

CHAPTER 33-03-33
LONG-TERM CARE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP AND
LOAN REPAYMENT GRANT PROGRAM

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33-03-33-01. Definitions.

1. "Acceptable loan" means an educational loan to a nurse or an individual training to become a nurse under the long-term care nursing scholarship and loan repayment grant program which is made by a bank, credit union, savings and loan association, insurance company, accredited school, government, or other fiscal or credit institution in its capacity as lender and in which the lender is subject to examination and supervision by an agency of the United States or the state in which the lender has its principal place of business.
2. "Applicant" means a licensed nursing facility seeking a grant for nursing education scholarships or loan repayments to nurses and other nursing facility staff employed or recruited by and employed or under contract with the applicant.
3. "Council" means the state health council.
4. "Department" means the state department of health.
5. "Eligible nurse loan repayment applicant" means a nurse who is licensed or registered to practice by the North Dakota board of nursing and is employed or recruited by and under contract with a nursing facility.
6. "Eligible scholarship applicant" means an individual enrolled in an accredited school of nursing approved by the North Dakota board of nursing, pursuing a nursing degree, and who is employed or recruited by and under contract with a nursing facility.
7. "Nurse" has the meaning set forth in North Dakota Century Code section 43-12.1-02.
8. "Nursing facility" has the meaning set forth in North Dakota Century Code section 50-30-01.

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33-03-33-02. Responsibilities and process.

1. A nursing facility wishing to be designated as eligible for participation in the program shall complete an application form developed by the department. This application form will be available upon request from the department. Completed forms must be submitted to the department. In addition to the criteria stated in North Dakota Century Code section 23-01-03.3, the application must include assurances the nursing facility:
 - a. Is licensed by the department;
 - b. Has matching funds equal to the amount of the grant request;
 - c. Will use grant and matching dollars under this program for loan repayment or scholarship purposes; and

- d. Will not use any money received under section 24 of chapter 431 of the 2001 Session Laws for the purpose of providing the facility's matching share of a long-term care nursing scholarship and loan repayment grant.
2. If a nursing facility files an application for a grant after June 30, 2002, the application must include a statement of nursing personnel needs and a plan to retain nurses that is acceptable to the council.
3. A nurse may apply to a nursing facility for a grant to repay an acceptable loan and an individual may apply to the nursing facility for a nursing education scholarship on an application form provided by the nursing facility.
4. Prior to July first each year, each nursing facility that receives a long-term care nursing scholarship and loan repayment grant shall submit an annual report to the department on a form supplied by the department.
5. The department will review each application for compliance with the law and rule. The council, at its next regularly scheduled meeting, will consider the applications recommended by the department and will approve or deny the applications.

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33-03-33-03. Eligibility and priority.

If the council determines, with respect to grants awarded after June 30, 2002, that there are insufficient funds to give awards in the amount requested to all qualified nursing facilities, then the council in awarding grants may consider any factors that the council considers important to retain current nursing staff or recruit additional nurses at nursing facilities in this state.

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