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The Bulletin describes the terms and conditions for pursuing approved postgraduate training. In the event that any of this information changes, participants will be notified.

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Purposes and Uses

The purpose of the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program (SP) is to provide scholarships to students pursuing primary care health professions training in return for a commitment to provide primary health services in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) within the United States. The information supplied by participants will be used to approve or disapprove requests for deferments of their NHSC SP service obligation.

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I. POSTGRADUATE TRAINING VERIFICATION & REQUEST PROCESS

This Bulletin describes the types of NHSC-approved postgraduate training programs (including residency, chief residency, or fellowship) scholars may participate in.

Physicians are expected to complete their residency in an accredited primary care training program in an NHSC-approved specialty and will begin their NHSC service commitment upon completion of the residency.

Dentists, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants may request to defer (i.e., postpone) their NHSC service commitment to complete NHSC-approved postgraduate training *if the NHSC SP determines that the training is consistent with the needs of the NHSC to deliver primary health care services in a health professional shortage area (HPSA)*. Scholars in these disciplines who choose not to complete postgraduate training will immediately begin their NHSC service upon graduation from the health professions program.

Certified nurse midwives will immediately begin their NHSC service upon graduation from the health professions and are not eligible to request a deferment for postgraduate training.

How do I obtain approval for postgraduate training?

To pursue approved postgraduate training, a scholar must annually submit a postgraduate training request to the NHSC SP.

A postgraduate training request includes:

- (1) A Postgraduate Training Verification Form (PGTVF) completed on the BCRS Customer Service Portal
- (2) A Letter from the Program Director (uploaded through the BCRS Customer Service Portal) that:
 - a. For scholars entering postgraduate training programs, confirms acceptance into the residency program (i.e., Match Intent Letter) and states the start and end dates of the program; or
 - b. For scholars continuing in approved postgraduate training, confirms the scholar's status in the postgraduate training program.

The PGTVF and letter from the program director must be submitted to the NHSC SP by **April 15, 2013**. Failure to submit a timely and complete PGTVF will cause a delay in processing your request and may result in noncompliance with your NHSC scholarship contract.

What are the requirements for NHSC SP scholars while in postgraduate training?

The NHSC SP expects scholars to start their postgraduate training after graduation on or around July 1. Scholars may pursue only the postgraduate training that the NHSC SP has officially approved and may not make any changes to the type of postgraduate training without prior approval from the NHSC SP. During the period of postgraduate training, participants will be asked to annually submit a PGTVF and a letter from the program director to the NHSC SP.

Scholars completing postgraduate training are subject to the following requirements:

1. Pursue postgraduate training that is approved under the NHSC SP;
2. Not incur a conflicting service commitment;
3. Continue to complete and return annually the PGTVF and Letter from the Program Director prior to each training year;
4. Make no change to the type or period of training without prior written approval from the NHSC SP;
5. Update any personal information on the Customer Service Portal; and
6. Notify the NHSC SP immediately of any changes that affect training status.

Can I switch residency programs or pursue additional postgraduate training?

If requesting to switch residency programs the NHSC SP requires advanced written notice of the requested change and/or additional information to make a timely decision concerning approval or disapproval of the postgraduate training request. Please consult Sections II, III and IV of this Bulletin for a description of the documentation needed.

If requesting to defer your NHSC service commitment to pursue additional postgraduate training, such as a chief residency position or fellowship, the NHSC SP requires advanced written notice of the requested change and/or additional information to make a timely decision concerning approval or disapproval of the deferment and additional training. *The NHSC's goal is to place well trained providers in underserved communities as soon as possible. Additional postgraduate training must be consistent with the needs of the NHSC as determined by the NHSC SP to deliver primary health care services in a HPSA.*

Do I receive financial support from the NHSC SP or service credit during my postgraduate training?

Scholars **do not** receive NHSC SP financial support (e.g., stipend, payment for training expenses or certifying exams) nor do they incur additional NHSC SP service obligations during any type of postgraduate training. Moreover, periods of postgraduate training **are not** credited toward satisfying the scholarship service obligation, even if the training occurs in a facility located in a HPSA.

What postgraduate training programs are not eligible?

