

George Fox University PA Program RUCS (Rural and Underserved Communities) Scholarship

Thank you for your interest in applying to the George Fox University PA Program RUCS (Rural and Underserved Communities) Scholarship. This scholarship is intended to increase the number of PAs who care for rural, underserved, and historically disadvantaged communities through the elimination of student debt related to the cost of tuition. Scholarship recipients will receive \$100,000 applied directly to their tuition in the George Fox University PA Program. In exchange for scholarship funds, recipients are required to complete a service commitment outlined below. *

The RUCS Scholarship values the unique experiences and perspectives each student brings with them in desiring to serve others as a Physician Assistant. We believe each student has something to offer in the delivery of services designed to achieve health equity. As a result, we desire applicants who have overcome obstacles and challenges in addition to gaining a diverse set of experiences in becoming a PA. Moreover, we value involvement with, lived experience in, and a stated desire to provide care to rural, underserved, and historically disadvantaged communities in order to advance health equity in Oregon.

Application Requirements: Applicants must be Oregon Residents or have Oregon Heritage who have applied to and have been accepted into the College of Medical Science, Masters of Medical Science (MMSc) Physician Assistant Program at George Fox University. Applicants must also meet George Fox University admissions criteria. To receive the scholarship an applicant must ultimately matriculate to the George Fox University MMSc PA Program.

For those who meet the above criteria, preference will be given to applicants who:

1. Are a first-generation college student
2. Are from an educationally or economically disadvantaged background
3. Are considered an underrepresented minority (URM)
4. Have a Native American/Native Alaskan heritage
5. Speak more than one language besides English
6. Have lived experience in behavioral health

*** Service Commitment:** All scholarship recipients are required to fulfill a 2-year service commitment at a qualified rural or underserved Oregon clinical practice site upon graduation. Service shall begin no later than 90 days following graduation from the GFU PA program and must provide a minimum of 32 hours per week and 45 weeks per year of clinical practice at a qualified site during the entire length of the commitment. Please visit the Oregon Office of Rural Health info PDF for more information: <https://www.ohsu.edu/sites/default/files/2018-08/SHOI%20Practice%20Types%20and%20Practice%20Handout.pdf>