








Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP)

Opportunity number: HRSA-26-079



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Before you begin

If you believe you are a good candidate for this funding opportunity, secure your [SAM.gov](#) and [Grants.gov](#) registrations now. If you are already registered, make sure your registrations are active and up-to-date.

SAM.gov registration (this can take several weeks)

You must have an active account with SAM.gov. This includes having a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

[See Step 2: Get Ready to Apply](#)

Grants.gov registration (this can take several days)

You must have an active Grants.gov registration. Doing so requires a Login.gov registration as well.

[See Step 2: Get Ready to Apply](#)

Apply by the application due date

Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on 07/10/2026.



To help you find what you need, this NOFO uses internal links. In Adobe Reader, you can go back to where you were by pressing Alt + Left Arrow (Windows) or Command + Left Arrow (Mac) on your keyboard.

All activities proposed in your application and budget narrative must align with applicable law, including but not limited to statutes, executive orders, federal regulations and applicable judicial holdings. Accordingly, discretionary awards shall not be used to fund, promote, encourage, subsidize, or facilitate: racial preferences or other forms of racial discrimination by the recipient, including activities where race or intentional proxies for race will be used as a selection criterion for employment or program participation; denial by the recipient of the sex binary in humans, or the belief that sex is a chosen or mutable characteristic; illegal immigration; or any other initiatives that compromise public safety. If an application does not align, the application will not receive funding to the extent permitted by law and applicable court orders.



Step 1:

Review the Opportunity

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Basic information

Health Resources and Services Administration

Bureau of Health Workforce

Providing low-interest loans and loan cancellation for qualifying students who become nurse faculty.

Summary

This program aims to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty nationwide by providing:

- Low-interest loans for students studying to be nurse faculty.
- Loan cancellation for graduates who go on to work as nurse faculty.

Funding details

Application types: Competing continuation, New

Expected total available funding in FY 2026: \$25,600,000

Expected number and type of awards: 80 grants

Funding range per award: Up to \$2,000,000

We plan to fund awards fully in Year 1 for use of over period of performance from 09/01/2026 to 06/30/2027.



Have questions?

Go to [Contacts and Support](#).

Key facts

Opportunity name:
Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP)

Opportunity number:
HRSA-26-079

Announcement version:
Initial

Federal assistance listing:
93.264

Key dates

NOFO issue date:
06/08/2026

Application deadline:
07/10/2026

Expected award date:
09/01/2026

Expected start date:
09/01/2026

See [other submissions](#) for other time frames that may apply to this NOFO.

Eligibility

You can apply if you are an accredited school of nursing.

Any domestic schools of nursing affiliated with this application must be:

- Accredited at the time of application and for the duration of the award.
- Accredited by a national or state agency recognized by the Secretary of Education for the purposes of nursing education.

You must submit official documentation of accreditation in [Attachment 1](#) for all affiliated nursing programs.

Tribes and tribal organizations may be eligible if they own and operate an accredited school of nursing.

Individuals are not eligible applicants under this NOFO.

Types of eligible organizations

These types of domestic organizations may apply if they otherwise meet the eligibility criteria:

- State governments.
- County governments.
- City or township governments.
- Special district governments.
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education.
- Native American tribal governments (federally-recognized)
- Native American tribal organizations (other than federally-recognized tribal governments).
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education.
- Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education.
- Private institutions of higher education.
- For profit organizations other than small businesses.

“Domestic” means the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

Other eligibility criteria

Student borrower eligibility

To receive support under this program, student borrowers must:

- Be enrolled in an advanced nursing education degree program (including post-master's nursing certificate and Clinical Nurse Leader programs).
- Maintain an acceptable level of academic standing (as determined by the academic institution).

A student borrower must be one of the following:

- A U.S. citizen or non-citizen national.
- An individual lawfully admitted for permanent residence to the United States.
- Any other person defined as a “qualified alien” under section 431(b) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-193, as amended.

Qualifications for principal investigator or project director

The project director is the primary contact for the project and works with HRSA staff, project staff, and partners. This person is responsible for the project and all deliverables. They must have these qualifications:

- Master's degree (doctorate degree preferred).
- Experience as an educator.
- Administrative expertise, including:
 - Fiduciary oversight of loan funds.
 - Preparation and submission of Annual Performance Reports.

Note: If the project director is not a nurse educator or nurse administrator, then they must have direct affiliation with the accredited school of nursing at the institution. There may only be one project director for the NFLP project.

Financial management staff

- Provides oversight of the fiduciary components of the NFLP funds.
- Responsible for data collection and ensuring timely reporting of data to HRSA.
- Responsible for coordinating activities related to:
 - Loan fund account establishment and maintenance.
 - Loan provision to students.
 - Loan cancellation and write-off.

- Loan repayment and collection.
- Financial record keeping.

Note: You may use NFLP funds to cover the reasonable costs for personnel, third-party servicers, or other designated institutional structures responsible for NFLP loan collection.

Completeness and responsive criteria

We will review your application to make sure it meets these basic requirements to move forward in the competition.

We will not consider an application that:

- Is from an organization that does not meet all [eligibility criteria](#).
- Is submitted after the [deadline](#).
- Incomplete or missing data, HRSA may deem the application nonresponsive and not consider it for funding.
- Fails to submit accreditation or approval documentation.

Note: PhD and Post Doctorate Certificate programs must have appropriate approval documentation recognized by the institutional boards/committees, regional associations of higher education accreditation, e.g., Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the University's Provost Office.

Application limits

You may not submit more than one application. If you submit more than one application, we will only accept the last on-time submission.

Cost sharing

Federal share

This program requires you to contribute 11% of the federal share.

Cost sharing or matching is required for this program. If you receive an award, you must deposit an Institutional Capital Contribution (ICC). Your ICC is equal to not less than one-ninth of the FY 2026 federal award amount, known as the Federal Capital Contribution (FCC). You must deposit your ICC in the NFLP loan fund account at the time you draw down the FCC.

You can meet your match requirement through any combination of:

- Cash contributed by your organization, partners, or other third parties.

Maintenance of effort

Federal funds add to any existing non-federal funds for your proposed activities. If you receive an award, you must spend at least as much as you spent in the last fiscal year before the award. Statutory authority 42 U.S.C. § 296b(b)[Public Health Service Act section 803(b)] requires this.

We will enforce these statutory requirements through all available mechanisms. You must provide supporting documentation of your maintenance of effort in your [Attachments](#).

Post-award requirements

Before you apply, make sure you understand the requirements that come with an award.

See [Step 6: Learn What Happens After Award](#) for information on regulations that apply, reporting, and more.

Program description

Purpose

The NFLP seeks to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty nationwide by providing:

- Low-interest loans for students studying to be nurse faculty.
- Loan cancellation for graduates who go on to work as faculty.

