

**West Virginia Dental Scholarship Program
Certification of Educational Status**

Applicant:

Please complete the section below and give it to an official in your Dean's Office who must complete and directly return it to the Institute for Community and Rural Health, PO Box 9009, Morgantown WV 26506-9009 by the deadline (**December 14, 2017**).

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Evening/Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I, the undersigned, do hereby authorize documentation of my educational status to the WVU Institute for Community and Rural Health.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

School Official

Please provide the information requested and return this form directly to the Institute for Community and Rural Health Scholarship Committee by the deadline (**December 14, 2017**).

The above-named student is currently enrolled and is in good academic and professional standing at West Virginia University School of Medicine.

(Expected Graduation Date)

Comments:



Signed:

(Official or Program Director)

(Title)

**Eligible Sites for Dental Scholarship Program
Service Obligations
2017-2018**

- An eligible practice site is any federal, state, local, or private for-profit or nonprofit medical facility (including a solo, group, or incorporated private practice) that agrees to treat Medicaid and CHIP recipients.
- A site located within a geographically designated dental health professional shortage area is preferred.
- Any WV Community Health Center (501(c)3). A Complete listing of primary care clinics in the state can be found at <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/dpc/Pages/default.aspx>

Determination of Health Professional Shortage Areas:

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau for Public Health, Office of Community Health Systems and Health Promotion Division of Rural Health and Recruitment is responsible for designating medical shortage areas in West Virginia. In addition, other areas based on health status indicators may be identified as well.

Preferred geographic areas eligible for the service obligation are shown on the Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) (<http://hpsafind.hrsa.gov>).

In order to locate primary care HPSAs on the website, choose WV as the state, then choose the county in which you are interested. Under discipline, choose "dental" and click the button "show me the HPSAs". If you have any questions regarding the website or primary care HPSAs, please contact Norm Ferrari or the WVU Institute for Community and Rural Health.

Students are responsible for locating a practice site and must agree to provide medical services to West Virginia Medicaid and CHIP recipients in a needy area of the state. The penalty for not fulfilling the service obligation is repayment of the scholarship with interest.

Applicants are encouraged to select a potential practice site in a health professions shortage area for their community experience during the senior year.