

2023-2024 Health and Human Services Programs Application

Dental Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy

Several Excellent sources of funding are available to students in the above colleges from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. These funding sources include the Health Professions Loan (HPL) Program, the Nursing Student Loan (NSL) Program, and Loans for the Disadvantaged Students.

- **The Health Professions Loan (HPL) Program** offers loans to Dental Medicine and Pharmacy students needing financial assistance. The interest rate is 5%. Repayment may be deferred during periods of residency.
- **The Nursing Student Loan (NSL) Program** provides long-term, low-interest rate loans to full-time and half-time financially needy students pursuing a course of study leading to a baccalaureate or graduate degree in nursing.
- **Loans for Disadvantage Students** are federal loans at 5% interest made for students enrolled in Dental Medicine who meet the Health and Human Services (HHS) guidelines for being from a disadvantage background.

*Important Note: With the exception of students in the College of Nursing, sources of funding from the federal Health and Human Services programs require that the "Parental Data" sections of the 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Renewal FAFSA must be completed regardless of whether you are classified as a **DEPENDENT** student or an **INDEPENDENT** student for other types of federal financial aid.*

If you intend to apply for an HHS loan, you will need to provide your parents' information using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT). Your parents will need their own FSA ID to access the IRS website. If your parent(s) do not have a FSA ID or need to request a duplicate FSA ID, they can apply for one by going to: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing>.

If you are unable to use the IRS DRT, please request a 2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript at: <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>.

To indicate your interest in applying for one or more of these programs, please complete the information below and return it to MUSC Office of Student Financial Aid as soon as possible (funding is limited).

Print your first and last name on the line above

PVID or Last 4 of SSN

College (please check one):

☐ Dental Medicine

☐ Nursing

☐ Pharmacy

Please check the appropriate blank(s) below if you are interested in being considered for one or more of the HHS programs:

☐ Health Professions Loan

☐ Nursing Student Loans

☐ Loans for Disadvantaged

(Dental Medicine and Pharmacy)

(Nursing)

Students (Dental Medicine)

Signature

Date