
VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

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Department of Health

Item 289	First Year - FY2009	Second Year - FY2010
Higher Education Student Financial Assistance (10800)	\$2,008,196	\$2,008,196
Scholarships (10810)	\$2,008,196	\$2,008,196
Fund Sources:		
General	\$1,480,964	\$1,480,964
Dedicated Special Revenue	\$225,000	\$225,000
Federal Trust	\$302,232	\$302,232

Authority: §§ [23-35.9](#) through [23-35.13](#), [23-37.1](#) through [23-37.5](#), and [32.1-122.5:1](#) through [32.1-122.10](#), Code of Virginia.

A. Out of this appropriation, ~~\$830,964~~ \$50,000 for the first year and ~~\$830,964~~ for the second year from the general fund is provided for physician financial incentives, such as loan repayment, one-time salary bonuses and travel expenses to physicians, including psychiatrists who commit to practice in underserved areas of the state. Any unexpended financial incentives and repaid money due to default shall revert to the pool of funding for financial incentives to recruit physicians, including psychiatrists. All financial incentives shall be awarded in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board of Health. The department shall maintain an accounting of the numbers and amount of the awards made each year and the specialties of the physicians receiving the awards.

B. Out of this appropriation, \$25,000 for the first year and \$25,000 for the second year from the general fund is provided for five nurse practitioner scholarships pursuant to § [32.1-122.6:02](#), Code of Virginia.

C. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 for the first year and \$100,000 for the second year from the general fund is provided for nursing scholarships and loan repayments. All financial incentives shall be awarded in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board of Health. Any unexpended financial incentives and repaid money due to default shall revert to the pool of funding for nursing scholarships and loan repayments. The department shall maintain an accounting of the numbers and amount of the awards made each year.

D. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 for the first year and \$200,000 for the second year from the general fund is provided for scholarships and loan repayments for nursing students pursuing an advanced degree towards becoming nursing faculty at the college level. Priority shall be given to master's degree candidates who will teach in the community colleges.

E. Out of this appropriation, ~~\$325,000~~ for the first year and ~~\$325,000~~ for the second year from the general fund is provided for scholarships and loan repayments for dental students and loan repayments for dentists. The department is authorized to use these funds to award either a scholarship or a loan repayment, depending on the needs of the individual dental student or dentist being recruited to a dental underserved area of the Commonwealth. Any unexpended financial incentives and repaid money due to default shall revert to the pool of funding for financial incentives for dental scholarships or loan repayments. All scholarships or loan repayments

~~shall be awarded in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board of Health. The department shall maintain an accounting of the number and amount of the scholarship and loan repayment awards made each year.~~

F. The department may move appropriation between scholarship or loan repayment program as long as the scholarship or loan repayment is in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the Board of Health.

G. Pursuant to Section 4-1.05.a.4 of this act, \$91,874 of the June 30, 2008, balances required to be reappropriated have been transferred to the general fund.