

	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total hour burden
Liver Follow-up	125	192	0.3	7,200
Pancreas Registration	125	11	0.3	420
Pancreas Follow-up	125	56	0.2	1,400
Intestine Registration	33	3	0.2	20
Intestine Follow-up	33	6	0.2	40
Total	911	80,362

Send comments to: Susan Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-36, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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Jane Harrison,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

"Low Income Levels" for Health Professions and Nursing Programs

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is updating income levels used to identify a "low income family" for the purpose of providing training in the various health professions and nursing programs included in titles VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act (the Act).

The Department periodically publishes in the **Federal Register** low income levels used for grants and cooperative agreements to institutions providing training for (1) Disadvantaged individuals, (2) individuals from a disadvantaged background, or (3) low-income families.

The programs under the Act that may use "low income levels" as one of the factors in determining a disadvantaged or low-income status are the:

Advanced Education Nursing (section 811)
Allied Health Special Projects (section 755)
Basic Nurse Education and Practice (section 831)
Dental Public Health (section 768)
Faculty Loan Repayment and Fellowships Program (section 738)
Financial Assistance for Disadvantaged Health Professions Students (section 739 (a)(2)(F))
General or Pediatric Dentistry (section 747)

Health Administration Traineeships and Special Projects (section 769)

Health Careers Opportunity (section 739)

Loans to Disadvantaged Students (section 724)

Maternal and Child Health Research (section 701)

Physician Assistant Training (section 747)

Primary Care Residency Training (section 747)

Public Health Traineeships (section 767)

Quentin N. Burdick Rural Health (section 754)

Residency Training in Preventive Medicine (section 768)

Scholarships for Health Professions Students From Disadvantaged Backgrounds (section 737)

Public Health Training Centers (section 766)

Workforce Diversity (section 821)

These programs generally award grants to accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, public health, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, allied health, podiatric medicine, nursing, chiropractic, public or nonprofit private schools which offer graduate programs in clinical psychology, and other public or private nonprofit health or educational entities to assist the disadvantaged to enter and graduate from health professions schools. Some programs provide for the repayment of health professions education loans for disadvantaged students.

The following income figures were taken from low income levels published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, using an index adopted by a Federal Interagency Committee for use in a variety of Federal programs. That index includes multiplication by a factor of 1.3 for adaptation to health professions and nursing programs which support training for disadvantaged individuals or those from disadvantaged backgrounds. The income figures have been updated to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index through December 31, 1998.

Size of parents' family ¹	Income level ²
1	\$10,900
2	14,100
3	16,800
4	21,500
5	25,400
6 or more	28,500

¹ Includes only dependents listed on Federal income tax forms.

² Rounded to the nearest \$100. Adjusted gross income for calendar year 1998.

Definition

(a) *Income.* The Bureau of the Census and the Department of Health and Human Services define "income" to include total annual cash receipts before taxes from all sources with the following exceptions: Capital gains; any assets drawn down as withdrawals from a bank, the sale of property, a house, or a car; or tax refunds, gifts, loans, lump-sum inheritances, one-time insurance payments, or compensation for injury. A more detailed definition of "income" is available from the Bureau of Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Extramural Support Program for Projects To Increase Organ and Tissue Donation

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Announcement for submitting applications for funding.

On April 5, 1999, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) published in the **Federal Register** a notice announcing a proposed competitive extramural support program for fiscal year 1999 to fund projects to increase organ and tissue donation (64 FR 16473).

Comments were solicited on the parameters of the program, including performance measures, funding priorities, and review criteria. The comment period closed on May 5, 1999, and we have considered the comments that were submitted as we developed the final guidance.