Participants who, at any time, pursue training that is not approved under the NHSC SP may be placed in default. Postgraduate training programs that are **not approved** include the following:

- (1) Non-primary health care programs (e.g., emergency medicine, surgery, radiology, neurology, anesthesiology, ophthalmology, pathology, oral surgery, endodontics, etc.) or other programs that the NHSC SP determines are not consistent with the needs of the NHSC to provide primary health services in HPSAs;
- (2) Postgraduate training conducted by any entity that imposes a service obligation, such as a branch of the United States Armed Forces, that conflict with the service obligation required under the NHSC SP; and
- (3) Transitional residency training.

Failure to Meet the Requirements While Pursuing Postgraduate Training

Physicians who fail to comply with the requirements as listed in this Bulletin may be placed in default and be liable for liquidated damages equal to three times the amount of the scholarship award plus interest.

Dentists, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants who fail to comply with the terms and conditions of their deferment must immediately commence their NHSC service commitment. Scholars who fail to accept their assignment will be placed in default and will be liable for liquidated damages equal to three times the amount of the scholarship award plus interest.

For additional information, the NHSC SP can be reached at 1-800-221-9393. Prior to completing the PGTVF, you can also e-mail your respective color service team based on the state in which your school (for 2013 graduating students) or residency program (for those continuing postgraduate training) is located. Please see the color service team email information provided below.

Service Team	Email	States
Blue Team	NHSC-Blue@hrsa.gov	AK, AL, AZ, AR, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, ID, MD, MT, ND, NE, NJ, NM, OK, OR, SC, UT, VT, VA, WV
Gold Team	NHSC-Gold@hrsa.gov	CA, DE, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MS, NH, OH, RI, SD, TN, WA
Orange Team	NHSC-Orange@hrsa.gov	MA, ME, MI, MN, MO, NC, NV, NY, PA, PR, TX, WI, WY

II. POSTGRADUATE TRAINING FOR PHYSICIANS

Physician scholars must complete an accredited primary care residency training program listed below. Should a physician fail to match to a postgraduate training program, the physician **must** notify the NHSC SP at once in writing.

If a physician scholar fails to enter approved postgraduate training, decides to enter unapproved postgraduate training, or fails to complete approved postgraduate training, the scholar will be placed in default and will be liable to pay liquidated damages equal to three times the amount of the scholarship awarded plus interest.

Scholars must annually submit a PGTVF and Letter from the Program Director prior to each year of training. The postgraduate training programs approved by the NHSC SP are the following:

Family Practice	3 years
General Internal Medicine	3 years
General Pediatrics	3 years
Obstetrics-Gynecology	4 years
General Psychiatry	4 years
Internal Medicine/Family Practice	4 years
Internal Medicine/Pediatrics	4 years
Family Practice/Psychiatry	5 years
Internal Medicine/Psychiatry	5 years
Rotating internship with a request to complete a residency in one of the above specialties (DOs only, see below for more details)	1 year

a. One Year Osteopathic Internship Deferrals

DOs only: One year osteopathic internships are approvable for postgraduate training as some state Osteopathic Boards require a traditional rotating internship prior to entering a standard residency program. If you plan to pursue this one year internship, please provide a letter from your program director stating that the internship is for one year and is a prerequisite to entering residency training. Upon completion of the one year internship, osteopathic physicians are required to enter and complete a residency program in one of the approvable specialties listed above.

b. Multiple Postgraduate Training Programs

The NHSC's goal is to place well trained providers into underserved communities as soon as possible. Scholars may complete any combination of NHSC-approved postgraduate training as long as the total training years do not exceed 5 years, with the exception of a 4-year general psychiatry residency combined with a 2-year child psychiatry fellowship (for a maximum of 6 training years). See parts d and f for more information on chief residencies and fellowships.

c. **Switching Residency Programs**

If you want to switch to another postgraduate training program in the same or different approvable specialty (as listed above) for the 2013-14 training year, you must submit:

- A new PGTVF;
- A letter from the new program director indicating your anticipated beginning and completion dates in the new residency program, as well as how much credit, if any, will be given for the prior residency training; and
- A Letter of Intent briefly describing why you have chosen the new program and how will it benefit your NHSC career.

