



# GEORGIA BOARD *of* HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE

*Loan Repayment Program Winners for Board Review*

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The Nurse Faculty Loan Repayment Program (NFLRP) offers a service-cancelable loan of up to \$25,000, paid over two years, with Year 1 providing up to \$10,000 and Year 2 offering up to \$15,000. Eligible recipients must have a Master's or Doctoral degree in nursing, be employed for at least one year as faculty in the University System of Georgia or the Technical College System of Georgia.

**Award Winners are as Follows:**

Name	Employment	Award Amount	Previous Awards
Roxanne Bennett	Kennesaw State University, Wellstar School of Nursing	\$18,543.02	N/A
Kimberly Burke	Georgia Southern University	\$24,589.88	N/A
Katie Cole	Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing of Emory University	\$25,000.00	N/A
Bethany Elrod	North Georgia Technical College	\$25,000.00	N/A
Jenifer Gunter	Albany Technical College	\$25,000.00	N/A
Macy Mosher	Mercer University	\$25,000.00	N/A
Wanda McNeal	Albany Technical College	\$25,000.00	N/A
Jessica Ouzts	Georgia Southwestern State University	\$25,000.00	N/A
Stacie Renee Perry	North Georgia Technical College	\$25,000.00	N/A
Shonda Smith	West Georgia Technical College	\$25,000.00	N/A

**Alternate Award Winners are as Follows:**

Name	Employment	Award Amount	Previous Awards
Jodie Megan Guin	Southeastern Technical College	\$25,000.00	N/A
Dominique Jones Borden	Albany Technical College	\$25,000.00	N/A
Sharea Moore	Georgia State University	\$25,000.00	N/A
Tessy George	Mercer University-Georgia Baptist College of Nursing	\$25,000.00	N/A

The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce offers the Georgia Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program (GBHLRP) to mental health and substance use professionals, with awards up to \$150,000 based on the behavioral health occupation, in exchange for practicing in Georgia. Contracts are for four years, with full-time practice requiring 40 hours per week, and the program is funded by the State of Georgia.

**Award Winners are as Follows:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County of Practice</b>	<b>License</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
Christa Aoki	Fulton	Psychologist	\$80,000.00
Veronica Bentley	DeKalb	Behavioral Specialist	\$40,000.00
Brian Birdsong	Macon	Psychiatrist	\$38,000.00
Ambria Cunningham	DeKalb	Professional Counselor	\$40,000.00
Kisha Farris	DeKalb	Healthcare Program Consultant	\$40,000.00
Veronica Fountain	DeKalb	Clinical Nurse Specialist	\$40,000.00
Lauren L Grady	Richmond	Chemical Dependency Counselor	\$10,000.00
DeChele Hester	DeKalb	Social Worker	\$40,000.00
Joseph Emmanuel Mathias	DeKalb	Psychiatrist	\$150,000.00
Eboni Robinson	Fulton	Professional Counselor	\$40,000.00
Jade Rodriguez	DeKalb	Social Worker	\$40,000.00
Chandler Lorenzo Scott	Peach	Clinical Social Worker	\$40,000.00
William Smith	DeKalb	Clinical Social Worker	\$40,000.00
Demetria Taylor	Muscogee	Social Worker	\$40,000.00
Sheree D Telfair	Peach	Clinical Social Worker	\$40,000.00
Karisma Turner-Winfrey	Richmond	Psychologist	\$80,000.00
Venus Walker	DeKalb	Chemical Dependency Counselor	\$10,000.00
Shatisha M. Wilson	Columbia	Professional Counselor	\$40,000.00

**Alternate Award Winners are as Follows:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County of Practice</b>	<b>License</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
		Senior Behavioral & Mental Health	
Molly Vaughn	DeKalb	Therapist	\$40,000.00
Ralph Everett Ables III	Stephens	Psychologist	\$40,000.00
Morgan Sade Jordan	Richmond	Professional Counselor	\$40,000.00
Kwatoria L. Bryant	Houston	Professional Counselor	\$40,000.00
Jamieliah Shanice Zorn	Muscogee	Social Worker	\$40,000.00

The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce administers the Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program (PALRP), offering up to \$10,000 per year in loan repayment for Physician Assistants who work in underserved rural areas of Georgia. The loans can be forgiven through service, with contracts renewable for up to four years, and the program is funded by the State of Georgia.

