



December 18, 2025

Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am pleased to announce the list of eligible degree programs for the Indian Health Service Scholarship Program (IHSSP) in Academic Year (AY) 2026-2027.

Annually, after requesting your assistance in identifying priority health professions for inclusion into the IHSSP-eligible categories in the upcoming AY, the Indian Health Service (IHS) Office of Human Resources, Division of Recruitment and Retention, develops the list of eligible degree programs.

Newly eligible degree programs for AY 2026-2027 are as follows:

IHS Health Professions Scholarship

- Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD)

As of December 15, 2025, interested applicants are able to apply online at <https://www.ihs.gov/scholarship/apply/>. Please direct them to the IHSSP website for further information. A complete list of eligible degree programs for AY 2026-2027 is enclosed.

I am asking for your help in widely sharing this opportunity among your medical and community-based networks. As you may be aware, IHSSP funding plays a vital role in reducing the financial burden of health professions educational costs for Tribal members, while increasing the number of American Indian and Alaska Native health care professionals. These scholarships are essential to expanding access to care and addressing clinical shortages within our communities.

If you have any questions, please directly contact CDR Theodore Garnett, Ph.D., Branch Chief, IHSSP, by telephone at (240) 504-1097, or by email at [theodore.garnett@ihs.gov](mailto:theodore.garnett@ihs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: 2026-2027 IHS Scholarship Program (IHSSP) Eligible Degree Programs