The NHSC SP will grant up to five (5) years from the start of the original program to complete residency training in a different program or specialty. The PGTVF, letter from the program director, and Letter of Intent should be submitted at least 30 days before the anticipated start date. Do not sign a contract with the new training program before the NHSC SP approves the switch.

d. **Deferment for Chief Residency Positions (2013-14 Training Year)**

Should you be offered a one-year Chief Residency position by your postgraduate training program, you must request to defer a year of NHSC service. The NHSC SP **may** grant the additional deferment year. To request a deferment for a Chief Residency position, the NHSC SP must receive the following three items on or before February 1, 2013:

- A PGTVF;
- A letter from the program director stating your anticipated start and completion dates and including a description of the chief residency position and your responsibilities; and
- A Letter of Intent briefly describing how you plan to use the additional clinical training in your NHSC career.

The NHSC SP's decision to postpone your NHSC placement process for an additional year will be based largely on the demand for your specialty that year. Do not sign your Chief Residency contract before you have requested and received approval from the NHSC SP of your additional year's deferment.

e. **Deferment for Fellowship**

The NHSC SP may approve, on a case-by-case basis, consistent with the needs of the NHSC, requests submitted by physicians in their last year of approved postgraduate training to complete one of the following fellowships:

- (1) A two-year Child Psychiatry fellowship following the completion of residency training in General Psychiatry;
- (2) A one-year Obstetrics/Gynecology fellowship following the completion of residency training in Family Practice; and
- (3) A one-year Geriatrics fellowship following the completion of residency training in Family Practice or General Internal Medicine or dual residency in IM/FP.

To request a deferment for a fellowship, the NHSC SP must receive the following three items on or before February 1, 2013:

- A PGTVF for the year of deferment;
- A letter from the program director stating your anticipated start and completion dates and including a description of the fellowship and your responsibilities; and
- A Letter of Intent briefly describing how you plan to use the additional clinical training in your NHSC career.

The NHSC SP's decision to postpone your NHSC placement process for an additional year will be based largely on the demand for your specialty that year. Do not sign your fellowship contract before you have requested and received from the NHSC SP written approval of your additional year's deferment.

f. **Deadlines:**

For physicians graduating from medical school in 2013:

Deadline	Documentation
April 15, 2013	Postgraduate Training Verification Form, Letter from the Program Director (Match Intent Letter) <i>Completed and uploaded on the Customer Service Portal</i>

For physicians continuing postgraduate training in 2013-14:

Deadline	Documentation
February 1, 2013	Fellowship: Postgraduate Training Verification Form, Letter from the Program Director, AND Letter of Intent
February 1, 2013	Chief Residency: Postgraduate Training Verification Form, Letter from the Program Director, AND Letter of Intent
April 15, 2013	Continuing Postgraduate Training: Postgraduate Training Verification Form AND Letter from the Program Director
At least 30 days prior to anticipated start date	Switching Residency Programs: Postgraduate Training Verification Form, Letter from the Program Director, AND a Letter of Intent.

g. **Licensure Examination**

The NHSC requires physicians to pass **all** three parts of the medical licensing examination (USMLE or COMLEX) prior to completing their last year of postgraduate training to ensure that their NHSC service obligation can commence immediately upon completion of approved postgraduate training.

It is your responsibility to select a residency program that will adequately prepare you to sit for the USMLE or COMLEX and obtain the appropriate license to practice in the United States. **You must notify the NHSC SP when you have successfully completed all three parts of the medical licensing examinations by uploading the certificates through the Customer Service Portal.**

III. POSTGRADUATE TRAINING FOR DENTISTS

Dentists graduating in 2013 have the option to request a deferment to complete postgraduate training in one of the primary care dental specialties listed below. Dentist scholars who intend to complete postgraduate training must complete and upload the Notice of Intent Form (See page 19) to the BCRS Customer Service Portal. Dentist scholars who decide not to proceed with postgraduate training will begin their NHSC service obligation as a general dentist upon graduation from dental school.

