



Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce

AWARD REPORT FOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Fiscal Year 2021

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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 2021.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2015, funds for this program were realigned through the budgetary process to the Physicians for Rural Areas (PRAA) 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. Although the final scholarship award was made in FY2018, there are 23 former scholarship recipients that are still under the program – 4 former recipients are still in training in the graduate medical education phase of the program and 19 former recipients are now in the practice obligation phase of the program. Not included in these numbers is any former recipient currently in the deferral, repayment, or default process. All recipients should complete the Scholarship Program and its service obligation in 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 (DCH) 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-3
Evan Fountain, M.D.	2015, 2014, 2013, 2012	Internal Medicine	Fellowship
Katie Hudgens, M.D.	2016, 2015, 2014, 2013	Internal Medicine, Pediatrics	PGY-4
Jasmine Shell, M.D.	2013, 2012, 2011, 2010	Preventive Medicine	PGY-2

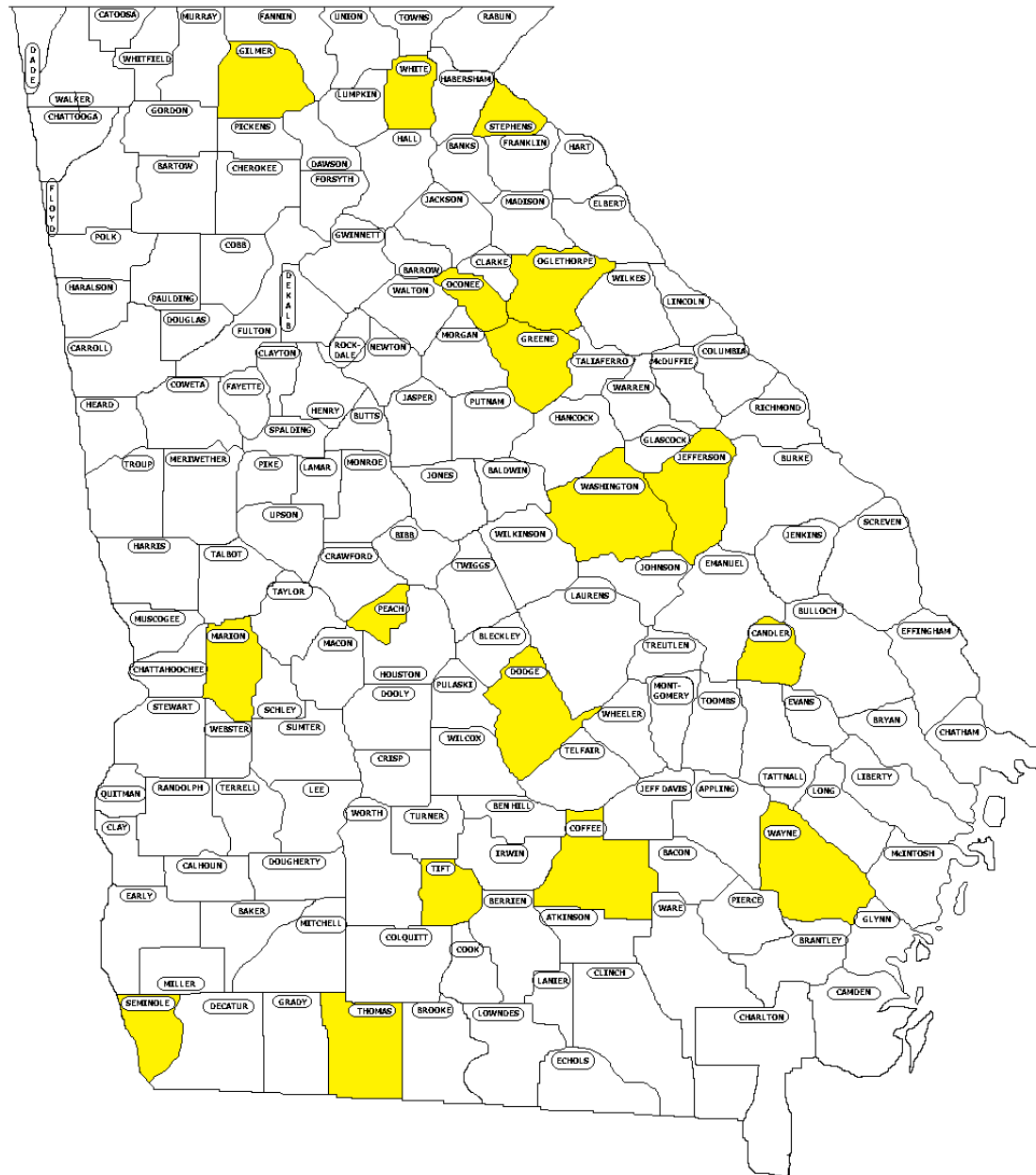
Scholarship (Practice)

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	Specialty	County
Rachel Anderson, D.O.	2017, 2016, 2015, 2014	Family Medicine	Thomas
Shenique Anderson, M.D.	2015, 2014, 2013	Family Medicine	Wayne
Tameka Byrd, D.O.	2011, 2010, 2009, 2006	Family Medicine	Peach
Ito Daniels, M.D.	2013, 2012, 2011, 2010	Internal Medicine, Pediatrics	Green
Loretta Duggan, M.D.	2012, 2011, 2010, 2009	Family Medicine	Oglethorpe
Daphne Esho, M.D.	2013, 2012, 2011, 2010	Pediatrics	Oconee
Samuel Franklin, M.D.	2014, 2013, 2012, 2011	Internal Medicine	Jefferson
Timothy Fuller, M.D.	2011, 2010, 2009, 2008	General Surgery	Tift
Elizabeth Garcia-Cardenas, M.D.	2016, 2015, 2014, 2013	OB/GYN	Oconee
Jacob Holley, III, M.D.	2013, 2012, 2011, 2010	General Surgery	Seminole
Chris Kiker, M.D.	2017, 2016, 2015, 2014	Family Medicine	Stephens
Brittany Lord, M.D.	2017, 2016, 2015	Pediatrics	Dodge
Brittany Martin, M.D.	2014, 2013, 2012, 2011	Family Medicine	Gilmer
Justin Peterson, M.D.	2014, 2013, 2012, 2011	OB/GYN	Coffee
Ryan Shingler, D.O.	2014, 2013, 2012, 2011	Family Medicine	Seminole
Thomas Smith, M.D.	2015, 2014, 2013	Family Medicine	Washington
Jontu Solomon, M.D.	2017, 2016, 2015, 2014	Family Medicine	Marion
Rebecca Staub, M.D.	2014, 2013, 2012	Pediatrics	Tift
Kaitlyn Vann, D.O.	2016, 2015, 2014, 2013	Family Medicine	White

Scholarship (Practice)

In FY 2021, there were 19 former recipients of the Board's Scholarship program fulfilling practice obligations which provided 17 rural Georgia counties with improved access to care.





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Questions? Comments? Concerns?

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