



# Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce

## AWARD REPORT FOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Fiscal Year 2019

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The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce strives to identify and meet the health care workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.

# Introduction

The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce (Board) members and staff are pleased to present the Award Report for Scholarship Programs for the Fiscal Year 2019.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2015, funds for this program were realigned through the budgetary process to the Physicians for Rural Areas program of the Board. The realignment of funds provided additional loan repayment awards to physicians electing to practice in a Board approved rural Georgia county. The final scholarship award was made in FY2018. There are 38 former scholarship recipients that are still under the program – 13 former recipients are still in training in the graduate medical education phase of the program and 25 former recipients are now in the practice obligation phase of the program. Not included in these numbers is any former recipient currently in the repayment or default process. All recipients should complete the Scholarship Program and its service obligation around FY2027.

The administrative costs to carry out these loan repayment programs is paid for with funds provided in the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce: Board Administration program of the Georgia Department of Community Health section of the state budget, while the awards were funded through the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas program of DCH. As noted above, the Board is currently phasing out the Scholarship Program and instead rolling leftover funds into the PRAA.

Would you or someone you know want to know more about the Board and the important work we do to better the health care needs of rural Georgia? Then, please visit us online at <https://healthcareworkforce.georgia.gov/>. The website is an invaluable resource for both health care professionals and interested consumers.



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# Scholarship (GME)

The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce Scholarship Program was an annual award for Georgia students who were accepted in an accredited four-year medical school in the U.S. leading to a Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. This scholarship was designed to furnish \$20,000 in financial aid to deserving medical students who could not afford the cost of medical school while also bringing needed medical attention to smaller, rural communities in Georgia. Upon graduation from medical school and a residency program, recipients must be licensed to practice in Georgia and must practice medicine in a community of 50,000 or less for one year after completing graduate medical education for each year of scholarship funding received. The scholarship was renewable for up to four years for a maximum of \$80,000. No new scholarship awards are being made due to the realignment of funding. However, the following individuals were awarded the scholarship in previous fiscal years and are still training in graduate medical education programs.

Name	Award Years	Specialty	Post Grad Year Status
Suzanne Abbasi, M.D.	2015	Family Medicine	PGY-1
Rachel Anderson, D.O.	2017, 2016, 2015, 2014	Family Medicine	PGY-2
Brittany Chandler, M.D.	2017, 2016, 2015	Pediatrics	PGY-2
Evan Fountain, M.D.	2015, 2014, 2013, 2012	Internal Medicine	PGY-4
Timothy Fuller, M.D.	2011, 2010, 2009, 2008	General Surgery	Fellowship
Elizabeth Garcia-Cardenas, M.D.	2016, 2015, 2014, 2013	OB/GYN	PGY-3
Katie Hudgens, M.D.	2016, 2015, 2014, 2013	Internal Medicine,	PGY-2
Chris Kiker, M.D.	2017, 2016, 2015, 2014	Family Medicine	PGY-2
Kyla Mohler, M.D.	2017, 2016, 2015	Family Medicine	PGY-1
Matthew Pearce, M.D.	2016, 2015, 2014, 2013	Pediatrics	PGY-3
Jasmine Shell, M.D.	2013, 2012, 2011, 2010	General Surgery	Defer
Jontu Solomon, M.D.	2017, 2016, 2015, 2014	Family Medicine	PGY-2
Kaitlyn Vann, D.O.	2016, 2015, 2014, 2013	Family Medicine	PGY-3

