The Kentucky State Loan Repayment Program (KSLRP) offers financial assistance to health care professionals providing outpatient, primary care services in rural and underserved communities throughout the Commonwealth. Program participants receive loan repayment awards — to help repay their student loans — in exchange for two years of service at an eligible site (public or nonprofit private health care facility) located in a health professional shortage area.

Applicants must be from one of the following disciplines:

- **Primary Care:** Physician • Physician Assistant • Nurse Practitioner • Certified Nurse-Midwife • Registered Nurse
- **Dental Care:** Dentist • Registered Dental Hygienist
- **Alcohol and Substance Use:** Alcohol and Substance Use Disorder Counselors
- **Behavioral and Mental Health:** Physician • Physician Assistant • Nurse Practitioner • Psychiatric Nurse Specialist • Licensed Clinical Social Worker • Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor • Health Service Psychologist • Marriage and Family Therapist
- **Pharmacy:** Pharmacist

KSLRP is administered by the Kentucky Office of Rural Health and is funded by the National Health Service Corps, a program of the federal Bureau of Health Workforce in the Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and individual participants’ sponsors (employers, private foundations, community organizations), who are required to match federal funding for participants on a 1:1 basis.

**ELIGIBILITY**
- U.S. citizen or U.S. national working in Kentucky
- Trained and licensed to provide direct patient care in an eligible discipline and specialty
- Currently employed (or will be employed by January) at an eligible site
- Work full time (40 or more hours a week, 45 weeks per year) providing primary care services
- Have no existing service obligations

**MAXIMUM LOAN REPAYMENT AMOUNTS**
Awards range from $20,000-$50,000 a year, depending on provider type, level of loan indebtedness and sponsor commitment level

**APPLICATION WINDOW**
Applications are accepted each year from August 1 to September 1