

# Health scholarships available

Two Health Professions Scholarship Programs operated by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Indian Health Service (IHS) under authority of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (Public Law 94-437) and the Public Health Service Act are now available in the second 1979 cycle to applicants.

The Health Professions Preparatory Scholarship Program for Indians (Section 103) provides scholarship support to Indian and Alaska Native people for up to two academic years of compensatory preprofessional education to enable a student to be eligible to enroll or re-enroll in a school of health professions.

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Scholarship Program (Section 104) provides scholarship support for students enrolled or accepted for enrollment in health professions school.

Scholarships to be awarded in this second 1979 cycle are for those students enrolled or accepted for enrollment in appropriate health professions programs for the 1979 Fall term—the term beginning in September 1979.

Although all health professions are eligible for consideration in the scholarship program, final decisions on scholarship awards will depend on the health manpower needs of the Indian Health Service and the Indian people. Thus, qualified applicants for scholarship support in the following health professions categories will receive priority consideration for funding for this second 1979 cycle:

*Engineering (Biomedical, Environmental, Mechanical Civil, Sanitary and General Engineering).*

*Dental Hygiene, Nutrition, Medical Records Administration, X-Ray Technology and Dietetics.*

*However, the IHS scholarship programs will not fund any associate degree nursing students.*

Students in Medicine/Osteopathy, Dentistry, Podiatry, Veterinary Medicine, Optometry, Pharmacy, Baccalaureate Nursing and Master's Degree, Nurse Practitioner, Nurse-Midwifery, Community Health Nursing and Public Health Nutrition will receive scholarship support through the National Health Service Corporation (NHSC) Scholarship Program and should secure scholarship information and application forms from and submit their applications to the

National Health Service Corporation Scholarship Program, Center Building, Room 5-44, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland, 20857. Telephone: (301) 436-6450, Attention: Gary Wold.

Arrangements will be made for Indian Health professions students funded by NHSC scholarships to fulfill their service obligation in an IHS health facility.

Experience to date shows that many applications received are missing one or more required documents and thus cannot be considered. Applicants should begin now to collect these documents while waiting for their scholarship application kit. These documents are: official grade transcripts (most recent), evidence of acceptance in the educational program for which applicant wants scholarship support and documentation of Indian eligibility—where claimed.

Completed applications must be received in the Anchorage Area Office, Alaska Area Native Health Service, P.O. Box 7-741, Anchorage, AK 99510. Attention: Scholarship Coordinator, Area Personnel and Training Branch on or before close of business June 1, 1979. Applicants will be informed of actions taken in July, 1979.

Because of the strong interest of American Indian and Alaska Native people in health professions training and because of the priority being given to scholarship recipients with FY 1978 awards, there is great competition for Section 103 and Section 104 scholarships. Therefore, awards are made on the basis of those applicants best qualified according to the criteria listed in the final rules and regulations for Public Law 94-437.

Applicants with questions about these scholarship programs, or who want a scholarship-applicant kit, should contact Mary S. Lawson, Alaska Area Native Health Service, Area Personnel and Training Branch, P.O. Box 7-741, Anchorage, AK 99510. Telephone: (907) 279-6661, extension 328.