



## Rural Health Scholars Program

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Louisiana's Health Initiative

# Speakers

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# Learning Objectives

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- Understand the Rural Health Scholars Program
- Learn about the benefits of participation
- Learn about the requirements of participation
- Learn about the next steps



# Rural Health Scholars Program Overview

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- **Purpose:**
  - Encourage service in Louisiana's rural and underserved areas
- **Long-term goal:**
  - Expose scholars to rural healthcare work and, after graduation, assist them in acquiring a permanent job placement in a rural Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)



# Eligible Students

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- **Students at Participating Colleges/Universities**
  - Third or fourth year students from a participating college/university
    - MD/DO Physicians (Family or General Practice, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics/Gynecology and Pediatrics)
    - DDS/DMD: General and Pediatric Dentistry
    - NP: Nurse Practitioner
    - PA: Physician Assistant
    - RDH: Registered Dental Hygienist
  - Goal of enrolling up to 15 students each year to participate in rotations



# Student Benefits

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- Opportunity to learn from rural healthcare professionals
- Exposure to potential career path
- \$6,000 stipend
- \$2,000 living expenses



# Student Requirements

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- Participation in a 2-hour seminar that will detail health disparities, discuss health equity, and provide information on chronic disease prevention efforts in rural Louisiana
- Submission of a white paper detailing their experience in the healthcare facility
- Participation in a pre- and post-program survey
- Must submit a service report at the end of rotation

**NEXT STEPS**



## Rural Health Scholars Program

Candidate Application

### Candidate Information

**Legal Name:**

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**Preferred Name:**

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**Home Address:**

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**Mailing Address (if different from Home):**

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**Main Phone Number:**

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**Social Security Number or TIN:**

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**E-mail:**

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**Date of Birth:**

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**Are you a U.S. citizen/national?**

Yes  No

**City and State of Birth:**

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**Race:**

White  Black  Native American  Asian  Hispanic  I prefer not to answer

**Gender**

Female  Male  I prefer not to answer  Other [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**Did you grow up in Louisiana?**  Y  N

If yes, in a rural area (under 25,000 population)?  Y  N

**Preferred Parish**

What are your top three (3) parishes you would like to be assigned to?

1)	
2)	
3)	

\*We will do our best to match you with a facility in your top three parishes. Assignments will depend on facility availability in the desired parishes and the type of healthcare provider needed at the facility.

I understand that I may not be placed in a parish listed above. (Initial \_\_\_\_\_)

Will you need assistance in obtaining lodging?

Yes  No

### University Information

**University Name:**

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**Program Name:**

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**University Address:**

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**Program Director/Dean Name and Email**

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**Main Phone Number:**

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**Expected Graduation Date**

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**Health professional type:**

- MD/DO Physicians (Family practice, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN or Pediatrics)
- DDS/DMD: General and Pediatric Dentistry
- NP: Nurse Practitioner
- PA: Physician Assistant
- RDH: Registered Dental Hygienist

### Post-Graduation Information

- Do you currently have a contract for employment post-graduation?  Yes  No  
If so, what city/state? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
- Do you need assistance with job placement post-graduation?  Yes  No  N/A
- Are you willing to seek employment in rural Louisiana?  Yes  No  N/A
- Well-Head Louisiana support programs that assist with student loan repayment. Are you interested in applying for these programs? (Conditions apply)  Yes  No

### Certification

If selected to participate in the Rural Health Scholars Program, I agree to:

- complete the required service time/hours;
- participate in a 2-hour seminar that will detail health disparities, discuss health equity, and provide information on chronic disease prevention efforts in rural Louisiana;
- submit a paper detailing my experience providing healthcare services in rural Louisiana; and
- participate in a pre and post survey.

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Signature

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Date

Please answer the following questions:

