

Hospital Nurse's Loan Forgiveness Awards Frequently Asked Questions

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What was the selection process?

MDH received almost 1,800 applications from hospital nurses. 600 applications were randomly selected for review, and were reviewed by independent volunteer reviewers. The 400 top scoring applications were selected for awards.

What is the award amount and service commitment?

The award amount for selected applicants is up to \$6,000 per year for up to two years. The maximum award is \$12,000. If your debt is less than \$12,000, the award is reduced. You must continue to work in a qualified RN position at a nonprofit hospital or public hospital for the length of your agreement.

What can I do if I wasn't selected?

There will be an opportunity to reapply in late summer/early fall 2024. We will be sharing feedback on how a candidate could strengthen their application after the award decisions are made.

All decisions are final and there is no appeals process or exceptions.

Why is the award up to \$12,000 for a two-year commitment?

Originally MDH considered awarding up to \$24,000 for a four-year commitment. This was modeled after the awards structure used in other health care loan forgiveness programs. After discussing it further with MNA and with the bill authors, MDH decided to award a maximum of two years of loan forgiveness per award so that a greater number of applicants could receive awards.

Why wasn't my application reviewed?

After receiving an unprecedented number of applications, MDH made the decision to randomly select 600 applications to review because the loan forgiveness program depends on volunteer reviewers to review and score applications.

Is there an appeals process?

No. Award decisions are final. Please reapply later this year.

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Who can I contact if I have other questions?

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