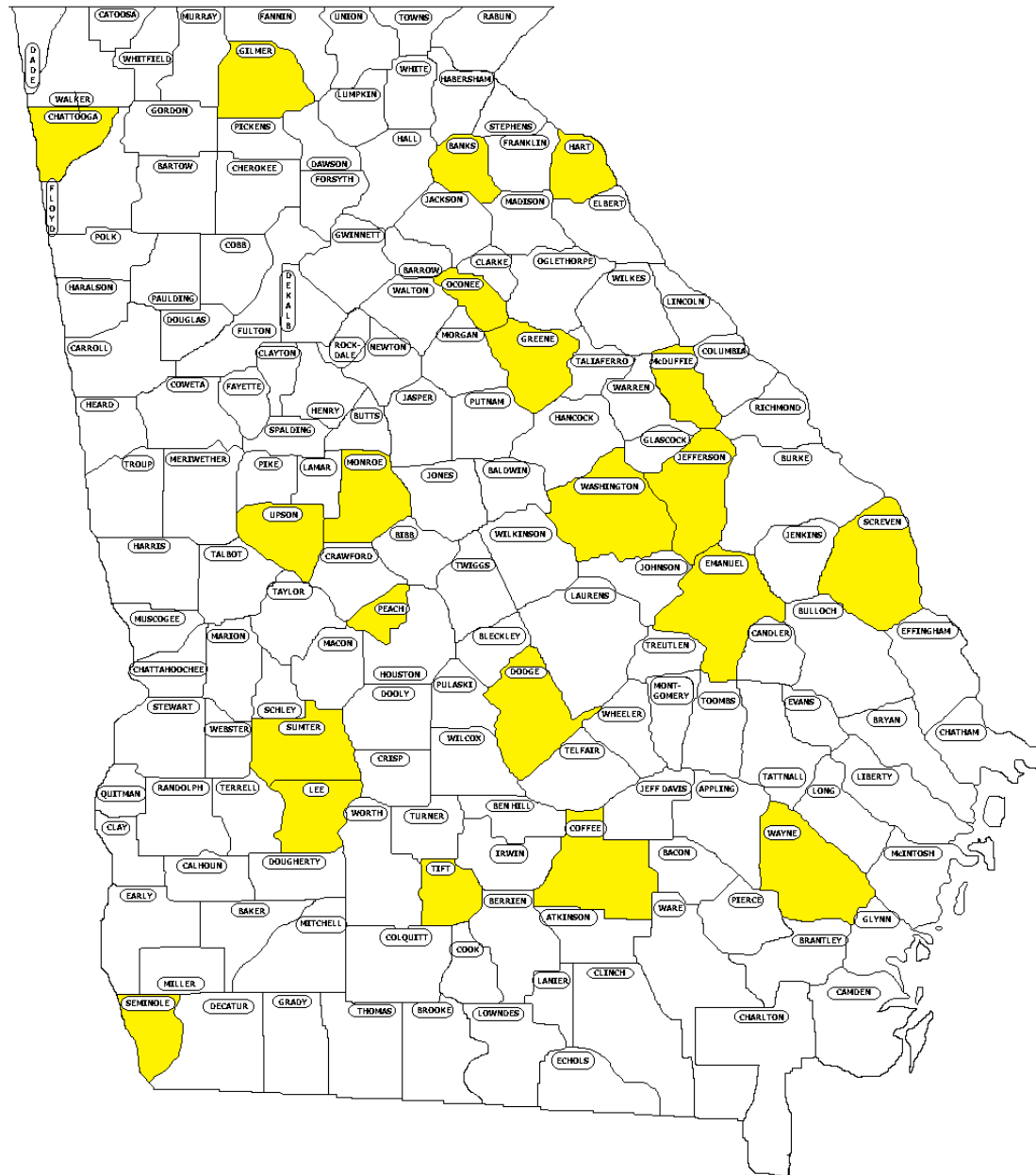
# Scholarship (Practice)

The following individuals were awarded the scholarship in previous fiscal years, have completed a graduate medical education program, and are now practicing in a rural area as part of their contract obligation of the Scholarship Program.

Name	Award Years	County	Specialty
Shenique Anderson, M.D.	2015, 2014, 2013	Wayne	Family Medicine
Tameka Byrd, D.O.	2011, 2010, 2009, 2006	Peach	Family Medicine
Loretta Duggan, M.D.	2012, 2011, 2010, 2009	Emanuel	Family Medicine
Ito Edet, M.D.	2013, 2012, 2011, 2010	Green	Internal Medicine, Pediatrics
Daphne Esho, M.D.	2013, 2012, 2011, 2010	Oconee	Pediatrics
Samuel Franklin, M.D.	2014, 2013, 2012, 2011	Jefferson	Internal Medicine
Daniel Gordon, M.D.	2014, 2013, 2012	Hart	Family Medicine
Megan Harris, D.O.	2013, 2012, 2011, 2010	Sumter	Internal Medicine
Jacob Holley, III, M.D.	2013, 2012, 2011, 2010	Seminole	General Surgery
Mary Keith, M.D.	2014, 2013, 2012	Chattooga	Family Medicine
Justin Law, M.D.	2015, 2014	Dodge	Family Medicine
Holly Mahoney, M.D.	2014, 2013, 2012, 2011	McDuffie	Family Medicine
Brittany Martin, M.D.	2014, 2013, 2012, 2011	Gilmer	Family Medicine
Sidney Morgan, M.D.	2012, 2011, 2010, 2009	Screven	Family Medicine, Internal Medicine
Shanda Newsome, M.D.	2011, 2010, 2009, 2008	Lee	Family Medicine
Justin Peterson, M.D.	2014, 2013, 2012, 2011	Coffee	OB/GYN
Daryl Remick, M.D.	2012, 2011, 2010, 2009	Monroe	Family Medicine
Abhinav Saxena, M.D.	2011, 2010, 2009, 2008	Tift	Psychiatry
Ryan Shingler, D.O.	2014, 2013, 2012, 2011	Seminole	Family Medicine
Thomas Smith, M.D.	2015, 2014, 2013	Washington	Family Medicine
Rebecca Staub, M.D.	2014, 2013, 2012	Tift	Pediatrics
Earl Stewart, Jr., M.D.	2012, 2011, 2010	Upton	Internal Medicine
Christopher Taranto, D.O.	2011, 2010, 2009, 2008	Sumter	Emergency Medicine
Aaron Thomas, Jr., M.D.	2012, 2011, 2010, 2009	Banks	Internal Medicine
Amethyst Wilder, M.D.	2015, 2014, 2013, 2012	N/A	Defer

# Scholarship (Practice)

In FY 2019, there were 25 former recipients of the Board's Scholarship program fulfilling practice obligations which provided 21 rural Georgia counties with improved access to care.





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Questions? Comments? Concerns?

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