**Award Winners are as follows:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County of Practice</b>	<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Previous Awards</b>
Taylor Hutto Allen	Ware	Primary Care	\$10,000.00	N/A
Payton Brown	Wilkes	Family Medicine	\$10,000.00	2022, 2023, 2024
Ebony Joy Cooke	Oconee	Urgent Care	\$10,000.00	N/A
Alex Doherty	Crisp	Family Medicine	\$10,000.00	N/A
Katherine Love Edelen	Thomas	Family Medicine	\$10,000.00	N/A
Elena Victoria Fercilien	Oconee	Psychiatry	\$10,000.00	2023, 2024
James Fercilien	Oconee	Vascular Surgery	\$10,000.00	2023, 2024
Robert Land	Ben Hill	Family Medicine	\$10,000.00	2024
Randy Edward Lane	Thomas	Pain Management	\$10,000.00	N/A
Casey Lawrence	Oconee	Urgent Care	\$10,000.00	N/A
Joyce Lewis	Thomas	Urgent Care	\$10,000.00	N/A
Miranda Lewis	Tift	Internal Medicine	\$10,000.00	2024
Julianne Fricks McCaskill	Emanuel	Internal Medicine	\$10,000.00	N/A
Dilan Kalpesh Patel	Polk	Family Medicine	\$10,000.00	N/A
Justin Hugh Roberts	Tift	Pulmonary/Critical Care	\$10,000.00	2023, 2024
Philip Sangster	Oconee	Psychiatry	\$10,000.00	2024
Christina M Tidwell	Candler	Urgent Care	\$10,000.00	2024
Dillon Veal	Ware	Emergency Medicine	\$10,000.00	N/A
Callie Wilkes	Toombs	Pediatrics	\$10,000.00	2022, 2023, 2024
Kandi Lauren Willis	Stephens	Family Medicine/Urgent Care	\$10,000.00	N/A
Paige Yeomans	Liberty	Emergency Medicine	\$10,000.00	2024

**No Alternate Award Wnners**

The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce offers the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Loan Repayment Program (APRNLRP), providing up to \$10,000 per year in loan assistance for APRNs who work in underserved rural areas of Georgia. The loans can be forgiven through service, with contracts renewable for up to four years, and the program is funded by the State of Georgia.

**Award Winners are as Follows:**

Name	County of Practice	Specialty	Award Amount	Previous Awards
Ashley Adams	Toombs	OB/GYN	\$10,000.00	N/A
Shanday Allen	Peach	Primary Care	\$10,000.00	N/A
Mary Lovett Wheeler Anderson	Stephens	Pediatrics	\$8,550.73	2023, 2024
Taylor Andre	Toombs	OB/GYN	\$10,000.00	2024
Zhane Brianna Asare-kokou	Liberty	Urgent Care/Primary Care	\$10,000.00	N/A
Hannah Bennett	Brantley	Family Practice	\$10,000.00	N/A
Tiara Bradley	Upson	Family Practice/Geriatrics	\$10,000.00	2024
Tina Gooch Campbell	White	Family Medicine	\$10,000.00	2024
Stephanie Cannon	Meriwether	Family/Urgent Care	\$10,000.00	N/A
Kimberly Nacole Clark	Polk	Primary Care	\$10,000.00	N/A
Traci Coyne	Stephens	OB/GYN	\$10,000.00	N/A
Preston Allen Crawford	Jeff Davis	Family Practice	\$10,000.00	N/A
Valerie DeFoor	Stephens	Internal Medicine	\$10,000.00	N/A
Catherine Dennis	Monroe	Family Practice	\$10,000.00	N/A
Kimberly Tillman Fulmer	Candler	Primary Care	\$2,705.31	2023, 2024
Ashley Hardeman	Oconee	Internal Medicine	\$10,000.00	2024
Makayla Hardeman	Laurens	OB/GYN	\$10,000.00	2024
Mary Racheal H. Havens	Thomas	Family Practice	\$10,000.00	2024
Summer Dixon Hill	Pierce	Pediatrics	\$10,000.00	N/A
Matthew R. Hodges	Appling	Family Medicine	\$10,000.00	2024
Cassandra Hower	Appling	Family Medicine	\$10,000.00	2024
Laurie Marie Hutchins	Montgomery	Family Medicine	\$10,000.00	N/A
Amanda Nina Little	Telfair	Pediatrics	\$10,000.00	N/A
Kristen Brooke Martin	Ware	Internal Medicine/Nephrology	\$10,000.00	N/A
Jose D Mejia	Union	Primary Care/Family Practice	\$10,000.00	N/A
Paige Neely	Emanuel	Pediatrics/Adult Medicine	\$10,000.00	2024
Sarah Parker	White	Family Practice/SBHC	\$10,000.00	N/A
Melissa Penton	Upson	Family Practice	\$10,000.00	N/A
Chelsea Powell	Monroe	Family Practice	\$10,000.00	N/A
Susan Renee Prouse	Decatur	Family Practice	\$10,000.00	N/A
Beverly Ramey	Rabun	Family Practice	\$7,175.72	N/A
Selina Farley Sanders	Hart	Family Practice	\$10,000.00	N/A
Sandy Michelle Stinnett	Habersham	Primary Care	\$10,000.00	N/A
Courtney Taibi	Tift	OB/GYN	\$10,000.00	N/A
Morgan Thomas	Dodge	Primary Care	\$10,000.00	N/A
James Tomol	Oconee	Family Practice	\$10,000.00	N/A
Heidi Trehern	Haralson	Primary Care/Urgent Care	\$10,000.00	N/A
Rebekah Marie Tucker	Tift	Family Practice	\$10,000.00	N/A
Sheila Lynne Whitener	Union	Family Practice	\$10,000.00	N/A

