



The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce manages a state initiative aimed at aiding dentists in repaying their educational loans acquired during dental school. The Dentists for Rural Areas Assistance Program offers loans of up to \$25,000 per year that can be canceled through service, provided that the recipient practices dentistry in underserved rural areas of Georgia with populations of 50,000 or fewer. Contracts are awarded for one year and are renewable for a maximum of four years. The program is financially supported by the State of Georgia. For program details, please refer to the chart below.

Dentists for Rural Areas Assistance Program (DRAA)	
Who is eligible to apply?	Applicants must be a legal resident of the U.S., have graduated from an accredited graduate dental program or provisional accreditation by the American Dental Association’s Commission on Dental Accreditation. Have an unrestricted dental license by Georgia Board of Dentistry, hold or be in the process of receiving a Medicaid Provider Number in Georgia and actively engage in treating Medicaid patients.
When to apply?	The application cycle begins September and ends November 1st. The application is available on the GBHCW website and to be submitted online.
What is the grant amount?	\$25,000 each year
What is the renewal process?	Recipients must reapply each year for a maximum of four years
What is service repayment?	One year commitment working full-time in a Georgia county with a population of 50,000 or less
What are the penalties of not fulfilling commitment?	Repaying double the principal amount received

This chart serves solely as an informational resource and does not include all the program’s conditions. For the most up to date program conditions and information regarding the program, please visit <https://healthcareworkforce.georgia.gov/loan-repayment-scholarship-programs/loan-repayment-programs>



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Eligible Communities Map for PRAA, DRAA, PALRP,
GDELRP, GPELRP and APRNLRP

Eligible Practice Locations

Counties of 50,000 or less
according to the 2020 U.S. Census,
shown in red.

