U.S. Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP)

In America’s Navy, the business of helping others is anything but business as usual. As a Navy Health Care Officer, you will distinguish yourself as a professional. Define yourself as a person. And be part of something far bigger than the title you hold or the community you serve.

If you are already in or plan to attend MEDICAL, DENTAL, PA, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY OR OPTOMETRY school, the Us Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) can provide tuition assistance for up to four years of school (2 yrs for PA and 3 yrs for Clinical Psychology PsyD) and provide you with a monthly stipend paid directly to you of $2276.10. In addition, all professional school required fees and expenses, books and equipment are paid by the Navy.

The value of this program could be well over $200,000 during the course of a four year professional school program. After graduation, you'll join the Navy's active duty health care team as a commissioned health care officer.

What are the financial benefits of this program?

- 100% of your tuition is paid.
- Monthly stipend of $2276.10 to spend as you like.
- $20,000 signing bonus (Medicine and Dentistry only).
- All educationally required school fees (minus housing and meals) are paid.
- Full reimbursement for required books, supplies, and equipment.
- Active duty pay and benefits for 45 days a year (About $6,200).
- Reimbursement for Health Insurance if required by school.

What does it take to qualify for this program?

1. Be accepted to or enrolled in a fully accredited AMA or AOA school of medicine*.
2. Be accepted to or enrolled in a fully accredited ADA school of dentistry*.
3. Be accepted to or enrolled in a fully accredited Optometry school or a course leading to a Masters Degree as a PA*.
4. Have completed a bachelor's degree and be enrolled in your first semester of a Clinical Psychology PHD program*.
6. Be physically qualified for commission as a Navy officer.

* All schools must be in the US, Canada or Puerto Rico. Schools with “Initial Accreditation” are not accepted. Check with the admissions office for your school accreditation status before applying.

How will I become orientated as a Naval Officer?

To familiarize you with the Navy and prepare you for active duty, you'll attend Officer Development School (ODS) at Newport, RI, during the first or second summer break in school. While at ODS, you'll be paid the salary and allowances of a Navy Ensign, which will be about $5,000 for the five week course. The Navy will pay your roundtrip travel costs from your school or home to Newport. Here is a link to the ODS website: Officer Development School Website

What will my service obligation be if I am accepted into the program?

1. Serve 45 days of active duty in a Navy clerkship or under school orders during each year in the program.
2. Attend ODS prior to reporting to your first permanent duty station.
3. Serve one year of active duty in a non-training status for each year of scholarship participation (time spent in internship, residency or the dental Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD)/General Practice Residency (GPR) does not count toward your active duty obligation), with a minimum of three years on active duty.

When to Apply

The best time to apply for a scholarship is the fall before the year you plan to attend professional school. Scholarship seats are released on Oct. 1 of each year and are awarded on a rolling basis. All programs fill early so don’t wait to apply or you risk missing out. Students already in medical, dental, PA or optometry school should apply as soon as possible. The application takes about 12 - 16 weeks to complete. You can apply before receiving a letter of acceptance to school, but you must have your letter of acceptance before you can begin receiving scholarship benefits. Clin. Psych students should apply at the start of their 2nd semester of their PhD program. PA students in a 3 year program should apply during the start of their 1st semester of their 1st year.

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