Help underserved areas while paying off your loan.

PRIMARY CARE RESOURCE INITIATIVE FOR MISSOURI (PRIMO)

PRIMO provides financial assistance through undergraduate, graduate, and post graduate studies to Missouri students and medical residents pursuing careers as primary care physicians, dentists, dental hygienists, and primary care psychiatrists, in exchange for providing service in the state's underserved areas.

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MAXIMUM LOAN AMOUNTS:

- ✔ **Undergraduate students** may receive $5,000 annually with a maximum of 4 loans.
- ✔ **Medical & Dental students** may receive loans up to $20,000 annually with a maximum of 4 loans.
- ✔ **Medical students** in an eligible 6-year program may receive $10,000 per year for the first 2 years and $20,000 annually for the remaining 4 years.
- ✔ **Physicians in a primary care residency in Missouri** may receive $10,000 per year for a maximum of 3 years.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- ✔ **Missouri Resident** in a Missouri-based training program.
- ✔ **Full-Time Student** enrolled in applicable degree/program.
- ✔ **No conflicting service obligations.**
- ✔ **Upon licensure,** must engage in qualifying employment.

FORGIVENESS:

- ✔ **Earned by working as a primary care provider in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)** for 1-year service agreement, per award, up to 5 years.
- ✔ **Find a HPSA site at** data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area.

Applications accepted January 1 to March 1. (Must apply annually)

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION:

DHSS.LoanRepayment@health.mo.gov
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