

MASTERS NURSE SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP-LOAN PROGRAM

LOAN FORGIVENESS

Congratulations on your recent graduation from the Masters Nurse Scholars scholarship-loan program (MNSP). We wish you much success in your career endeavors and appreciate your commitment to repay your scholarship-loan by working as a nurse or nurse educator in North Carolina. Please read the information below and if you have any questions concerning the service repayment of your MNSP scholarship-loan, please contact Repayment Services at 549-8614, option # 2, or 1 (800) 700-1775, option # 2.

How to apply for loan forgiveness.

In order to qualify for loan forgiveness or service cancellation, you must first graduate from the program for which you were funded, obtain licensure from the North Carolina Board of Nursing, and secure employment in a qualified position. To apply for loan forgiveness or service cancellation you must follow the steps out-lined below. You are responsible for submitting the appropriate forms to the SEAA on time.

1. Submit verification of graduation to the SEAA.
2. Notify the SEAA of your intent to repay through loan forgiveness within 90 days of graduation.
3. Obtain licensure from the North Carolina Board of Nursing.
4. Secure a qualified position.
5. Complete an [Application for Service Cancellation](#) form and return it to the SEAA for approval.

What is a qualified position? Am I required to work in a designated shortage area in North Carolina?

Effective July 1, 2007, a borrower may qualify for loan forgiveness by working full-time or half-time as a nurse or nurse educator in North Carolina. If you opt to work at least half-time, you will earn one-half the service credit of a full-time service period. Borrowers who work half-time should plan to work some full-time periods in order to complete their service obligation within the seven year eligibility period. All work sites must be approved by the SEAA.

What forms do I submit to the SEAA?

Once you are licensed by the North Carolina Board of Nursing and secure employment in a qualifying position, you must submit an [Application for Service Cancellation](#) form to the SEAA for approval.

How long must I work to fulfill my scholarship-loan obligation?

You must complete your loan forgiveness obligation within seven years of graduation from the Masters Nurse Scholars Program, excluding periods of approved deferment.

Borrowers who received funding prior to and during the 2006/2007 funding year will earn \$417.00 for each month of qualified full-time employment. Borrowers who work at least half-time will earn \$208.50 for each month of qualified half-time service. Again, borrowers who work half-time must work some full-time periods in order to complete their service obligation within the seven year eligibility period.

Borrowers who received funding during 2007/2008 and afterwards will earn one year of loan forgiveness for each year of full-time employment. Borrowers who work at least half-time will earn one half the service credit of a full-time position and should plan to work some full-time periods in order to complete their service obligation within the seven year eligibility period.

What if I change my worksite?

If there is a worksite change before you complete your scholarship loan obligation, you must seek approval from the SEAA prior to the change to ensure that the new site qualifies for loan forgiveness. Should you have a break in employment prior to completing your scholarship-loan obligation, you should notify the SEAA immediately of the status change. All work sites must be approved by the SEAA.

What if I have a break in employment?

If you have a break in employment prior to the completion of your obligation to the State of North Carolina, you may be eligible to postpone or defer payments. To apply for deferment, you must submit a [Postponement Request Form](#) to the SEAA for approval. Eligible deferments include: personal illness, Family Medical Leave, full-time student enrollment, a member of the National Guard or other reserve unit called to active duty, and unemployment.

What happens if I cannot fulfill my loan forgiveness obligation?

You made a commitment to repay this scholarship-loan when you signed the promissory note accepting educational funding from the SEAA. If you cannot repay the scholarship-loan through loan forgiveness, then you must repay it in cash within ten (10) years of graduation or withdrawal from the NSP program. For additional instructions on cash repayment, click on the [Cash Repayment](#) link.

Whom should I contact if I have additional questions concerning my MNSP scholarship-loan?

Additional information is available in the [MNSP Rules and Regulations](#) or you may contact Repayment Services at the address and telephone numbers below between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

SEAA - Repayment Services
P.O. Box 14223
RTP, NC 27709-4223

(919) 549-8614, option # 2 (Local)

(800) 700-1775, option # 2 (Toll Free)

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