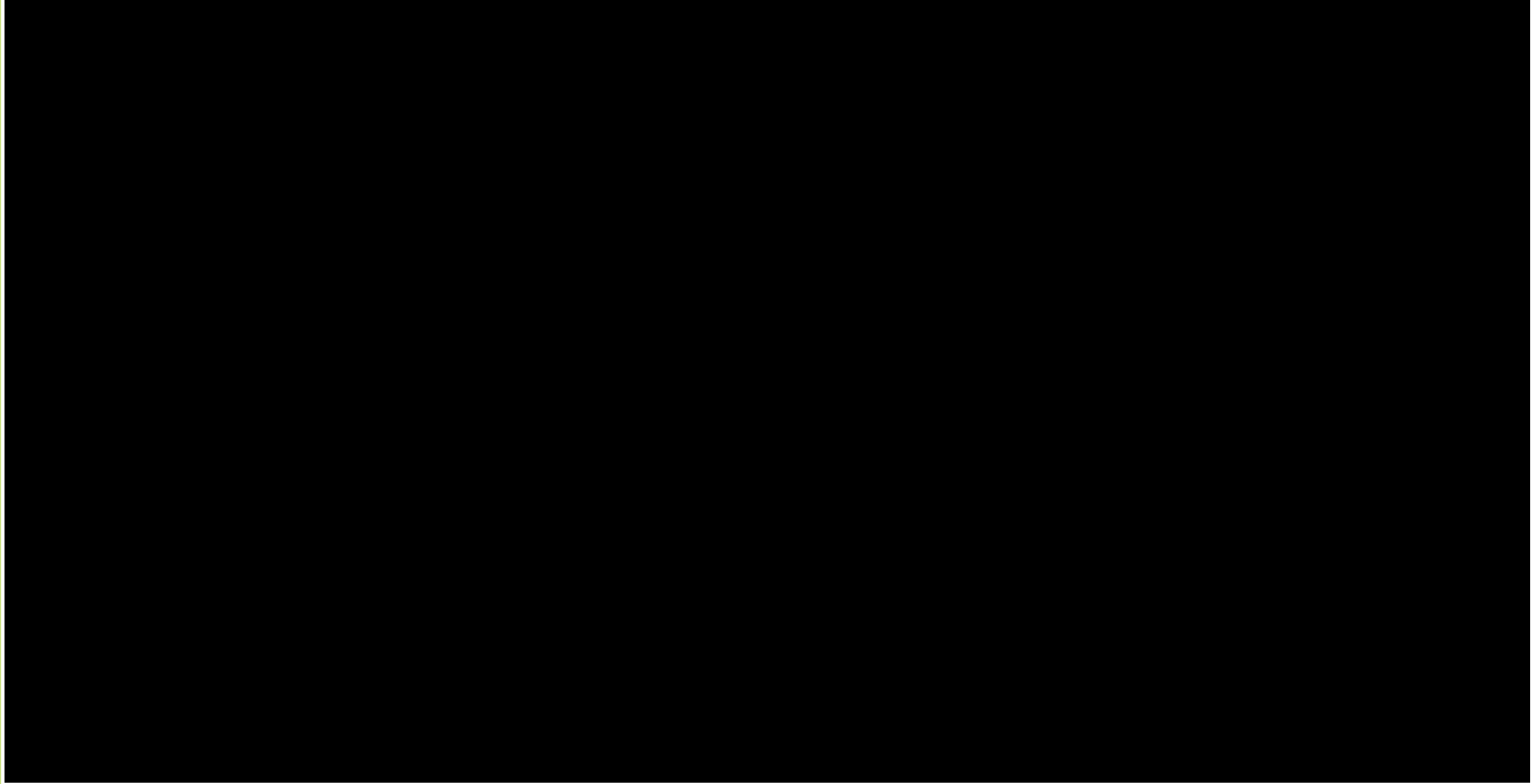
1. Describe your personal experience and knowledge of rural life:
2. What motivates you to choose a rural lifestyle and medical practice location?
3. Describe the pivotal moment in your life when rural medicine became your primary professional goal:
4. Citizens in rural areas of Louisiana are facing **health disparities**. In your own words, describe health disparity and healthcare inequities.
5. Citizens in rural areas of Louisiana are facing **healthcare inequities**. In your own words, describe healthcare inequities.
6. Based on your personal experience, observations and insights, describe what you believe the roles and responsibilities of a rural practitioner to be:
7. Have you worked with or shadowed a medical professional in a rural area? If so, tell us about your experience:
8. List your hobbies and interests:
9. What personal accomplishment are you most proud of and why?
10. In your opinion, what are the rewards and challenges of practicing in a rural area?
11. What is your most significant personal strength?
12. Why do you feel you would be a suitable candidate for the Rural Scholars Track?



# Student Placements

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- Candidates will be chosen on a first-come-first serve basis.
- Candidates will be assigned to facility based on level of interest, and profession type preferred by rotation site.
- Will place three of each profession type.

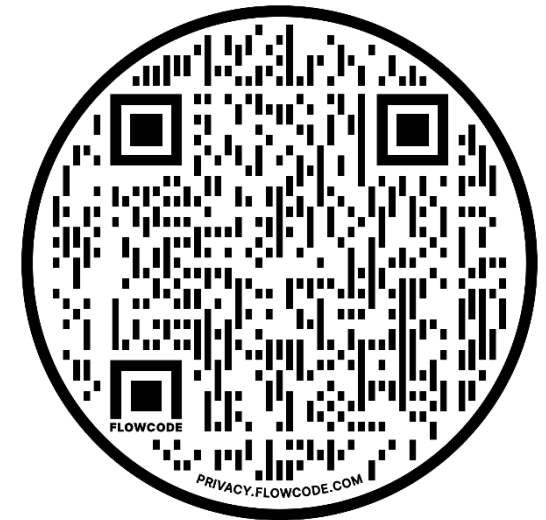


**QUESTIONS?**

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