NFLP graduates can have up to 85 percent of their student loan and interest canceled if they work full-time as nurse faculty for up to four years at an accredited nursing school. This includes Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) who work full-time as preceptors in academic-practice partnerships.

Background

Strengthening the nation's supply of nurse faculty is critical to meeting workforce needs and educating the next generation of nurses. The [American Association of Colleges of Nursing 2024 Faculty Vacancy Survey](#) reported a total of 1,693 faculty vacancies. Of these positions:

- 49% required an earned doctorate.
- 35% required a master's in nursing but preferred a doctorate.
- 15% required a master's in nursing.

[HRSA projections \[PDF\]](#) show maldistribution of the registered nurse workforce across the U.S., as well as shortages in many states. Maldistributions and shortages are partly caused by nursing school faculty shortages, which affect nursing program enrollments.

The NFLP supports institutions committed to preparing advanced degree nursing students to serve as nurse faculty.

Partnerships between NFLP recipients and academic or practice institutions help to address nurse faculty shortages and the limited supply of APRN preceptors. These partnerships provide an avenue for shared resources, increase opportunities for recruitment, and support post-graduation employment.

Program goals and objectives

The goals of NFLP are to:

- **Goal 1:** Increase the number of qualified nurse faculty nationwide.
- **Goal 2:** Reduce the financial barriers for nurse faculty with loan cancellation.

To achieve these goals, NFLP recipients will implement the following objectives during the project period:

- **Objective 1:** Create and maintain a distinct NFLP loan fund account and ensure ongoing fiscal management and oversight in full compliance with all NFLP requirements.
- **Objective 2:** Recruit, select, and disburse loans to eligible students enrolled in accredited nursing schools who commit to full-time employment as nurse faculty upon graduation.
- **Objective 3:** Administer and manage the NFLP loan fund in accordance with program requirements, including loan servicing, collections, loan cancellation processing, compliance monitoring, and the timely submission of complete and accurate programmatic and financial reports demonstrating successful implementation.

Program requirements and expectations

Award recipients are required to participate in federally designed evaluations to assess program effectiveness and efficiency upon request.

If you receive an award, you must:

- Establish, operate, and maintain a student loan program that provides loans to advanced nursing education students.
- Conduct a training program to prepare students to become nurse faculty or preceptors.

Student loan program

You must meet these expectations for the student loan program:

- Establish and maintain an interest-bearing NFLP student loan fund (or maintain a NFLP fund you've already established).
- Within 60 days of receiving the FCC (federal award amount):
 - Withdraw the entire FCC amount and deposit both the FCC and your ICC (equal to not less than one-ninth of the FCC) into your interest-bearing NFLP student loan fund account.
- Continue to deposit into this account:
 - Collections of principal and interest on loans made from the fund.
 - Any other earnings on the loan fund, such as interest borne on the account.
- Develop a standard operating procedure to guide project administration.
- Disburse NFLP loan funds to advanced nursing education students. See [program-specific statutory and regulatory limitations](#) section for more information.
- Collect principal and interest on all loans from the NFLP student loan fund and deposit them back into the fund.
- Provide cancellation of up to 85 percent of the loan principal and interest for graduates who complete up to four years of post-graduation full-time nurse faculty employment:
 - Cancel 20 percent of the unpaid principal and interest on the amount of the unpaid loan balance upon completion of each of the first, second, and third year of full-time faculty employment.
 - Cancel 25 percent of the unpaid principal and interest on the amount of the unpaid loan balance upon completion of the fourth year of full-time faculty employment.

Training program

You must meet these expectations for the training program:

- Conduct a training program to prepare students to become nurse faculty or preceptors.
- Include training on how to deliver didactic and clinical curricula that reflects best practices in teaching and care delivery.

Awardees may use NFLP award funds to cover the costs of student nurse educator development activities as a reasonable educational expense. These activities should be incorporated as part of the course of study. Activities may include:

- Completion of nurse educator courses.
- Mentorship.
- Teaching practicum.
- Teaching assistantships.
- Nurse education focused workshops.
- Certification.

We encourage you to:

- Establish collaborative partnerships to recruit students.
- Provide access to training resources.
- Connect graduates with employment opportunities.
- Promote a culture of wellness through evidence-based strategies that support mental health and reduce burnout in the nursing workforce.

Statutory authority

42 U.S.C. § 297n-1 (Section 846A of the Public Health Service Act).

Award information

Funding policies and limitations

Changes in HHS regulations

As of October 1, 2025, HHS has adopted [2 CFR Part 200](#), with some modifications included in 2 CFR Part 300. These regulations replace those in 45 CFR Part 75.

Policies

- To make an award, funding must be available and allocated for this program and purpose, at which point we will move forward with the review and award process.
- Have clear policies and good financial practices to avoid spending HRSA funds on unallowable activities. Like other award rules, we may audit your policies, procedures, and controls.
- If we receive more funding for this program, we may:
 - Extend the period of performance.
 - Award supplemental funding.

General limitations

- For guidance on some types of costs we do not allow or restrict, see:
 - Project Budget Information in the [R&R Application Guide \[PDF\]](#).
 - [2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E](#) - General Provisions for Selected Items of Cost.
 - Allowable and Unallowable Costs and Activities in the [HHS Grants Policy Statement](#).
- All costs must be [reasonable](#), necessary, [allocable](#) to the award, and adequately documented ([2 CFR 200.403](#)).
- You cannot earn profit from the federal award. See [2 CFR § 200.400\(g\)](#).

Program-specific statutory or regulatory limitations

You cannot use award funds for indirect costs. You may use a reasonable amount of funds to cover loan collection costs, such as personnel and third-party servicers.

- You can only make NFLP loans to eligible students to cover these costs for the duration of their course of study:
 - Tuition.
 - Fees.
 - Books.
 - Lab expenses.
 - Other reasonable education expenses (including student nurse educator development activities).
- NFLP loan support cannot exceed \$50,000 per student for any academic year.

See [Manage Your Grant](#) for other information on costs and financial management.

Indirect costs

Indirect costs are costs you charge across more than one project that cannot be easily separated by project. For example, this could include utilities for a building that supports multiple projects.

You cannot use award funds for indirect costs.

Program income

Program income is money earned as a result of your award-supported project activities. You must use any program income you generate from awarded funds for approved project-related activities. Find more about program income at [2 CFR 200.307](#).



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Get registered

SAM.gov

You must have an active account with SAM.gov to apply. SAM.gov registration can take several weeks. Begin that process today.