Guidance for submitting applications for funding under the "Extramural Support Program: Model Interventions to Increase Organ and Tissue Donation," sponsored by HRSA, can be obtained by calling the HRSA Grants Application Center, at 1-888-333-4772, or by assessing the following three web sites: www.hrsa.gov, www.organdonor.gov, and www.hrsa.gov/osp/dot. Submission of the applications should be in accordance with the provisions of the Guidance.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Request for Comments for Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces that applications for fiscal year (FY) 1999 for the Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS) program are being accepted under the authority of section 737 of the Public Health Service Act (the Act), Title VII, Part B, as amended by the Health Professions Education Partnerships Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-392, dated November 13, 1998. This notice requesting comments on proposed eligibility criteria, preferences and priorities includes updates to information provided in the January 6, 1999 program announcement.

Purpose

The SDS program provides funds to health professions and nursing schools for the purpose of assisting such schools in providing scholarships to individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who are enrolled (or accepted for enrollment) as full-time students in the schools.

For purposes of the SDS program in FY 1999, an "individual from a disadvantaged background" is defined in 42 CFR 57.1804, subpart S, as one who:

(1) Comes from an environment that has inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skill, and abilities required to enroll in and graduate from a health professions or nursing school, or from a program providing education or training in allied health professions; or

(2) Comes from a family with an annual income below a level based on low-income thresholds according to family size published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index, and adjusted by the Secretary for use in all health professions and nursing programs. The Secretary will periodically publish these low income levels in the **Federal Register**.

The following income figures determine what constitutes a low-income family for purposes of the SDS program for FY 1999.

Size of parents' family ¹	Income level ²
1	\$10,900
2	14,100
3	16,800
4	21,500
5	25,400
6 or more	28,500

¹ Includes only dependents listed on Federal income tax forms.

² Adjusted gross income for calendar year 1998, rounded to nearest \$100.

Under the FY 1999 appropriations bill, \$38.1 million has been appropriated for this program. Of the funds available for FY 1999, 16 percent shall be made available to schools agreeing to expend the funds only for nursing scholarships. The balance will support scholarships for eligible health professions students. An estimated 490 awards will be made to institutions participating in this program. The period of fund availability will be for one academic year.

Use of Funds

Funds awarded to a school under this program may be used as follows:

(1) To award scholarships to former recipients of scholarships under the Exceptional Financial Need (EFN) Scholarship program and the Financial Assistance for Disadvantaged Health Professions Students (FADHPS) program (sections 736 and 740(d)(2)(B) of the Public Health Service Act, as such sections existed prior to the enactment of Pub. L. 105-392), at levels comparable to what these students would have received prior to phase out of the EFN and FADHPS programs, and with service agreements that are consistent with those the students entered into to receive EFN and

FADHPS funds in FY 1998. The Secretary has notified those schools with former EFN and FADHPS recipients (who are enrolled in allopathic medical, osteopathic medical, or dental schools only) regarding the procedures for receiving funding for these students.

(2) To award scholarships to eligible students enrolled in the school, to be expended only for tuition expenses, other reasonable educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses (as defined by the school for all students attending the school) incurred while enrolled in a school as a full-time student. The amount of the scholarship may not, for any year of attendance, exceed the total amount required for the year for the expenses specified above, and may not exceed the student's financial need, as determined in accordance with a need analysis procedure approved by the Department of Education.

Any school receiving SDS funds must maintain separate accountability for these funds.

School Eligibility

An entity that is eligible to receive funds under this program is:

(1) As defined in section 799B of the Act, a school of medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, optometry, veterinary medicine, public health, chiropractic, or allied health, a school offering a graduate program in behavioral and mental health practice, or an entity providing programs for the training of physician assistants; or, as defined in section 801 of the Act, is a school of nursing. Each school or program must be accredited by a recognized body or bodies approved for such purpose by the Secretary of Education, and by a specialized accrediting body approved for the health discipline applying for program participation; and

(2) Carrying out a program for recruiting and retaining students from disadvantaged backgrounds, including students who are members of racial and ethnic minorities.

Proposed School or Program Eligibility Criteria

The Senate Report accompanying Pub. L. 105-392 states that the committee expects the Secretary to apply appropriate standards in determining which schools or programs from all eligible disciplines have complied with the requirement to be carrying out a program for recruiting and retaining students from disadvantaged backgrounds, using