HEALTH PROFESSIONS PREPARATORY AND PREGRADUATE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AGREEMENT SCHOOL YEAR 2003 - 2004	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Section 103 of the Indian Health Care Amendments of 1988 authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services ("Secretary"), acting through the Indian Health Service, to provide applicants selected to be participants in the Health Professions Preparatory and Pregraduate Education Scholarship Program for Indians ("Scholarship Program") with scholarship awards. The statute is codified at 25 U.S.C. 1613 and the implementing regulations are codified at 42 CFR, Part 36, Subpart J, Subdivision J-3. In return for awards, applicants must indicate an intent to serve Indians as health care professionals in the discipline or specialty for which the award is given upon completion of their health care professional education.

Program policy requires applicants to submit with their applications a signed Agreement which states the terms and conditions of participation in the Scholarship Program. The Secretary shall sign only those Agreements submitted by applicants who are selected for participation.

The terms and conditions of participating in the Scholarship Program for the 2003-2004 school year are set forth below.

Section A -- Obligations of the Secretary

Subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the Congress of the United States for the Scholarship Program of the Indian Health Service ("IHS"), the Secretary agrees to provide the undersigned applicant ("applicant") with a scholarship award for the school year 2003-2004 during which the applicant must be:

1. enrolled, or is accepted for enrollment, as a full-time or part-time student in an accredited (as determined by the Secretary) educational institution in on of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, or American Samoa, and
2. pursuing a preparatory education course or curriculum necessary for enrollment or reenrollment in a health professions school, or
3. pursuing pregraduate education leading to a baccalaureate degree in premedicine, prenursing, predentistry, prepharmacy, prephysical therapy, or other health profession which has been determined to be needed by the Indian Health Service for participation in the Scholarship Program.

The Scholarship award may consist of payments, in whole or in part, for tuition, an amount of all other reasonable educational expenses incurred by the student, and a monthly stipend for the academic period covered by the award beginning with the first month of each school year in which the applicant is a participant in the Scholarship Program.

Section B -- Obligations of the Applicant

The applicant agrees:

1. to accept the scholarship award provided to the Secretary under Section(A) of this Agreement for the school year 2003-2004;
2. to maintain full-time or part-time enrollment until completion of the course of study for which the scholarship award is provided;
3. to maintain an acceptable level of academic standing while enrolled in the course of study for which the scholarship award is provided; and
4. that it is his/her intent to provide services to Indians, as a full-time practitioner of the profession for which the education scholarship is awarded, upon completion of the necessary education and training, and that it is his/her intent that these services will be provided in the Indian Health Service, an urban Indian organization assisted under 42 CFR, Part 36, Subdivision J-6 or in a health professional shortage area designated under Section 332 of the Public Health Service Act which address the health care needs of a substantial number of Indians as determined by the Secretary in accordance with guidelines of the Indian Health Service

Section C -- Breach of Agreement

If the applicant:

Withdraws from the educational program for any reason, or fails to maintain an acceptable level of academic standing in the education program for which the scholarship award is provided, the scholarship award will be terminated and to be reinsta- ted, the applicant will have to apply and compete as a new applicant during the regular application cycle.

Section D -- Extension of Scholarship Award

1. The applicant may annually request extension of this scholarship award, for a period not to exceed 12 months, if the request is submitted in accordance with procedure established by the Secretary.
2. Subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the Congress of the United States for the Indian Health Service Scholarship Program, the Secretary shall approve the request for an extension if:
   a. The request does not extend the total period of scholarship award beyond two (2) years for a preparatory education award or beyond four (4) years for a pregraduate baccalaureate degree award, and
   b. The applicant is otherwise eligible for continued participation in the Health Professions Preparatory and Pregraduate Education Scholarship Program.

The Secretary or his/her authorized representative must sign this contract before it becomes effective.

Applicant Name *(Please Print)*	Applicant's Signature	Date
Secretary of Health and Human Services		Date