To register:

- Go to [SAM.gov Entity Registration](#) and select Get Started. From the same page, you can also select the Entity Registration Checklist for the information you will need to register.
- You must agree to the [financial assistance general certifications and representations \[PDF\]](#) specifically. Those for contracts are different.

When you register, you will also receive your required Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

Once you register:

- You will have to maintain your registration throughout the life of any award.
- If your organization has multiple UEIs, use the one associated with your physical location.

If you need additional information about user roles in SAM.gov, see “Get registered: SAM.gov user roles” in the [R&R Application Guide \[PDF\]](#).

Grants.gov

You must also have an active account with [Grants.gov](#). You can see step-by-step instructions at the Grants.gov [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#) and [How to Apply for Grants](#).

Find the application package

The application package has all the forms you need to apply. You can find it online. Go to [Grants Search at Grants.gov](#) and search for opportunity number HRSA-26-079.

After you select the opportunity, we recommend that you click the Subscribe button to get updates.

Application writing help

Visit [HHS Tips for Preparing Grant Proposals](#).

Visit [HRSA's How to Prepare Your Application](#) page for more guidance.

See [Apply for a Grant](#) for other help and resources.

Join the webinar

For more information about this opportunity, Visit the [Bureau of Health Workforce's open opportunities](#) website. The webinar will be recorded.



Have questions? Go to [Contacts and Support](#).

FAQs will be posted on Bureau of Health Workforce's open opportunities .



Step 3:

Build Your Application

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Application checklist

There are two types of forms in Grants.gov.

- Some forms allow you to upload components of your application to the form. These include components like your project narrative, budget and budget narrative, and attachments, as applicable.
- Other forms are more typical, fill-in-the-blank forms.

Make sure that you have everything you need to apply.

For items with an **asterisk (*)**, unless otherwise indicated, only what you attach to a form counts toward the page limit. The form itself does not count.

Narratives

See the instructions for the [project narrative](#).

Form	Included in page limit**?
<input type="checkbox"/> Research & Related Other Project Information	Yes*

Attachments

See instructions for [attachments](#).

Attachments	Included in page limit**?
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Accreditation documentation	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Maintenance of effort	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Loan disbursement plan	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Default rate corrective action plan	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Statement of collaborative academic/academic-practice partnerships	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> 6.- 15. Other relevant documents	Yes

Other required forms

See [form instructions](#).

Form	Included in page limit**?
<input type="checkbox"/> SF-424 R&R (application for federal assistance)	No
<input type="checkbox"/> Project abstract summary	No
<input type="checkbox"/> Research & related other project information	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Project/performance site location(s)	No
<input type="checkbox"/> Disclosure of lobbying activities (SF-LLL)	No
<input type="checkbox"/> NFLP program specific form	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	

Application contents and format

This section includes guidance on each component found in the application checklist.

Application page limit: 50 pages

Submit your information in English and express whole number budget figures using U.S. dollars.

Required format

Required format for project summary, project narrative, budget narrative, and attachments.

Font: Use a readable font like Arial, Courier, CG Times, or Times New Roman.

File format: We only accept the following document formats:

- .PDF - Adobe Portable Document Format
- .DOC/.DOCX - Microsoft Word
- .RTF - Rich Text Format
- .TXT - Text
- .WPD - Word Perfect Document
- .XLS/.XLSX - Microsoft Excel
- .VSD - Microsoft Visio

Size: 12-point font

Footnotes, charts, graphics, and budget tables may be 10-point or higher.

Ink color: Black

Spacing: Single-spaced, including all text and tables

Alignment: Left

Headings: Bold all headings and align left.

Size: 8.5 x 11 (Make sure the print area is set and allows printing to 8.5 x 11.)

Margins: 1-inch on all sides

Footer: On each page as the footer, include your organization's name and page numbers. If a competing continuation or competing supplement, also include your 10-digit award number.

Page numbering:

- Do not number the standard OMB-approved forms.
- Number each attachment page sequentially (that is, 1, 2, 3).
- Reset the numbering for each attachment.
- Treat each attachment as a separate section.

File names: You can find guidance for naming our files in the [R&R Application Guide](#).

Project narrative

Use the [Research & Related Other Project Information](#) form to attach the project narrative. In the project narrative, you will describe all aspects of your project.

Use the section headers and the order as listed.

Introduction

Briefly describe:

- The purpose of the proposed project.
- The need for nurse faculty.
- How the project will increase the number of qualified nursing faculty nationwide.

Need

- Describe the impact of your graduates on this need.
- Discuss how your students will benefit from this program.
- Use and cite data as part of the descriptions and explanations above, as applicable.

Approach

- Describe methods and activities that you will implement to address the stated needs, purpose, and program goals.
- Explain how you will meet this program's requirements and expectations.

High-level work plan

- Describe how you will achieve each of the objectives during the period of performance.
- Describe the timeframes, deliverables, and key partners required during the grant period of performance to address the needs detailed in the Introduction section.

- If applicable, describe any existing or planned collaborative academic or academic-practice partnerships to support training, student nurse educator development, and post-graduation faculty employment.

Resolving challenges

- Discuss challenges that you may encounter in designing and carrying out the activities in the work plan. Explain approaches that you will use to resolve them, including:
 - How you will ensure students understand the commitment to work as full-time nurse faculty to receive loan cancellation.
 - How you will manage borrower records and the loan fund account. Include how you will prevent high default rates.
 - How you will manage loan cancellation, repayment, and collection. Include how you will coordinate with third-party loan servicing and collection entities.
 - How you will track and support NFLP graduates with meeting their obligation to work as full-time nursing faculty.

Performance management

- **Outcomes.** Describe the expected outcomes (desired results) of the funded activities.
- **Performance Measurement and Reporting.** See [Report on Your Grant](#) for performance measure requirements and examples of reporting forms.
 - Describe how you will collect and report required performance data accurately and on time.
 - Describe how you will manage and securely store data.
 - Describe how you will monitor and track NFLP-supported students and graduates from enrollment to graduation, loan cancellation, repayment, and collection. Include your process to track graduates after program completion for up to 1 year.
 - Describe how you will monitor and analyze performance data to support continuous quality improvement.
- **Program Evaluation.** The evaluation should examine processes and progress towards program goals, program objectives, and expected outcomes. Evaluations must follow the HHS Evaluation Policy and the standards and best practices described in [OMB](#) Memorandum M-20-12. Describe your plan to evaluate the project. Include:

- The evaluation questions, methods, data you will collect, and timeline for implementation.
- The evaluation barriers and your plan to address them.
- The evaluation capacity of your organization and staff. Include experience, skills, and knowledge.
- How you will disseminate results and how you will assess whether your dissemination plan is effective. For example, how you will assess whether the results are national in scope and the potential for replication.

See the [reporting](#) section for more information.

