

Technical Assistance—applying for SDS Grants

HRSA PDF with All the DETAILS

<https://bhw.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/bhw/loans-scholarships/bhw-hrsa-20-006.pdf>;

How to apply; links to apply; how to calculate financial need, details about project abstract and narrative requirements, developing a needs assessment, resources for supporting students to work in underserved areas, describing plans for recruitment and retention, and more!

FACT SHEET FROM SANDRA STEWART Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students

Background/History

- Administered by HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) and authorized under Title VII of the Public Health Service Act
- HRSA is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and is the primary federal agency for improving health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically vulnerable.
- HRSA programs help those in need of high-quality primary health care, people living with HIV/AIDS, pregnant women, and mothers. HRSA also supports the training of health professionals, the distribution of providers to areas where they are needed most and improvements in health care delivery.
- The *SDS program* was created to provide grants to schools who use the funding for scholarships to students from disadvantaged backgrounds, enrolled in health professions programs.
- In December 2019, Congress added midwives to the list of health professions eligible for the SDS program and appropriated \$2,500,000 to educate midwives.
- Midwifery students enrolled in accredited programs will be included in the categories of students eligible to receive SDS scholarships.
- The primary goal of this funding is to increase the number of midwifery graduates working in underserved communities and those from disadvantaged backgrounds, including students who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups.

Date(s) to Apply:

01/03/2020 to 03/03/2020

Estimated Award Date:

07/01/2020

Who is eligible?

- ACME and MEAC accredited midwifery education programs and institutions
- Institutions must be *public or non-profit (501c3) private schools*

Responsibilities of participating schools

- select scholarship recipients
- make reasonable determinations of need
- provide scholarships that do not exceed the allowable costs (i.e., tuition, reasonable educational and living expenses with a cap for the total scholarship award of \$40,000)

Apply

Download the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) here: <https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/find-funding/hrsa-20-006>

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Considerations

- March 3 deadline - capacity?
- School/program must be accredited and non-profit
- History of scholarships/financial support for disadvantaged students