oklahoma Dental Loan Repayment Program</a> is designed to increase the number of dentists providing accessible care to underserved metropolitan and rural areas by providing educational loan repayment assistance for up to 25 Oklahoma licensed dentists for a two- to five-year period. Dentists entering the program agree to teach at the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry, if applicable faculty positions are available, or provide dental care in a designated health professional shortage area (a minimum 30% of patients treated during the contract period must be Medicaid recipients). An award amount of at least \$25,000 per year is based on the amount of state-appropriated funds.
Oregon	<p>Under the <a href="#">Oregon Partnership State Loan Repayment Program</a>, approved practice sites located in a health provider shortage area (HPSA) must agree to match 50% of the total loan repayment award (plus a 10% administrative fee). Dentists and expanded-practice dental hygienists practicing full time under the program may receive up to 50% of their total student loan debt, up to a maximum of \$35,000 annually for an initial two-year obligation. Practitioners who work part time may receive up to 50% in loan repayment on qualifying educational debt, up to a maximum of \$17,500 per obligation year, for an initial four-year obligation. Providers may qualify for up to two one-year continuations beyond their initial service obligation and may receive up to 60% of their remaining qualified educational debt, up to a maximum of \$35,000. The program limits providers to \$100,000 maximum in total loan repayment funds.</p> <p><a href="#">Oregon Health Care Provider Loan Repayment</a> provides loan repayment for dentists and expanded-practice dental hygienists who work at eligible sites located in HPSAs and serve patients regardless of their source of coverage (Medicaid, Medicare, private, etc.) or ability to pay. Full-time service providers must commit to a three-year minimum service obligation in exchange for a tax-free award of 50% of their qualifying educational loan debt balance, up to \$35,000 per obligation year. Part-time service providers must commit to a three-year minimum service obligation in</p>

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	<p>exchange for a tax-free award of 25% of their qualifying educational loan debt balance, up to \$25,000 per obligation year.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Oregon Medicaid Primary Care Loan Repayment Program</a> is open to dentists, expanded-practice dental hygienists and other specified practitioners. Awardees receive up to \$35,000 per year for a minimum of three years and a maximum of five years. In exchange, participants agree to serve Medicaid and other patients in a qualifying practice site. Qualifying sites include rural hospitals, rural health clinics, federally qualified health centers and other clinical practices located in HPSAs.</p> <p>The Oregon Office of Rural Health is charged with administering the <a href="#">Rural Practitioner Tax Credit for Dentists Program</a>, which grants up to \$5,000 in personal income tax credits to eligible dentists who work in a county designated as a "frontier county," or a town with a population less than 5,000 people that is also 25 or more miles from another source of full-time, general dental care. The amount of the credit varies based on the population size of the community and practice site distance from the centroid of a community. Eligible dentists must also have an annual adjusted gross income below \$300,000.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Scholars for a Healthy Oregon Initiative</a> (SHOI) is administered by the Oregon Health &amp; Science University (OHSU). SHOI covers tuition and fees for a limited number of eligible students entering specific clinical degree programs, including the D.M.D. program. In return, funding recipients agree to practice as a health care practitioner in a rural or underserved community in Oregon for a minimum of one year longer than the total years of funding received. SHOI funding is awarded annually, effective for one academic year with annual renewal if the student remains in good academic standing. The funding provides for payment of full OHSU tuition and required fees but does not provide a living allowance.</p>
<p><b>Pennsylvania</b></p>	<p>The <a href="#">Pennsylvania Primary Health Care Practitioners Loan Repayment Program</a> is designed to incentivize, recruit and retain primary care practitioners willing to serve underserved Pennsylvania residents and to make a commitment to practicing in federally designated health professional shortage areas (HPSAs). Primary care practitioners (including general dentists and registered dental hygienists) wishing to submit an application must meet all eligibility requirements and must be currently employed at a loan repayment program-approved site either located in a federally designated HPSA or serving a minimum of 30% low-income patients as defined.</p> <p>For the required two-year contract:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dentists may receive up to \$100,000 of educational loan repayment for a full-time service commitment, or up to \$50,000 for a half-time commitment.</li> <li>• Dental hygienists may receive up to \$60,000 of educational loan repayment for a fulltime service commitment, or up to \$30,000 for a half-time commitment.</li> </ul> <p>The deadline for all applications was Dec. 17, 2019.</p>
<p><b>Puerto Rico</b></p>	<p>Dentists and dental hygienists pursuing loan repayment opportunities should seek opportunities under the federal programs listed at the end of this chart.</p>