Sustainability

We expect you to sustain key project elements that improve practices and outcomes for the target population. Propose a plan for project sustainability after the period of federal funding ends.

- Describe how you will continue supporting and training students to become qualified nursing faculty.
- Describe how you will find future sources of funding to maintain your training efforts.
- Discuss how long it will take to become self-sufficient.
- Discuss challenges that you will likely encounter in sustaining the program. Include how you will resolve these challenges.

Organizational information

- Briefly describe your mission, structure, and the scope of your current activities. Explain how they support your ability to carry out the program requirements.
- Discuss how you will follow the approved plan, account for federal funds, and record all costs to avoid audit findings.
- If applicable describe the organizations you will partner with to fulfill the program goals and meet the training objectives. Include copies of Statement of Collaborative Academic/Academic-Practice Partnership ([Attachment 5](#)) with key organizations.
- Include biographical sketches for key staff using the [Research & related senior/key person profile](#) form.

Attachments

See section [3.2 of the HRSA R&R Application Guide \[PDF\]](#).

Place your PDF attachments in order in the **Attachments form**. See [application checklist](#) to determine if they count toward the page limit.

Unless the instructions below require it, do not submit organizational brochures or other promotional materials (for example, slides, films, clips).

Attachment 1: Accreditation documentation

Required

You must attach documentation of accreditation for all schools of nursing and nursing programs affiliated with your application. Do not provide a web link to the accreditation body's website. HRSA will not open any links included in the application.

You must be accredited by a national or state agency recognized by the Secretary of Education for the purposes of nursing education. More information about recognized accrediting agencies is available on the [U.S. Department of Education's accreditation website](#).

You must submit appropriate accreditation documentation to be deemed eligible. If we can't verify your accreditation status, you will be considered nonresponsive and deemed ineligible.

You must submit an official letter of accreditation that includes the following:

- Proof of continuing accreditation from the relevant accrediting body, confirming you are not on probation.
- The name of the accrediting body.
- The date of initial accreditation.
- The date of the next expected review or the expiration date of the current accreditation.
- Proof of status if you are on a provisional accreditation.
- The period covered by the accreditation.

Substantive change notification

If your nursing program modifies or adds a nursing specialty that requires substantive change notification to the national nursing accrediting body, you must include documentation of approval of this change. For example, a change to a BSN-DNP program.

Newly established programs

If your nursing program is new and not yet accredited, but will likely be accredited in the future, you may still be eligible. The Secretary of Education may deem your program accredited if it meets accreditation standards before the second entering class begins their academic year.

If your program is new, provide a Letter of Reasonable Assurance from the U.S. Department of Education as [Attachment 1](#).

Attachment 2: Maintenance of effort documentation

Required

You will include non-federal funds that support proposed activities. These include cash, in-kind, or other contributions. Do not include any federal funds. See [Maintenance of effort](#) requirement.

For NFLP, the maintenance of effort is based on the ICC contributed to the prior fiscal year and the estimated ICC amount for the next fiscal year.

Use this sample format to provide the Maintenance of Effort documentation:

FY before application: Actual nonfederal expenditures	First FY of award: Estimated nonfederal expenditures
\$	\$

Attachment 3: Loan disbursement plan

Required

Upload a disbursement plan for the new NFLP funds requested in this application, in a table format. You must include a detailed schedule of the disbursements planned for students who will receive loan support during the funded period of performance.

The detailed schedule must document the following in **Section A**:

- Number of students you plan to support, listed by full-time or part-time status.
- The date of the disbursements for the full academic year period (for example, fall/spring/summer).
- The estimated loan amount for each student (eligible costs including tuition, fees, books, lab expenses, and other reasonable education expenses).
- The estimated collection cost.

For competing continuation applicants with unused NFLP funds from previous grant awards:

In addition to the information collected in Section A, you must provide as **Section B**, a supplementary disbursement plan for unused NFLP funds. Include the same types of information you included in Section A.

Attachment 4: Default rate corrective action plan (for competing continuation applicants)

As applicable

If you are applying as an NFLP competing continuation with a loan default rates greater than 5 percent, you must submit a corrective action plan. The plan must demonstrate how you will reduce the default rate to whichever of these is greater:

- Less than or equal to 5 percent.
- One-half the default rate reported for the previous reporting period.

The plan must be signed by the Project Director, the Authorizing Official, or both. The plan must include:

- A description of the factors that have contributed to the default rate exceeding 5 percent.
- A work plan with specific activities and associated timelines to reduce the default rate during the period of performance.

Attachment 5: Statement of collaborative academic/academic-practice partnerships

As applicable

Provide any documents that describe working relationships between your organization and other entities and programs you cite in the proposal, such as collaborative academic/academic-practice partnership. Documents that confirm actual or pending contracts or agreements should clearly describe the roles of the contractors and any deliverable. Make sure you sign and date any letters of agreement. Evidence of a collaborative academic/academic-practice partnership, may include:

- A copy of a formal partnership agreement between the applicant organization and the partner entity or entities.

OR

- A sample agreement and a clear partnership plan.

Your institution must ensure that the partner organization(s) maintain(s) accreditation throughout the period of performance, as applicable. The partnership plan must also include a description of the academic-practice partnership plan to support graduates serving as APRN preceptors to receive loan cancellation.

Attachment 6-15: Other relevant documentations

Include here any other documents that are relevant to the application.

Other required forms

You will need to complete some other forms. Upload the following forms at Grants.gov. You can find them in the NOFO [application package](#) or review them and any available instructions at [Grants.gov Forms](#).

Forms	Submission requirement
SF-424 R&R (application for federal assistance)	With application
Project abstract summary	With application
Research & related other project information	With application
Research & related senior/key person profile (expanded)	With application
Project/performance site locations	With application
Disclosure of lobbying activities (SF-LLL)	If applicable, with the application or before award.
NFLP program specific data	With application

Form instructions

The following are instructions for each of the other forms required by this NOFO. See the [application checklist](#) for a full list of all application requirements.

SF-424 (R&R) application for federal assistance

This is your application for federal assistance. Follow the instructions in section 3.1.1 of the [R&R Application Guide \[PDF\]](#).

Important: public information

When filling out your SF-424 form, pay attention to Box 15: Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project.

We share what you put there with [USAspending](#). This is where the public goes to learn how the federal government spends their money.

Instead of just a title, insert a short description of your project and what it will do.

[See instructions and examples \[PDF\]](#).

Project abstract summary form

Complete the information in the Project Abstract Summary form. Include a short description of your proposed project. Include the needs you plan to address, the proposed services, and the population groups you plan to serve.

When writing your summary:

- Use 4,000 characters or fewer.
- Make sure it's clear, accurate, short.
- Do not refer to other parts of the application.
- Do not include [personally identifiable information \(PII\)](#) in abstract form.

