NYS Regents Professional Opportunity Scholarships

Students pursuing a career in one of several professions may be eligible to apply for the New York State Regents Professional Opportunity Scholarships.

Eligible Programs of Study

**Associate Degree Programs (ASSOC)**
*available at 2-year community colleges and some 4-year colleges*

- Dental Hygiene
- Dietetics/Nutrition
- Massage Therapy
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Ophthalmic Dispensing
- Physical Therapy Assistant
- Registered Physician Assistant
- Veterinary Technician

**Baccalaureate Degree Programs (BA)**
*available at 4-year colleges only (no community colleges)*

- Architecture
- Athletic Trainer
- Certified Public Accountancy
- Dietetics/Nutrition
- Interior Design
- Landscape Architecture
- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Professional Engineering
- Registered Nurse
- Registered Physician Assistant
- Veterinary Technician

**Master's Degree Programs (MA)**
*graduate programs (beyond the 4-year baccalaureate degree)*

- Acupuncture
- Architecture
- Audiology
- Landscape Architecture
- Midwifery
- Nurse Practitioner
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Registered Physician Assistant
- Social Work
- Speech Language Pathology

**Doctoral Degree Programs (Dr./Ph.D./PharmD.)**
*graduate programs (beyond the master's degree level)*

- Chiropractic
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Podiatry
- Psychology
- Veterinary Medicine

**Doctor of Law (JD)**
*law degree program (after completion of a baccalaureate degree)*

- Law

**Amount**

Awards range from $1,000 to $5,000 per year for up to 4 years of study or up to 5 years in certain programs. Scholarships are awarded to undergraduate or graduate students, depending on the program.

**Eligibility**

Students must:

- Study full time and be matriculated in an approved program of study in New York State.
- Be New York State residents.
- Be U.S. citizens or qualifying non-citizens.

Selection is based on the following priorities:
- Those who are economically disadvantaged and who are members of a minority group that is historically underrepresented in the chosen profession.
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- Those enrolled in or graduated from the following opportunity programs: SEEK, College Discovery, EOP, or HEOP.

**Service Obligation**

Upon completion of study, the student must work as a licensed professional 1 year for each annual payment received. Employment must be in the studied profession and must be in New York State. If the student does not begin practice within 1 year of program completion, s/he will be required to repay twice the amount of all scholarship monies received plus interest.

**How to Apply**

Apply by requesting an application and further information from:

NYS Education Department
Bureau of HEOP/VATEA/Scholarships
Education Building Addition
Room 1071
Albany, NY 12234
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