



**HRSA Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students (SDS)
CDU-MPH-SDS Award Application
For Continuing Students**



The Charles R. Drew University (CDU) HRSA MPH Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students (SDS) provides MPH students income-based scholarships of 60% of tuition and fees, and \$1,666 for textbooks and educational supplies. Awards are for one academic year, divided into equal distributions for each term of their first year in the CDU MPH Program in Urban Health Disparities. SDS scholarships are awarded based on student income level (as described below) and commitment to serving in medically underserved communities after graduation. Continuing awards each term are contingent on maintaining satisfactory academic progress. Students who maintain satisfactory academic progress in their first year are eligible to apply for SDS awards for their second year (contingent on funds availability, and likely at a lower award level).

To qualify for the HRSA MPH-SDS award, students must:

1. Submit evidence of status as a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident, such as a copy of a driver license, state ID, birth certificate, U.S. passport, or green card.
2. Submit a non-expired government issued ID displaying the student’s birthdate. This is needed to classify the student as an *Independent* or *Dependent* student.
3. Complete a FASFA application with our federal school code: **013653**.
4. To qualify for the HRSA MPH-SDS award, the student’s or parent’s income level **MUST NOT EXCEED 200% of the Health and Human Services (HHS) Poverty Guidelines, as listed in the table below.**
 - a. **Students 24 years or older** are considered **independent students** and their income will be used to determine eligibility for the SDS award; students will need to submit their 3 most recent tax returns (2019, 2018, 2017) to verify independent status.
 - b. **Students younger than 24 years** are considered **dependent students** and will need to submit their parent’s 2018 tax return to determine their eligibility.

2018 Low Income Levels (200 % of HHS Poverty Guidelines)			
	Income Level *		
Size of parents’ family	48 Contiguous States & D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$24,280	\$30,360	\$27,920
2	32,920	41,160	37,860
3	41,560	51,960	47,800
4	50,200	62,760	57,740
5	58,840	73,560	67,680
6	67,480	84,360	77,620
7	76,120	95,160	87,560
8	84,760	105,960	97,500
For each additional person, add	\$8,640	\$10,800	\$9,940

* SOURCE: Federal Register, Vol. 83, No.29, February 12, 2018, pp. 6039-6040

5. **SDS Essay:** Submit a 1-2 page double-spaced essay on your commitment to work in medically underserved communities (MUCs), and how this SDS award would impact your educational experience and completion of the MPH program.
6. **Verification documents:** Submit all required documentation, including copies of U.S. status and income tax returns, to the MPH-SDS award committee at mphsds@cdrewu.edu by **August 10, 2020**.



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To be considered for the CDU-MPH-SDS program, MPH students must respond to the following checklist:

- **Current Age:** _____

- **FAFSA Application completed this year?**
 Yes No

- **Evidence of U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident status emailed to mphsds@cdrewu.edu?**
 Yes No

- **Income Tax returns emailed to mphsds@cdrewu.edu?**
 Yes No

- **SDS Essay emailed to mphsds@cdrewu.edu?**
 Yes No

MPH students must sign and agree to the following:

- Seek employment in urban medically underserved communities (MUCs) upon graduation or pursue further higher education in a graduate health profession program.
- Provide a written statement on the impact of the MPH-SDS award on degree completion and preparation for employment in MUCs or further higher education in a graduate health professional program.
- Respond to the MPH alumni survey to report employment information and application of MPH competencies in the workplace, when requested.

Writing your full name indicates your agreement to the terms above: _____

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