If you receive an award, we'll put your project abstract on public websites and databases, including [USAspending.gov](#).

Research & related other project information

In addition to the requirements in the [project narrative](#) section, you will provide some additional information in this form.

- Complete sections 1 through 6.
- Upload a blank document in item 7: Project Summary/Abstract to avoid a cross-form error with your Project Abstract Summary Form.
- Upload your project narrative in item 8.
- Leave items 9, 10, and 11 blank.

Research & related senior/key person profile (expanded)

Include biographical sketches for people who will hold the key positions.

- Try to use no more than two pages per person.
- Do not include non-public [personally identifiable information](#).
- If you include someone you have not hired yet, include a letter of commitment from that person with their biographical sketch.
- Upload sketches in the Research & Related Senior/Key Person Profile form. Include:
 - Name and title.
 - Education and training – for each entry include Institution and location, degree and date earned, if any, and field of study.
 - Section A, Personal Statement. Briefly describe why the individual’s experience and qualifications make them well-suited for their role.
 - Section B, Positions and Honors. List in chronological order previous and current positions. List any honors. Include present membership on any federal government public advisory committee.
 - Section C, Other Support. This section is optional. List selected ongoing and completed projects during the last three years. Begin with any projects relevant to the proposed project. Briefly indicate the overall goals of the projects and responsibilities of the person.

Project/performance site location(s)

Follow the form instructions in [Grants.gov Forms](#). Use the “Next Site” option rather than “Additional Location(s)” to add more than one project/performance site location.

Disclosure of lobbying activities (SF-LLL) form

Follow the form instructions in [Grants.gov Forms](#).

NFLP program specific data forms

You must complete and submit the NFLP Program Specific Data Forms (NFLP Tables) electronically by the application due date. The NFLP Tables are essential for award calculation. If your forms have incomplete or missing data, HRSA may deem the application nonresponsive and not consider it for funding.



Step 4:

Understand Review, Selection, and Award

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Application review

Initial review

We will review your application to make sure that it meets [eligibility](#) criteria, including the [completeness and responsiveness criteria](#). If your application does not meet these criteria, we will not fund it. If this is the case, we will notify your authorized official.

We will not review any pages that exceed the page limit.

The NFLP is a formula-based program. We distribute NFLP funds among eligible entities with complete and approved applications.

Risk review

Before making an award, we review your award history to assess risk. We need to ensure all prior awards were managed well and demonstrated sound business practices. We:

- Review any applicable past performance.
- Review audit reports and findings.
- Analyze the budget.
- Assess your management systems.
- Ensure you continue to be eligible.
- Make sure you comply with any public policies.

We may ask you to submit additional information.

As part of this review, we use SAM.gov Entity Information [Responsibility/Qualification](#) to check your history for all awards likely to be more than \$250,000 over the period of performance. You can comment on your organization's information in SAM.gov. We'll consider your comments before making a decision about your level of risk.

If we find a significant risk, we may choose not to fund your application or to place specific conditions on the award.

For more details, see [2 CFR 200.206](#).

Award formula

When making funding decisions, we consider:

- The amount of available funds.
- Assessed risk.

We may:

- Consider the larger portfolio of agency-funded projects, including project type and geographic distribution.
- Consider the funding priorities, funding preferences, and special considerations listed.
- Fund applications in whole or in part.
- Fund applications at a lower amount than requested.
- Decide not to allow a recipient to subaward if they may not be able to monitor and manage subrecipients properly.
- Choose to fund no applications under this NOFO.

Additionally, we may not make an award if you are delinquent on two or more Single Audit Reports.

You cannot appeal a denial, or the amount of funds awarded.

Selection process

We distribute NFLP funds among participating institutions as formula-based awards.

We use program data reported on the NFLP Program Specific Data Form and other program sources such as the annual performance reports to determine funding and administer the program. The formula uses the data you supplied in your application. It calculates FY 2026 award amounts based on the following:

- Number of terms/quarters.
- Tuition/fees/expenses amount per term/quarter.
- Total number of doctoral and master's students requested for support.
- Total number of continuing and new students requested for support.
- Amount of loan fund disbursed and projected loan fund balance.
- Amount of federal funds requested.
- Default rate percentage Continuation applicants.

The formula calculation may allocate zero funds to a successful continuation application (for example, for high unused/unobligated account balance), which may result in no funds being awarded to an applicant under this solicitation.

We consider:

- The unused/unobligated NFLP fund balance from previous awards.
- The NFLP loans made by the institution over recent periods.
- The NFLP loan default rate.
- The formula calculation may allocate zero funds to a successful continuation application (for example, for high unused/unobligated account balance), which may result in no funds being awarded to an applicant under this solicitation.

Funding priorities

This program includes one or more funding priority, based on section 847(f) of the Public Health Service Act. Qualifying for a funding priority does not guarantee that your application will be successful.

HRSA will apply a funding priority to eligible NFLP applicants that support students enrolled in doctoral nursing programs (for example, PhD, DNP, and Ed.D. in Nursing Education).

HRSA applies the doctoral funding priority through an internal formula calculation. This allocates a larger portion of available NFLP funds to applicants who support doctoral students. To qualify for this funding priority, you must provide relevant student data on the [NFLP Program Specific Data Forms](#).

Award notices

We issue Notices of Award (NOA) on or around the start date listed in the NOFO. See “how we make awards” in the [R&R Application Guide \[PDF\]](#) for more information.

By drawing down funds, you accept the terms and conditions of the award.



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Application submission and deadlines

Your organization's authorized official must certify your application. See the section on [finding the application package](#) to make sure you have everything you need.

Application deadline

You must submit your application by 07/10/2026, at 11:59 p.m. ET.

Grants.gov creates a date and time record when it receives applications.

If you need a deadline extension, see “requesting a waiver” in the [R&R Application Guide \[PDF\]](#).

Submission method

Grants.gov

You must submit your application through Grants.gov. You may do so using Grants.gov Workspace. This is the preferred method. For alternative online methods, see [Applicant System-to-System](#).

For instructions on how to submit in Grants.gov, see the [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#). Make sure that your application passes the Grants.gov validation checks, or we may not get it. Do not encrypt, zip, or password protect any files.

If Grants.gov rejects your application due to errors, you must correct and resubmit before the deadline.

If you want to know more about correcting errors or tracking your application, you can refer to the [R&R Application Guide \[PDF\]](#).



Have questions? Go to [Contacts and Support](#).

Other submissions

Intergovernmental review

This NOFO is not subject to [Executive Order 12372](#), Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs. No action is needed.