The NHSC SP will grant deferments in 1-year increments for dentists upon written request for accredited postgraduate training in the following specialty programs:

General Practice Dentistry	1 Year
Advanced Education in General Dentistry	1 year
Pediatric Dentistry	2 Years
Public Health Dentistry	2 Years

a. **Switching Residency Programs**

If you want to switch to another postgraduate training program in the same or different approvable specialty (as listed above) for the 2013-14 training year, you must submit:

- A new PGTVF;
- A letter from the new program director indicating your anticipated beginning and completion dates in the new residency program, as well as how much credit, if any, will be given for the prior residency training; and
- A Letter of Intent briefly describing why you have chosen the new program and how will it benefit your NHSC career.

b. **Deferment for Fellowship in Geriatric Dentistry**

The NHSC SP **may** approve, on a case-by-case basis, consistent with the needs of the NHSC, requests submitted by dentists in their last year of approved postgraduate training to defer their NHSC service for an additional year to complete a **one-year Geriatric Dentistry fellowship** following the completion of postgraduate training.

To request a deferment for a fellowship, the NHSC SP must receive the following three items on or before February 1, 2013:

- A PGTVF for the additional year of deferment;
- A letter from the program director stating your anticipated start and completion dates and including a description of the fellowship and your responsibilities; and
- A Letter of Intent briefly describing how you plan to use the additional clinical training in your NHSC career.

The NHSC SP's decision to postpone your NHSC placement process for an additional year will be based largely on the demand for your specialty that year. Do not sign your fellowship contract before you have requested and received written approval from the NHSC SP of your additional year's deferment.

c. **Deadlines:**

For dentists graduating dental school in 2013:

Deadline	Documentation
February 1, 2013	Notice of Intent <i>Upload the completed Notice of Intent Form to the Customer Service Portal using the 'Ask a Question' feature. See Form on Page 19 of the Bulletin</i>
April 15, 2013	Postgraduate Training Verification Form, Letter from the Program Director (Match Intent Letter) <i>Completed and Uploaded on the Customer Service Portal</i>

For dentists continuing postgraduate training in 2013-14:

Deadline	Documentation
February 1, 2013	Fellowship: Postgraduate Training Verification Form, Letter from the Program Director, AND Letter of Intent
April 15, 2013	Continuing Postgraduate Training: Postgraduate Training Verification Form AND Letter from the Program Director
At least 30 days prior to anticipated start date	Switching Residency Programs: Postgraduate Training Verification Form, Letter from the Program Director, AND a Letter of Intent

d. **Licensure Examination**

Dental scholars are expected to take the appropriate licensure exams at the earliest possible date. The NHSC requires dentists to pass **both** parts of the National Board Dental Examination (NBDE Parts 1 and 2) prior to completing their last year of dental school or approved postgraduate training to ensure that the NHSC service obligation can commence immediately upon completion of education or approved postgraduate training.

IV. POSTGRADUATE TRAINING FOR NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Nurse practitioners and physician assistants graduating in 2013 have the option to request a deferment to complete postgraduate training in one of the primary care specialties listed below. Scholars who intend to complete postgraduate training must complete and upload the Notice of Intent Form (See page 19) to the Customer Service Portal. NP and PA scholars who decide not to proceed with postgraduate training will begin their NHSC service obligation immediately upon graduation from school.

For Nurse Practitioners: The NHSC SP will grant deferments for one year upon request for postgraduate training in the following specialty programs.

Family Practice	1 Year
Community Health	1 year
Psychiatry	1 Year

For Physician Assistants: The NHSC SP will grant deferments for one year upon request for postgraduate training in the following specialty program.

Internal Medicine – focusing on non-specialty care	1 Year
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a. Switching Residency Programs

If you want to switch to another postgraduate training program in the same or different approvable specialty (as listed above) for the 2013-14 training year, you must submit:

- A new PGTVF;
- A letter from the new program director indicating your anticipated beginning and completion dates in the new residency program, as well as how much credit, if any, will be given for the prior residency training; and
- A Letter of Intent briefly describing why you have chosen the new program and how will it benefit your NHSC career.

b. Deadlines:

For NPs and PAs graduating from their health professions programs in 2013:

Deadline	Documentation
February 1, 2013	Notice of Intent <i>Upload the completed Notice of Intent Form to the Customer Service Portal using the 'Ask a Question' feature. See Form on Page 19 of the Bulletin</i>
April 15, 2013	Postgraduate Training Verification Form, and Letter from the Program Director (Match Intent Letter) <i>Completed and Uploaded on the Customer Service Portal</i>

V. SUSPENSIONS OF THE SERVICE OBLIGATION

Suspensions of the service obligation, during postgraduate training, may be granted only for the reasons listed below. Requests for suspension and any required supporting documentation must be submitted via the Customer Service Portal. For further information, the NHSC SP can be reached at 1-800-221-9393.

a. **Medical and Personal Reasons**

A suspension may be granted for up to 1 year if the scholar provides independent medical documentation of a physical or mental health disability or a terminal illness of an immediate family member resulting in the participant's temporary inability to participate in postgraduate training. Upon receipt of a suspension request, further instructions will be provided that describe the documentation required to fully evaluate the suspension request.

b. **Failure to Pass Licensure Examination**

A scholar who fails to pass the licensure examination **may** be granted a suspension for up to 1 year to retake the USMLE, COMLEX, or a National Board of Dental Examination and obtain results only if failure to pass the exams prevents the scholar from continuing in the postgraduate training program. In addition to a written request for a suspension, the scholar must submit to the NHSC SP: (1) a copy of his/her examination results within 15 days of receipt and (2) a letter from the residency program director verifying the scholar's inability to progress further in the training program. The scholar is required to apply for and retake the examination at least twice (or until the scholar passes) during the suspension year. Further, the scholar should take the necessary steps to maintain his/her knowledge and skills while waiting to pass the licensure examination.

c. **Call to Active Duty in the Armed Forces**

Scholar reservists who are called to active duty will be granted a suspension for up to 1 year beginning on the activation date described in the order. In addition to the written request for a suspension, the scholar must submit to the NHSC SP a copy of the order to active duty. The suspension will be extended if the applicable Armed Forces entity continues the period of active duty. A suspension request and a copy of the extension orders must be submitted to the NHSC SP. The period of active duty will not be credited toward the NHSC service obligation.

d. **Parental (Maternity, Paternity or Adoption) Leave**

If the scholar's parental leave from the residency training program causes a change in the residency graduation date, the scholar must request a suspension. Scholars are allowed up to 12 weeks of leave, unless the state permits additional time. In addition to the written request for a suspension, the scholar must submit to the NHSC SP appropriate documentation confirming the need for parental leave. If the scholar's parental leave will exceed 12 weeks due to a documented medical reason, a longer suspension of up to 1 year may be granted.

VI. SUMMARY OF POSTGRADUATE TRAINING DEADLINES

Applicable to scholars graduating in 2013 from their health professions program:

Deadline	Documentation	Dentists	Physicians	NPs, PAs
February 1, 2013	Notice of Intent Form	✓		✓
April 15, 2013	PGTVF and Program Director Letter (Match Intent Letter)	✓	✓	✓

Applicable to physicians and dentists continuing postgraduate training in 2013-14:

Deadline	Documentation	Dentists	Physicians	NPs, PAs
February 1, 2013	Fellowship: Postgraduate Training Verification Form, Letter from the Program Director, AND Letter of Intent	✓	✓	
February 1, 2013	Chief Residency: Postgraduate Training Verification Form, Letter from the Program Director, AND Letter of Intent		✓	
April 15, 2013	Continuing Postgraduate Training: Postgraduate Training Verification Form AND Letter from the Program Director	✓	✓	
At least 30 days prior to anticipated start date	Switching Residency Programs: Postgraduate Training Verification Form, Letter from the Program Director, AND a Letter of Intent	✓	✓	✓

VII. DEFINITIONS

Approved Postgraduate Training: postgraduate training in a primary care program that is approved by the NHSC and is consistent with the needs of the NHSC. See Sections III and IV.

Deferment: a delay in an NHSC scholar's service obligation granted upon a scholar's request by the Director of NHSC for a specified period of time to enter and complete approved postgraduate training, in accordance with the NHSC's Federal statute and regulations and the administrative guidelines set forth in this Bulletin. Requests for deferment are reviewed annually and are granted in 1-year increments.

