Recognizing the important contribution of locally trained physicians in providing high-quality health care services in the needs of Manitobans, the Manitoba government established the Medical Student/Resident Financial Assistance Program (MSRFAP) in 2001 for eligible medical students and residents. The MSRFAP provides financial assistance in the form of a conditional grant, to students/ residents studying medicine in Manitoba, or to physicians establishing a practice in Manitoba upon graduation.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

There are two components to the MSRFAP.
- The Educational Assistance Option (EAO) assists medical students and residents during their medical training.
- The Practice Assistance Option (PAO) assists physicians who have begun a new Family Medicine practice in rural/urban Manitoba after June 2015.

Applicants are eligible to participate in both options, providing they do not exceed the maximum grants.

NOTE: If participating in the Northern/Remote Family Medicine Residency Stream (NRFMRS), up to eight (8) grants may be allowed.

Upon completion of their training, physicians who have participated in the Educational Assistance Option are required to fulfill the Return of Service requirement to Manitoba as outlined in the Return of Service Agreement for each grant they receive. If wishing to participate in the Practice Assistance Option, physicians who have a grant under the EAO must fulfill that requirement prior to applying for the PAO grant. Physicians who do not fulfill their return of service commitments are required to repay the full amount of the financial assistance received in one lump sum, plus interest accrued from the date the financial assistance was first provided.

WHO MAY APPLY FOR THE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE OPTION (EAO)?

- medical students studying at the University of Manitoba College of Medicine
- Manitoba students attending medical schools in French at the University of Ottawa, McGill University, Université Laval, Université de Montréal, or the University of Toronto, and attending medical schools in French at the University of Ottawa; providing that they have been accepted in the Medicine Program at the University of Ottawa.

WHO MAY APPLY FOR THE PRACTICE ASSISTANCE OPTION (PAO)?

- Graduates of Canadian medical residency programs or Canadian medical graduates (MD) who have completed a Call for Practice Assistance Option (PAO) grant.

GRANTS PROVIDED

- Nursing students at the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba.
- Medical students at the University of Manitoba College of Medicine and Manitoba MD graduates from the University of Ottawa who are in approved postgraduate medical programs at other Canadian and American universities.

Educational Assistance Option (EAO)

A. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Financial assistance is available for medical students and residents in the following categories:

(a) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Year Medical Students

Medical students at the College of Medicine and Manitoba students attending medical schools offered in French at the University of Ottawa, may apply for up to $15,000 in financial assistance. Upon completion of a residency program, they are required to return six months of service in an urban community in Manitoba.

(b) 5th Year Medical Students

Up to 15 medical students entering fourth year at the College of Medicine and Manitoba students attending medical schools offered in French at the University of Ottawa, may apply for $20,000 in financial assistance. Upon completion of a residency program, they are required to return one full year of service in a rural or northern community in Manitoba as approved by the Review Committee.

(c) Family Medicine Residents – Northern/Remote Initiative

Residents are eligible for $50,000 financial assistance in the second year of the Family Medicine Northern/Remote Residency Stream. Upon completion of the NRMSF, they are required to return two full years of service in a northern remote community as approved by the Review Committee. Completion of the Return of Service will provide for automatic reimbursement of the full amount of the financial assistance provided.

(d) Family Medicine – Northern/Remote Family Medicine Residency Stream (NRFMRS)

Residents are eligible for $50,000 financial assistance in the second year of the Family Medicine Northern/Remote Residency Stream. Upon completion of the NRMSF, they are required to return two full years of service in a northern remote community as approved by the Review Committee.

(e) Specialist Residents – any year

Medical residents at the University of Manitoba or Manitoba graduates from the University of Manitoba College of Medicine who are completing a fellowship program in another Canadian or American university, in a specialty other than Family Medicine*, may apply for two grants:

- a grant of $20,000 in any year other than the year of postgraduate medical training, or
- a grant of $20,000 in the final year of postgraduate medical training.

*NOTE: Residents applying for a fellowship program in another Canadian or American university, in a specialty other than Family Medicine, may apply for two grants:

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Applications will be reviewed and considered based on projected workforce needs in the specialty for which the application is submitted.

Upon completion of the postgraduate training program, the recipients of the NRMRS must be eligible for registration in the medical workforce needs in the specialty for which the application is submitted.

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B. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
1st, 2nd, or 3rd Year Medical Students

Applicants must:
• sign a service agreement committing to practice medicine in Manitoba upon completion of a medical residency program.
• be eligible for registration in the medical undergraduate program at the University of Manitoba or in medical studies offered in French at the University of Ottawa for the upcoming academic year.

Family Medicine – Northern/Remote Family Medicine program.

Applicants must:
• sign a service agreement committing to practice medicine in Manitoba upon completion of a medical residency program.
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Family Medicine – Northern/Remote Family Medicine Residency Stream (NRMRS)

Applicants must:
• sign a service agreement committing to practice medicine in a northern remote community in Manitoba approved by the Review Committee upon completion of a medical residency program.
• be registered in an eligible year of NRMRS for the upcoming year.

C. RETURN OF SERVICE

Recipients of financial assistance under the NRMRS will make full-time work in rural Manitoba for the upcoming year (activities beginning in the commencement of their return of service commitment by providing a letter of acceptance in the specialty for which the application is submitted.

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Family Medicine physicians who have set up practice in Manitoba. Should there be more than five applicants for each rural and urban grant, the grant money is divided equally amongst eligible applicants, up to a maximum of

$15,000 for one year of full-time work in rural Manitoba (defined as Winnipeg) and $25,000 for one year of full-time work in rural Manitoba (everywhere else) to a maximum of one grant.

B. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must:
• be a graduate of a Canadian medical school.
• have begun/established a new Family Medicine practice in rural/urban Manitoba after June 2015.
• have fulfilled all return of service commitments for the EAO in the 2016 calendar year.
• confirm in writing by completing the application that they did not receive two or more grants for financial assistance under the Educational Assistance Option of the NRMRS.
• have maintained hospital privileges and participated in at least one hospital-based activity during the program year tax base.

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