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Post-award requirements and administration

Administrative and national policy requirements

There are important rules you need to know if you get an award. You must follow:

- All terms and conditions in the Notice of Award (NOA). We incorporate this NOFO by reference.
- The regulations at [2 CFR Part 200](#), Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, modifications at [2 CFR Part 300](#), and any superseding regulations.
- The [HHS Grants Policy Statement](#). Your NOA will reference this document. If there are any exceptions to the GPS, they'll be listed in your NOA.
- All federal statutes and regulations relevant to federal financial assistance, including those highlighted in [HHS Grants Policy Statement](#), Appendix D: HHS Administrative and National Policy Requirements.
- The requirements for performance management in [2 CFR 200.301](#).
- All anti-discrimination laws: By applying for or accepting federal funds from HHS, you certify compliance with all federal antidiscrimination laws and these requirements. Complying with those laws is a material condition of receiving federal funding streams. You are responsible for ensuring subrecipients, contractors, and partners also comply.

Required alignment with HRSA mission and strategic priorities

Recipients must use funds awarded under this NOFO to implement program goals or agency priorities in accordance with the HRSA [vision, mission, core values, and strategic priorities](#), where authorized by law.

In administering programs under this and all funding announcements, HRSA prioritizes:

- **Evidence-based healthcare:** Funding activities supported by rigorous scientific evidence, particularly for programs serving children and adolescents, where HRSA is committed to approaches that reflect the highest standards of clinical care and child safety.
- **Biological and physiological integrity:** Recognizing the relevance of biological sex to health outcomes, HRSA encourages applicants to account for sex-based

health factors in program design, data collection, and service delivery where scientifically appropriate.

HRSA will implement these priorities consistent with applicable laws, regulations, court orders, and all required administrative procedures. Applicants are encouraged to describe how their proposed programs align with these priorities in their project narratives.

Funded activities must advance HRSA's vision of protecting and improving the health and well-being of Americans. The particular focus is on those who are medically vulnerable or live in areas with limited access to care. HRSA's duty is to serve wisely, effectively, and with measurable results that justify every taxpayer dollar invested.

Consistent with HRSA's priorities, in carrying out any project funded under this NOFO, the recipient must adhere to the following principles, where they are consistent with the authority and scope of the award and its activities:

- **Gold standard science:** Design and deliver services using gold standard evidence-based and evidence-informed approaches, establish measurable performance goals, and use data to monitor outcomes and drive continuous improvement.
- **Program integrity and fiscal stewardship:** Recipients must:
 - Administer funds in accordance with all applicable federal statutes, regulations, and award conditions.
 - Maintain strong internal controls.
 - Prevent waste, fraud, and abuse.
- **Partnership and local leadership:** Coordinate with state, tribal, territorial, local, and community partners, as appropriate, and tailor services to meet community-identified needs while respecting local decision-making authority.

Recipients must manage any project awarded under this NOFO in accordance with the following objectives in programs authorized to advance them:

Make America Healthy Again (MAHA): HRSA prioritizes the health and well-being of all Americans by supporting common-sense, evidence-based health policies that promote:

- Personal responsibility.
- Strong families and communities.
- Proper nutrition.
- The prevention and management of chronic disease, while ensuring access to high-quality, affordable physical and mental health care.

Child protections, biological integrity, parental rights, and lawful use of funds: HRSA prioritizes safeguarding children's health and safety by:

- Not supporting medical interventions for gender dysphoria in minors that lack a strong evidence base.
- Applying sex-based definitions grounded in biological reality.
- Supporting parental authority, transparency, and choice in education, including school-based health centers that respect parental rights and religious upbringing.
- Ensuring taxpayer funds are not used to promote or support elective abortions, consistent with federal law and the Hyde Amendment.

Advancing evidence-based, merit-driven, and ethically grounded health care: HRSA will prioritize unbiased, transparent science; merit-based workforce opportunities; and programs that demonstrate measurable outcomes, while deprioritizing organizations with:

- Conflicts of interest.
- “Harm reduction” models.
- Housing-first approaches.
- Activities that facilitate illegal drug use or unsafe medical practices.

Promoting public safety, lawful use of federal funds, and national health priorities:

To the extent permitted by law, HRSA will align funding with administration priorities by:

- Supporting ending the HIV epidemic through authorized, evidence-based care.
- Reserving benefits for eligible individuals.
- Discouraging illegal immigration and unsafe community practices.
- Prioritizing recipients that enforce public safety, address serious mental illness and substance use through treatment and recovery, and reduce homelessness responsibly.

To the extent allowable by law, under awards, HRSA will give priority to states and municipalities for programs to:

- Enforce prohibitions on open illicit drug use.
- Enforce prohibitions on urban camping and loitering.
- Enforce prohibitions on urban squatting.
- Enforce, and where necessary, adopt, standards that address individuals who are a danger to themselves or others and suffer from serious mental illness or substance use disorder, or who are living on the streets and cannot care for themselves. The approach must be through assisted outpatient treatment or by moving them into treatment centers or other appropriate facilities through civil commitment or other available means, to the maximum extent permitted by law.

HRSA will implement these priorities consistent with applicable laws, regulations, court orders, and any required procedures.

The recipient must demonstrate ongoing compliance with these priorities, in all programs that are authorized to advance them, through program design, implementation, reporting, and evaluation.

Failure to meaningfully align funded activities with the applicable requirements may result in corrective action, additional reporting requirements, or other actions consistent with federal grant regulations at [2 CFR. part 200](#) and the terms and conditions of this award. This includes termination under [CFR. 200.340\(a\)\(4\)](#) if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities.

Cybersecurity

If awarded, you must develop plans and procedures, modeled after the NIST Cybersecurity framework, to protect HHS systems and data. See [details here](#).

Health IT

Successful applicants under this NOFO agree that:

Where award funding involves:	Recipients and subrecipients are required to:
<p>Implementing, acquiring, or upgrading health IT for activities funded by any entity.</p>	<p>Use health IT that meets standards and implementation specifications adopted in 45 CFR 170, Subpart B, if such standards and implementation specifications can support the activity.</p> <p>Visit to 45 CFR 170, Subpart B learn more.</p>
<p>Implementing, acquiring, or upgrading health IT for activities by eligible clinicians in ambulatory settings, or hospitals, eligible under Sections 4101, 4102, and 4201 of the HITECH Act.</p>	<p>Use health IT certified under the ONC Health IT Certification Program if certified technology can support the activity.</p> <p>Visit the ONC Health IT Certification Program to learn more.</p>

If standards and implementation specifications adopted in [45 CFR part 170, Subpart B](#) cannot support the activity, recipients and subrecipients are encouraged to use health IT that meets non-proprietary standards and implementation specifications developed by consensus-based standards development organizations. This may include standards identified in the [ONC Interoperability Standards Advisory](#).