Postgraduate Training: the postgraduate clinical training accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (MD programs), approved by the Board of Trustees of the American Osteopathic Association (DO programs), or approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (DDS and DMD programs), or as approved by the NHSC.

Suspension: a delay in an NHSC scholar's service obligation, in intervals of up to 1 year, which may be granted for reasons other than approved postgraduate training (e.g., illness, maternity, etc.). Requests for suspensions must be submitted in writing to the NHSC SP as set forth in Section V of this Bulletin.



Instructions for Completing the Deferment Request Form (to be completed through the BCRS Customer Service Portal at <https://programportal.hrsa.gov>)

A. General Information:

- 1) Review the Deferment Information Bulletin for the 2013-14 Training Year for guidance on requesting a deferment.
- 2) Complete the online Deferment Request Form and upload all supporting documentations (e.g., Letter from the Program Director, Brief Description – Impact on NHSC career (Letter of Intent)) through the BCRS Customer Service Portal at <https://programportal.hrsa.gov>.

B. Name, Home Address, Home/Cell Phone Number, and E-mail Address: Complete the required fields to reflect your current information. If your name has changed, fax or upload a copy of the legal documentation certifying your name change to the NHSC SP with your Deferment Request Form. The home address should be the address where you receive your mail. We will use this address to contact you. Enter your home phone number and e-mail address where you can be reached if there are any questions. If you have a cell phone that is the optimum number to reach you, please provide this as well.

C. Postgraduate Residency Program: Please refer to the Postgraduate Training Bulletin for the NHSC-approved primary care postgraduate training programs. The Bulletin can be downloaded on the NHSC website at: <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/currentmembers/scholars/downloadableresources/index.html>.

D. Program ID Number: For all allopathic residency/fellowship programs, please include the 10-digit program ID # that is listed in the American Medical Association Graduate Medical Education Yearbook and Directory. For osteopathic internship/residency/fellowship programs, please include the 6-digit program ID # that is listed by the American Osteopathic Association.

E. Length of Program: Enter the number of years required to complete the postgraduate training you are entering or for which you have already been deferred. This number should not exceed the approved length of program located in the current Deferment Bulletin.

F. Postgraduate Training Program Director's Name and Telephone Number: Enter name of the residency program director and his/her telephone number.

G. Name, Address, Phone Number, and E-mail Address of Residency Program: Enter the program's name, address, phone number, and an e-mail address for your residency program.

H. Update Emergency Contact Information: Provide the name of a person, address and telephone number, other than at your own address or clinic address, through which we can contact you. This can be updated in the 'My Contact Information' section in the Customer Service Portal.

- I. **Scholar's Signature:** Selecting the radio button certifies that the information given in this request is accurate and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief. You understand that it may be investigated and that any false statement herein may be punished as a felony under U.S. code Title 18, Section 21001 and subject you to civil penalties under the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (46 CFR 79). You also understand that submitting your request does not guarantee its approval, and that it requires review for compliance with your NHSC SP obligation and program policies.



Notice of Intent to Request a Deferment for Dentists, Nurse Practitioners, and Physician Assistants

(Deadline: February 1, 2013: Refer to the Postgraduate Training Bulletin for more detail. Upload the completed 'Notice of Intent' form to the Customer Service Portal Home Page using the 'Ask a Question' feature. Please enter 'NHSC SP Notice of Intent to Defer' in the Description field at the bottom of the Upload Document section of the Customer Service Portal at <https://programportal.hrsa.gov>)

I am a National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program participant graduating from my health professions program in 2013. I hereby certify my intent to request a deferment to complete postgraduate training in one of the primary care specialties set forth in the Postgraduate Training Bulletin for the 2013-14 Training Year. I understand that the NHSC will not provide any financial support while I am in a postgraduate training program. I also understand that if I do not proceed with approved postgraduate training, I will begin my NHSC service obligation upon graduation from my health professions program.

(Name of NHSC Scholar)

(Address)

(Discipline: Dentist, NP, PA)

(City, State, Zip Code)

(E-mail Address)

(Telephone Number)

(Signature of NHSC Scholar)

(Date)