**Award Winners Continued:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County of Practice</b>	<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Previous Awards</b>
Sherry Bailey	Coffee	Nephrology	\$10,000.00	2023, 2024
Amy H Banks	Dodge	Primary Care	\$6,835.32	2024
Cynthia Beeland	Upton	Urgent/Primary Care	\$9,171.57	2023, 2024
Allison Buck Brice	Union	Hospice/Palliative Care	\$10,000.00	N/A
Joey Bullard	Liberty	Emergency Medicine	\$10,000.00	2023, 2024
Lindsay Capps	Haralson	Family Medicine	\$10,000.00	2024
Morgan Carter	Stephens	Internal Medicine	\$10,000.00	2022, 2023, 2024
Kristin Clifton	Toombs	Family Medicine	\$10,000.00	2024
Ronald Sean DeMeyer	Jenkins	Emergency Medicine	\$10,000.00	N/A
Morgan Mizell Eldridge	Ware	Pain Management	\$10,000.00	2024
Alison Fitzgerald	Tift	OB/GYN	\$10,000.00	2024
Dawn Glisson	Tift	Emergency Medicine	\$10,000.00	2023, 2024
Wendy Leigh Gray	Troup	Hospice/Palliative Care	\$10,000.00	2024
Courtney Lee Green	Habersham	Family Practice	\$10,000.00	N/A
Kelly Grummer-Smith	Tift	Pediatrics	\$10,000.00	2024
Tara Hamilton	Peach	Emergency Medicine	\$10,000.00	N/A
Rachael Hawkins-Tighe	Oconee	Psychiatric Care	\$10,000.00	N/A
Christopher Hightower	Dodge	Family Medicine	\$10,000.00	2024
Laura Hodges	Bryan	Family/General Practice	\$10,000.00	2024
Katlyn Taylor Reeves Hogg	Baldwin	Internal Medicine	\$10,000.00	2022, 2023, 2024
Alisha Holloway	Tift	Pediatrics	\$7,344.91	2023, 2024
Marshall Keavin Hulett	Appling	Family Practice	\$10,000.00	2024
Kimberly Jenkins Kelley	Oconee	Cardiology	\$10,000.00	N/A
Anna Kinley	Pickens	Pediatrics/Primary Care	\$10,000.00	2024
Kristin Lawson	Oconee	Cardiology	\$10,000.00	N/A
Sybil Jane Lew	Upton	Family Practice	\$10,000.00	2022, 2023, 2024
Elizabeth Jane McKinley	Pickens	Internal Medicine	\$10,000.00	2024
Andrea Morgan	Toombs	Geriatrics	\$10,000.00	2024
Sharon Denise Peebles	Emanuel	OB/GYN	\$10,000.00	2023, 2024
Janna Phillips	Coffee	Internal Medicine	\$10,000.00	2024
Mandi Purcell	Emanuel	Family Practice	\$10,000.00	N/A
Kelli B Sharpton	Toombs	Pediatrics	\$10,000.00	2023, 2024
Regina Stone	Coffee	HIV Care/Infectious Disease	\$10,000.00	2024
Lashunda Stone-Cooper	Ware	Family Practice	\$4,927.91	2024
Cala Brooke Tanner	Tattnall	Primary Care	\$10,000.00	2023, 2024
Amanda C. Tomberlin	Tift	OB/GYN	\$10,000.00	2023, 2024
Tami Ayala Tran	Fannin	Family Practice	\$10,000.00	2023, 2024
Lawanda Williams	Emanuel	Family Practitioner	\$10,000.00	2024
Andrea Denise Williams	Baldwin	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	\$10,000.00	N/A
Kimberly Smith Withrow	Washington	Internal Medicine	\$10,000.00	N/A
Jessi Erica Woods	Toombs	Pediatrics	\$10,000.00	2023, 2024