Reporting

If you are successful, you will have to follow the reporting requirements in Section 4 of the [R&R Application Guide](#). The NOA will provide specific details.

- Annual performance reports.
- All HRSA recipients must collect and report performance data so that HRSA can meet its obligations under the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010 (GPRMA) and the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018.
- The Annual Performance Report (APR) collects data on all academic year activities from July 1 to June 30. It is due to HRSA on July 31 each year. If award activity extends beyond June 30 in the final year of the grant, HRSA may require a Final Performance Report (FPR) to collect the remaining performance data. The FPR is due within 120 calendar days after the period of performance ends.
- You can find examples of APRs at [Report on Your Grant](#) on the HRSA website. Performance measures and reporting forms may change each academic year. HRSA will provide additional information in the Notice of Award (NOA).
- You must also submit NFLP financial forms (NFLP forms 1-4) to capture data on maintenance of the NFLP loan fund. These forms are due as a separate reporting deliverable in August of each year as part of the APR process.



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TTY: 877-897-9910

[Electronic Handbooks Contact Center](#)

Help with systems

Grants.gov

Grants.gov provides 24/7 support. You can call 800-518-4726, search the [Grants.gov Knowledge Base](#), or [email Grants.gov for support](#). Hold on to your ticket number.

SAM.gov

If you need help, you can call 866-606-8220 or live chat with the [Federal Service Desk](#).

Helpful websites

- [R&R Application Guide \[PDF\]](#)
- [HRSA Grants page](#)
- [HHS Tips for Preparing Grant Proposals](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Applicant Training](#)
- [Bureau of Health Workforce Glossary](#)

Appendix

Under the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (“NFLP”) HRSA-26-079, as authorized by Section 846A of the Public Health Service Act (“the Act”), the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) enters into an agreement with a school of nursing to establish and operate a student loan fund to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty. This agreement is memorialized through the Notice of Award.

A. The fund

Institutions must establish and operate a distinct, interest-bearing NFLP loan fund (“the Fund”) used only for making NFLP loans to eligible students and for the costs associated with collection of these loans. Eligible institutions are awarded funds in the form of a Federal Capital Contribution (FCC) and are required to deposit an Institutional Capital Contribution (ICC) that is equal to not less than one-ninth of the requested FCC into this fund.

The school will deposit into the Fund:

- The FCC.
- An ICC equal to not less than one-ninth of the FCC.
- Collections of principal and interest on NFLP loans made from the Fund.
- All other earnings of the Fund.

NFLP schools are permitted to retain unused NFLP loan funds in the revolving institutional NFLP fund account without fiscal year restriction.

HRSA performs routine reviews of account inactivity and loan fund use and may require institutions that have not made loan awards to students in the past 2 years or greater to return unused loan balances to HRSA or may take other enforcement actions such as suspension and/or termination of the NFLP award.

B. Eligible borrowers

The school must determine whether a student borrower is eligible before awarding a NFLP loan, as well as adhere to all eligibility requirements in the Notice of Funding Opportunity when selecting students for the NFLP loan.

C. Making NFLP loans to students

The school will make NFLP loans to eligible students for the cost of tuition, fees, books, lab expenses, and other reasonable education expenses. The school should offer full support, or the amount requested by the student to cover the full or partial tuition/fees on a first-come-first-serve basis for an academic year until funds are expended. An NFLP loan may not exceed \$50,000 per student for any academic year.

The school must establish a process to identify prospective student borrowers, verify their eligibility, and make loans consistent with institutional policies, federal laws, and regulations; to include a signed promissory note and disclosure of terms/conditions. This process may also include sending a loan award notification letter to each student borrower requiring the student's signature to indicate acceptance or rejection of the NFLP loan and its terms and conditions.

The school must execute an NFLP Promissory Note, indicating students' intent to become nursing faculty, when making an NFLP loan. The borrower must sign the Promissory Note prior to disbursement of loan funds and receive a copy from the school. A new Promissory Note is not necessary each time a student receives funds. Modification of the Promissory Note template requires prior approval of HHS. Any statutory amendment to section 846A, or other applicable authorities, affecting the terms of the NFLP loan will require the Promissory Note be amended, as applicable, for future loans and, in some circumstances, an amendment to previously executed Promissory Notes.

Loan disbursements

Schools should prioritize loans to continuing NFLP borrowers ahead of new NFLP borrowers, and disbursements must be clearly documented. Schools must cease disbursements of NFLP loans to borrowers that are no longer in compliance with the terms of the NFLP award, in situations such as the following: withdrawal from the institution/course of study, failure to meet the academic standards of the institution, and request to terminate NFLP participation.

D. Interest

The unpaid balance of the NFLP loan will bear interest at a rate of 3 percent per annum, beginning 3 months after the borrower graduates from an advanced nursing education degree program. The 3 percent interest rate will continue if the borrower obtains qualifying employment as a nurse faculty member within 12 months after graduation.

If the borrower serves as a nurse faculty for more than 1 year and less than 4 years, the 3 percent annum interest rate will continue to apply.

If the borrower fails to complete the advance nurse education degree program or obtain qualifying employment as a nurse faculty within 12 months of graduation, the Prevailing Market Rate will apply.

E. Cancellation

The school will cancel up to 85 percent of the principal and interest of an NFLP loan over a 4-year period as follows:

- Upon the borrower's completion of the first, second, and third year of full-time employment consistent with the definition below the school will cancel 20 percent of the original principal of and all accrued interest on the NFLP loan.
- Upon borrower's completion of the fourth year of full-time employment consistent with the definition below the school will cancel 25 percent of the original principal of and all accrued interest on the NFLP loan.

Full-time employment

Refers to the status of a student borrower who has graduated and is employed and serving in a nurse faculty capacity that qualifies for loan cancellation. For the purpose of the NFLP, the institution which provided NFLP support to a borrower makes the determination about meeting the full-time employment requirement. This must include one of the following criteria:

1. Employment as a full-time faculty member at an accredited school of nursing.
2. Employment as a part-time faculty member at an accredited school of nursing in combination with another part-time faculty position or part-time clinical preceptor/educator position affiliated with an accredited school of nursing that together equates to full-time employment.
3. Designation of nurse faculty in a joint nurse faculty appointment serving as full-time advanced practice registered nurse preceptor for an accredited school of nursing, within an academic-practice partnership framework.

