

Tennessee State Loan Repayment Program (TSLRP)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: When can I apply for TSLRP?

A: The TSLRP cycle opens once during the fall of each calendar year. Typically, from November through January, it remains open for at least 60 days. The exact dates for the opening and closing of the application cycles are available closer to the timeframe for opening.

Q: For my employer, 36 hours is a full-time work schedule. Would I qualify as a **full-time** participant working 36 hours per week with TSLRP?

A: No. Under TSLRP, **full-time** work hours are **40 hours** per week. Anywhere from **20-39 hours** worked per week would qualify as a part-time participant.

***NOTE:** *If you are a **Full-time State of Tennessee Employee**, please contact TSLRP staff for more information.*

Q: Can a qualified practice site's administrative staff and/or management participate in TSLRP?

A: No. TSLRP awards are distributed to eligible licensed practitioners who provide direct patient care at a qualified practice site.

Q: Do student residents qualify for this program?

A: No. TSLRP is for full-time or part-time providers who have accepted employment at a qualified practice site with a start date of at least 60 days from the date of application.

Q: Can I make month-to-month payments to my lender with my award?

A: No. The full award amount payment must be made within 30 calendar days of receipt, and the award amounts will not exceed the outstanding educational loan amount.

Q: Is there an option for monthly award amounts?

A: No. The award is currently a **one-time, lump sum payment**.

Q: How much will I receive for full-time or part-time?

A: The current award amount is ***up to** \$40,000 for FT as a Mid-level discipline (APN, LPC, PMHNP, RN, LMFT) or ***up to** \$50,000 for FT Doctors (DO, MD, DMD, DSD, Pharm- D). The award amounts for full-time and part-time positions are half of that for full-time award recipients.

Q: Am I allowed to apply for more than one program at once i.e. NHSC and TSLRP?

A: Yes, however, you cannot accept two concurrent service obligations.

Q: Does the program approve private loans for repayment?

A: Yes. TSLRP approves federal and private educational loans, not personal loans.

Q: Do I have to pay taxes on the TSLRP funds?

A: No, all TSLRP grant awards are tax-exempt.

Q: Can I re-apply after I complete my initial two- year service obligation?

A: Providers are allowed to re-apply in 1-year increments if providers are in good standing with the facility and have student loans. Approval is contingent upon the availability of funds. Applicants are not guaranteed an award but can be eligible to receive up to \$20,000 for continuation.