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Rhode Island	<p>The Rhode Island Department of Health is currently operating <a href="#">the Health Professional Loan Repayment Program</a>. General practice dentists, pediatric dentists and registered clinical dental hygienists may apply for the awards. The program is funded in part by the Health Resources and Services Administration. Specifically, federal dollars are matched with state funds. The program requires a two-year, commitment for full-time (40 hours per week) service in a health professional shortage area, or a four-year commitment for part-time service.</p>
South Carolina	<p>Funds for the <a href="#">South Carolina Rural Dentist Program</a> are appropriated to the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) and are administered by the South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium (AHEC). The program assists in the repayment of educational loans for dentists who practice in a health professional shortage area or serve as full-time faculty at the MUSC College of Dental Medicine. Priority for this program is given to those demonstrating need and expressing intent to remain in an underserved area or in an area of critical need at the MUSC James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine.</p> <p>Loan reimbursement payments are made quarterly and cover the amount of all canceled loan repayment checks submitted to the South Carolina AHEC (dated within the quarter). Alternatively, the dentist can provide the loan account online access details to South Carolina AHEC, which can make the payments directly.</p> <p>For more information about South Carolina AHEC's Recruitment and Retention Programs, please contact Kristin Cochran at 843-792-6977 or <a href="mailto:cochrak@musc.edu">cochrak@musc.edu</a>.</p>
South Dakota	<p>The <a href="#">South Dakota Recruitment Assistance Program</a> provides incentive payments to dentists who enter into a contract with the South Dakota Department of Health to provide services in an eligible community for at least three consecutive years. The maximum amount of the incentive payment for a qualifying physician or dentist is \$231,384.</p> <p>To be eligible a dentist must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be licensed as a dentist in South Dakota;</li> <li>• Agree to practice full time as a general or pediatric dentist in an eligible community for at least three consecutive years;</li> <li>• Provide services to Medicaid, Medicare and State Children's Health Insurance Program patients;</li> <li>• Agree to be a participating South Dakota medical assistance provider and to serve any individual eligible under SDCL 28-6 and may not refuse treatment to any such individual while participating in the program;</li> <li>• Not have previously participated in such a program, or any other state or federal scholarship, loan repayment or tuition reimbursement program that obligates the person to provide medical services within an underserved area; and</li> <li>• Be recruited to a community and be onsite and practicing for less than four months.</li> </ul> <p>Currently there are two slots available for a dentist to participate in this program.</p>

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Tennessee	<p>The <a href="#">Tennessee State Loan Repayment Program</a> (TSLRP) provides educational loan repayment to qualified primary care practitioners, including general and pediatric dentists, in exchange for an initial two-year service obligation to practice full time or part time at an ambulatory, public or private nonprofit primary care site located in a federally designated health professional shortage area. The maximum TSLRP award is \$50,000 for an initial two-year service obligation. TSLRP recipients in good standing are eligible to reapply for a maximum of up to \$20,000 per year in continued loan repayment awards after fulfilling their initial two-year service obligation and as long as they have outstanding educational loans to repay, contingent upon funding availability.</p> <p>The deadline for submission of applications is Jan. 7, 2020</p>
Texas	<p>The <a href="#">Rural Communities Health Care Investment Program</a> (RCHIP) uses funds from a permanent endowment established from the tobacco settlement for the State of Texas. RCHIP is intended to assist rural communities in recruiting practicing health care providers, other than physicians. For more information, contact the State Office of Rural Health.</p> <p>The purpose of the <a href="#">Texas Dental Education Loan Repayment Program</a> (DELRP) is to recruit and retain qualified dentists to provide dental services in dental health professional shortage areas of Texas. However, because the Texas Legislature did not appropriate state funds for this program for the two-year period beginning Sept. 1, 2017, through Aug. 31, 2019, no applications will be accepted during this period. For more information on the DELRP, please contact the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board at 800-242-3062.</p> <p>The purpose of the <a href="#">St. David's Foundation Public Health Corps Loan Repayment Program</a> is to recruit and retain qualified primary care health providers, including dentists, at eligible sites located in the five-county area served by the Foundation. For providers who are selected for enrollment into the program, loan repayment funds will be reserved for annual disbursement at the end of each of the four years of service, contingent upon continued annual grant funding. As of Jan. 1, 2018, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is no longer administering this program. New applications for the program are temporarily on hold, but will be accepted in the future. If you have interest in this program, please contact Andrew Levack at <a href="mailto:ALevack@stdavidsfoundation.org">ALevack@stdavidsfoundation.org</a> and you will be placed on the list to receive details once the program resumes.</p>
Utah	<p>The <a href="#">Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program</a> (HCWFAP) exists to provide educational loan repayment assistance to health care professionals, including dentists, who locate or continue to practice in underserved areas. Participants must agree to a two-year service obligation in an underserved location. "Underserved area" means an area designated by the Utah Department of Health as underserved by health care professionals, based upon the results of a needs assessment developed by the Department in consultation with the Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program Advisory Committee. Future participation in the program will require sites to be located inside of a health professional shortage area.</p>