Joint nurse faculty appointment

Joint nurse faculty appointments are appointments that involve practicing as both a clinician and nurse faculty member with mutually established responsibilities in both the academic institution and practice entity. APRNs may be assigned a joint nurse faculty appointment for serving as preceptors for APRN students in an affiliated school of nursing, while maintaining their primary staff appointment. For the purpose of the NFLP, an NFLP graduate who is designated as nurse faculty (a joint nurse faculty appointment) serving as an APRN student preceptor in a full-time capacity, qualifies for loan cancellation. The joint nurse faculty appointment can only be designated to a NFLP graduate who holds a primary staff appointment as a practicing APRN for a health care entity, and who agrees to, and is qualified to precept APRN students.

1. The NFLP graduate must receive loan cancellation in exchange for their service as a full-time APRN preceptor in a joint nurse faculty appointment.
2. The NFLP institution that provided NFLP support to the borrower is responsible for making the determination about whether a borrower meets the full-time employment requirement for preceptorship service consistent with the requirements outlined in this funding opportunity.
3. The school of nursing whose students are being precepted must provide the designation of nurse faculty for the NFLP graduate, and complete all required documentation (e.g., employment certification and documentation of full-time status) needed for the graduate to receive loan cancellation in exchange for full-time preceptorship service.

The NFLP graduate's affiliation with the accredited school of nursing must be formally documented by entering into a formal agreement as part of an academic-practice partnership based on the institution's existing policies. The academic-practice partnership may occur between the academic institution (with students to precept) and the NFLP graduate's employing (health care/practice) institution; or directly between the academic institution and the NFLP graduate. The designation of nurse faculty for the NFLP graduate serving as a full time APRN preceptor in a joint nurse faculty appointment must be denoted through a formal agreement documenting the individual as nurse faculty.

F. Repayment

The NFLP loan is repayable over a 10-year period beginning 9 months after the borrower completes the advanced nurse education program, ceases to be enrolled as a student in the advanced nurse education program, or ceases full-time employment as nurse faculty. The school must provide the borrower with a repayment schedule.

G. Loan servicing and collection

The school must have in place structures and policies that enable collection on principal and interest on all loans made from the NFLP student loan fund. NFLP funds may be used to cover the costs of collection of NFLP loans including designated institutional structures to collect costs such as personnel and third-party servicers.

The school must conduct and document an entrance interview for each academic year the student receives an NFLP loan. This documentation must include:

A student-signed statement of the borrower's rights and responsibilities regarding the NFLP loan, including the intent to serve as nurse faculty and cancellation; and

Personal information provided by the borrower to assist in loan cancellation and collection. The school must provide the borrower with a repayment schedule.

Exit process

Institutions must establish and maintain a process to inform and track borrowers' employment and repayment statuses after completion or cessation of the course of study. Institutions should document the exit process with NFLP borrowers.

H. Default by the borrower

If an NFLP borrower defaults on the loan, the school must immediately stop the disbursement of the NFLP loan and begin collection on the loan. Default means:

- An NFLP borrower has failed to make payments as required by the Borrower's Promissory Note and repayment agreement.
- Loss of the status as a student in good standing, as defined by the school for the advanced nurse training program.

Failure to gain, maintain, or provide evidence of employment, within 12 months of graduation, as a full-time faculty member, at an accredited school of nursing, or part-time faculty member at an accredited school of nursing in combination with another part-time faculty position or part-time clinical preceptor/educator position affiliated with an accredited school of nursing that together equates to full-time employment, or employment as designated joint-appointment faculty serving as full-time APRN preceptor within an academic-practice partnership framework affiliated with an accredited school of nursing.

I. Records

All records associated with NFLP awards, including Borrower Records, must be maintained in accordance with s CFR § 200.334. The school must establish and maintain borrower records for each NFLP loan recipient, including at a minimum the following:

- School's copy of the loan notification letter(s).
- Original copy of signed Promissory Note(s).
- Signed disclosure Statement of Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities.
- Records of enrollment status for each academic year of NFLP support.
- Records of payments and cancellation.
- Records of approved leave of absence, break in service, deferment, forbearance, or default (as applicable).

The school must retain all records relating to an NFLP loan for a minimum of 3 (three) years after the loan is retired. Failure to meet NFLP requirements may result in actions affecting the recipient's ability to receive or continue receiving NFLP grant funding, in accordance with applicable federal grant regulations at 2 CFR § 200.334. Institutions that exceed a default rate of greater than 5 percent will be considered non-compliant with NFLP requirements. The default rate is calculated as the percent of the institution's total outstanding student loan principal subject to repayment, which is past due for a period of greater than 120 days. HRSA will assess award recipients for program compliance including to determine whether an institution has a default rate greater than 5 percent, on June 30 of each year. When non-compliance is determined (e.g., a NFLP recipient has a default rate greater than 5 percent), HRSA will notify the institution of its non-compliant status, as well as any required steps to come into compliance, including any necessary action on the part of the recipient. Recipients will be provided with a time-phased approach to resolve compliance issues. Failure to comply with the grant requirement within the specified time frame may result in administrative actions up to and including, withholding further Federal awards for the project, as well as the suspension and/or termination of the NFLP grant.

J. Federal Capital Contribution (FCC)

This award represents the HHS/HRSA share of the funds, specifically the FCC award amount made available to establish or continue the NFLP loan fund at your institution.

K. Institutional Capital Contribution (ICC)

Institutions are required to contribute an ICC amount equal to not less than 1/9th of the FCC award amount. The ICC amount is in addition to the FCC award amount and must be deposited into the NFLP loan fund.

L. NFLP loans to students

Nursing students who receive NFLP loan support must be enrolled in an eligible master's or Doctoral nursing degree program at the time the NFLP loan is established.

Remedies for non-compliance

Institutions will be considered non-compliant with NFLP requirements for the following reasons:

- Failure to draw down funds from the PMS within 60 days.
- Failure to disburse funds and make loans to students for 2 consecutive years or greater.
- Use of NFLP loan funds for purposes other than the allowable expenses outlined in the [program requirements](#).
- Failure to comply with any other program requirement.

Institutions deemed noncompliant will be considered ineligible to receive future funding or be subject to additional penalties, up to and including, remittance of unobligated funds as well as suspension and/or termination of the NFLP award. HRSA may initiate termination for grants with inactive accounts and unused/unobligated loan funds for a period of 2 consecutive years or greater.

If a non-federal entity fails to comply with federal statutes, regulations, or the terms and conditions of a federal award, HRSA may impose additional conditions, as described in 2 CFR § 200.208. If HRSA determines that noncompliance cannot be remedied by imposing additional conditions, HRSA may take one or more of the following actions, as appropriate in the circumstances:

- Terminate the federal award.
- Initiate suspension or debarment proceedings as authorized under 2 CFR part 180 and HHS awarding agency regulations at 2 CFR part 376 (or in the case of a pass-through entity, recommend such a proceeding be initiated by an HHS awarding agency).
- Withhold further federal awards to the program.