THE SCHOLARSHIP

Q I want to be a physician, but need money to pay for medical school. Can the Air Force help me become a physician and pay for my medical school expenses?
A Yes. The Air Force offers a Health Professions Scholarship Program to qualified candidates.

Q How many years of my medical school will the Air Force pay for?
A Health professions scholarships are for three- or four-year periods. If you’re awarded one of our Health Professions Scholarships, we’ll pay the bills while you go to medical school.

Q What does the scholarship pay for?
A The scholarship pays full tuition and all required fees. This includes reimbursement for textbooks, small equipment, health insurance, and supplies needed for study. You’ll also receive a monthly stipend allowance of $2,178.90.

COMMITMENT

Q What do I owe in return?
A Upon completion of residency, you will be required to serve as an active duty physician in your specialty. The commitment is 1 year of service for every 1 year of scholarship.

QUALIFICATIONS

Q How do I qualify?
A Contact your local recruiter! He/she can complete a short pre-screen with you to see if you qualify. You can begin the application process when you begin applying to medical school. For selection, you must be a U.S. citizen enrolled or accepted in an approved school of medicine or osteopathy.

RESIDENCY

Q How does the residency match program work?
A The Air Force match program works on the same concept as the civilian match program: academic ranking. The Air Force residencies normally match in December of the student’s final year. If a scholarship recipient does not match with the Air Force, then they will participate in the civilian match program in March.

MY PRACTICE

Q What will my practice be like?
A Air Force physicians step into a group practice with a wide range of patients. You’ll have a highly trained and well experienced staff and will be at the center of what’s important: patient care. Patients will be treated according to their needs and not their ability to pay.

BENEFITS

Q Are there other Air Force benefits to consider?
A There are many! You may be eligible to receive additional pay and bonuses depending on your area of specialization and experience. The benefits listed below are just a few of the many the Air Force has to offer:

- Air Force residents earn approx. $20K/yr more than civilian residents
- 30 days of vacation with pay/year
- No malpractice premiums to pay
- No overhead (staff payroll, equipment, leases, etc.)
- 48 hour average work week
- Tax-free housing and clothing allowances
- Comprehensive medical care & low-cost dental insurance plans for eligible family members
- Air Force Residency years count toward your total federal service time!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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