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	The Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program did not receive funding for fiscal year 2020.
Vermont	The Area Health Education Centers Program administers the <a href="#">Vermont Educational Loan Repayment Program for Health Care Professionals</a> . Dentists who are employed at an eligible worksite that provides services in an underserved area may be eligible for up to \$20,000 in state/federal funds per year. Retention contracts are for up to two years of service. State/federal awards must be matched by employer or community funds.
Virginia	<p>The <a href="#">Virginia State Loan Repayment Program</a> (VA-SLRP) is operated by the Virginia Department of Health-Office of Health Equity and provides a non-taxed incentive to qualified dentists and registered dental hygienists in return for a minimum of two years of service at an eligible practice site in a health professional shortage area. VA-SLRP requires a dollar-for-dollar match from the community/practice site. The maximum award for a four-year commitment is \$140,000 and can only be made for a qualifying educational loan. Prioritizing applications for VA-SLRP is done on a first-come, first-serve basis with priority given to renewals. All approvals are based on availability of funds.</p> <p>For details, please call 804-864-7431 or email <a href="mailto:olivette.burroughs@vdh.virginia.gov">olivette.burroughs@vdh.virginia.gov</a>.</p>
Washington	<p>The <a href="#">Washington State Health Professional Loan Repayment Program</a> (HPLRP) provides eligible dentists and registered dental hygienists a maximum award of \$75,000 in exchange for service at an eligible site in a health professional shortage area. The service obligation term is three years for full-time employment (40 hours a week), or a prorated equivalent term of up to five years for less than full-time employment. Participants working part time are required to work at least 24 hours per week at an approved site.</p> <p><a href="#">The Federal-State Loan Repayment Program</a> (FSLRP) provides a maximum award of \$70,000 in exchange for a two-year contract that requires employment at an eligible site serving an underserved population. Awardees must work a minimum of 40 hours per week. The FSLRP uses state funds with matching federal grant funds for awards. Dentists and dental hygienists are eligible for this program.</p> <p>In 2019, the Washington Health Corps was established by the Washington State Legislature as an umbrella under which the current state health program exists and new behavioral health program will exist.</p>
West Virginia	<p>West Virginia offers a <a href="#">State Loan Repayment Program</a> for eligible dentists who make a two year commitment to practice at an eligible site located in a health professional shortage area, including federally qualified health centers, within the state. Eligible dentists may earn up to \$40,000 for initial two-year commitment, \$25,000 per year for an additional two-year commitment and a maximum award of \$90,000 for four years of service.</p> <p>Additionally, the <a href="#">West Virginia Health Sciences Service Program</a> is a recruitment-incentive program for health professions students interested in practicing in underserved communities in West Virginia. The program allocates approximately 15</p>

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	awards each academic year to students in the state's higher education system. Specifically, \$30,000 for students who are in the final year of a graduate program in dentistry. The service obligation is either two years of full-time (a minimum of 40 hours per week) or four years of half-time (a minimum of 20 hours per week) employment at an eligible practice site.
Wisconsin	The <a href="#">Wisconsin Health Professions Loan Assistance Program</a> was established to assist rural and urban underserved communities in recruiting and retaining primary care health and dental professionals. Dentists who agree to work at an eligible site located in a federally designated health professional shortage area (HPSA) are eligible for up to \$50,000 in education loan repayment assistance through this competitive program. Dental hygienists are eligible for up to \$25,000. A service commitment of three years is required in a federally designated HPSA.
Wyoming	<p>The <a href="#">Wyoming Healthcare Professional Loan Repayment Program</a>, is not funded for applications or awards between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2020.</p> <p>The <a href="#">WY-DENT</a> program is an agreement between the University of Wyoming (UW), University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry and Creighton University School of Dentistry under which the State of Wyoming, through UW, would pay the cost of attendance for a certain number of dental students at each institution. Applicants must be certified residents of Wyoming. To be eligible for certification, the applicant or parent or guardian must be a legal resident of the State of Wyoming for five continuous years immediately prior to enrolling in dental school.</p>
NHSC LRP	<p>The <a href="#">National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (NHSC LRP)</a> is administered by the Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service in the Health Resources and Services Administration within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The NHSC LRP seeks dentists and dental hygienists to provide culturally competent, interdisciplinary primary health care services to underserved populations located in selected health professional shortage areas (HPSAs) identified by the Secretary of HHS. These awards vary based on the HPSA score where the health professional is practicing, and whether the service commitment is full or half time.</p> <p>The initial service commitment is for two years, with the option to apply for additional awards annually. Award amounts vary based on several factors, including the HPSA score for the area in which services is provided. Eligible practitioners may be awarded up to \$30,000 for practicing full time at site with a HPSA score of 0–13, and up to \$50,000 for practicing full time at a site with a score between 14–26. Practitioners may also be awarded up to \$15,000 for working part time at a HPSA site with a score of 0-13, or \$25,000 for working part time at site with a HPSA score of 14-26.</p>
NHSC S2S	The <a href="#">National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Students to Service Program</a> provides up to \$120,000 to dental students in their final year of school in return for a commitment to provide primary health care full time for at least three years at an approved NHSC site in a health professional shortage area of greatest need.
HRSA FLRP	Through the <a href="#">Faculty Loan Repayment Program</a> , the Health Resources and Services Administration's Bureau of Health Workforce provides loan repayment to individuals

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	<p>who have an interest in pursuing a career as a faculty member in a health professions school. Program applicants must be from a disadvantaged background, have an eligible health professions degree or certificate and have an employment commitment as a faculty member at an approved health professions institution for a minimum of two years. Program participants receive funds (up to \$40,000 for two years of service) to repay the outstanding principal and interest of qualifying educational loans. Dentists and dental hygienists are eligible for the program.</p>
NIH LRP	<p>The <a href="#">National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Programs</a> (NIH LRPs) are a set of programs established by Congress and designed to recruit and retain highly qualified health professionals, including dentists, into biomedical or biobehavioral research careers. There are eight LRPs, five for researchers not employed by NIH (extramural) and three for researchers employed by NIH (intramural). Research funding from NIH is not required to participate in the extramural LRPs, and extramural and intramural LRP awardees may apply for subsequent, competitive renewal awards as long as they meet program eligibility. Although organized around broad research areas, the LRPs were never intended to fund research projects. Rather, LRP awards are based on an applicant's potential to build and sustain a research career. The LRPs repay up to \$50,000 annually of a researcher's qualified educational debt in return for a commitment to engage in NIH mission-relevant research.</p>
IHS LRP	<p>The <a href="#">Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program</a> (IHS LRP) awards up to \$40,000 toward the repayment of qualified student loans in exchange for an initial two-year service commitment to practice full time at an Indian health program site. The IHS LRP is open to dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants.</p> <p>The <a href="#">IHS Scholarship Program</a> provides qualified American Indian and Alaska Native health professions students an opportunity to establish an educational foundation for each stage of their preprofessional careers. The scholarship program provides financial support in exchange for a minimum two-year service commitment within an Indian health program in recipients' chosen health professional discipline, including dentistry.</p>
PSLF	<p>The <a href="#">Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program</a> (PSLF) is available to employees of many government and nonprofit organizations. Qualifying employment for the PSLF Program is not about the specific job that recipients do for their employer; rather, it is about who the employer is. Employment with the following types of organizations qualifies for PSLF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government organizations at any level (federal, state, local, or tribal);</li> <li>• Nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and</li> <li>• Other types of nonprofit organizations that provide certain types of qualifying public services.</li> </ul> <p>The PSLF forgives the remaining balance on recipients' direct loans after they have made 120 qualifying monthly payments under a qualifying repayment plan while working full time for a qualifying employer.</p>

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USPHS	Dental officers join the <a href="#">U.S. Public Health Service</a> (USPHS) Commissioned Corps at many different levels. Some join as beginning clinicians while others are experienced dentists who also may have had training in public health, policy and administration or research methodology. USPHS understands the financial burden of medical education. Assignments with certain federal agencies, such as the Indian Health Service, offer loan repayment and/or other educational and family support programs. Total compensation varies depending on factors such as education and training, professional experience and geographic location of assignment. All dentists are eligible for both contractual special-pay bonuses and monthly special-pay bonuses.
HPLRP	The Health Professions Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP) provides an incentive—through the payment of professional educational loans—to new accessions to enter the <a href="#">U.S. Navy</a> or the <a href="#">U.S. Army</a> , or to current active-duty medical personnel to extend their active-duty commitment. Payments are sent directly to the lending institution on behalf of the HPLRP participant. The amount of loan repayment is determined by the length of service after the date on which the loan was made. Please refer to websites for information regarding eligibility and total amount that may be repaid, as they differ by branch of the military. Interested parties must contact a military recruiter to apply.
Armed Forces HPSP	The Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program will pay education-based tuition and fees for up to four years of school and provide recipients a monthly stipend. In addition, the military reimburses all professional school-required books and equipment. The value of this program could be well over \$300,000 during a four-year professional school program. In return, recipients agree to serve a minimum of three years on active duty or year for year of scholarship, whichever is longer. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited school, maintain full-time student status during the length of the program and qualify as a commissioned officer. Students must contact a military recruiter to apply. To learn more visit the <a href="#">U.S Navy</a> or <a href="#">U.S. Army</a> webpages.