**APRN Alternate Award winners  
are as follows:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County of Practice</b>	<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Previous Awards</b>
Brandi Newman	Crisp	Emergency Medicine	\$10,000.00	2024
Justin Doyle Nicholson	Fannin	Oncology/Hematology	\$10,000.00	2023, 2024
Robert A. Bell	Toombs	Cardiology	\$10,000.00	N/A
Tina Walker	Ware	Emergency Medicine	\$10,000.00	N/A
Laura Callaway	Tift	Nurse Midwife	\$10,000.00	N/A
Christina Elizabeth Ross	Greene	Cardiology	\$10,000.00	N/A

The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce administers the Dentists for Rural Areas Assistance (DRAA) Program, offering up to \$25,000 per year in loan repayment for dentists working in underserved rural areas of Georgia. The loans can be forgiven through service, with contracts renewable for up to four years, and the program is funded by the State of Georgia.

**Award Winners are as Follows:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County of Practice</b>	<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Previous Awards</b>
Benjamin Alverson	Polk	General Dentist	\$25,000.00	2023, 2024
Maxwell Bilderback	Polk	General Dentist	\$25,000.00	2024
Nick Brodak	Tattnall	General Dentist	\$25,000.00	N/A
Jennifer Elizabeth Nehoda Christy	Evans	General Dentist	\$25,000.00	N/A
Jessilee Brooker Grantham	Coffee	General Dentist	\$25,000.00	2022, 2023, 2024
Bahar Jalalian	Dodge	General Dentist	\$25,000.00	2022, 2023, 2024
Ryan Allen Seerley	Hart	General Dentist	\$25,000.00	N/A
Christian Walker	Evans	General Dentist	\$25,000.00	N/A

**No Alternate Award Wnners**



The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce runs the Georgia Dental Education Loan Repayment Program (GDELRP), offering up to \$150,000 in loan repayment over four years for physicians providing direct patient care in underserved rural areas of Georgia. The loans can be forgiven through service, with a four-year contract term, and the program is funded by the State of Georgia.

**Award Winners are as Follows:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County of Practice</b>	<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
Rodrell Brown	Oconee	Pediatric Dentist	\$150,000.00
Alexa Michele Cueli	Jeff Davis	General Dentist	\$150,000.00
Hung Ho	Dodge	General Dentist	\$61,814.15
Wallis Stuart Hobby	Oconee	General Dentist	\$44,929.57
Molly Smith	Baldwin	General Dentist	\$100,395.24
<b>No Alternate Award Wnners</b>			

The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce runs the Physicians for Rural Areas Assistance (PRAA) Program, providing up to \$25,000 per year in loan repayment for physicians working in underserved rural areas of Georgia. The loans can be forgiven through service, with contracts renewable for up to four years, and the program is funded by the State of Georgia.

**Award winners are as follows:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County of Practice</b>	<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Previous Awards</b>
Michael Appeadu	Laurens	Pain Management	\$25,000.00	2024
Spencer Baird	Rabun	Emergency Medicine	\$25,000.00	2024
Amanda Berry	Thomas	Anesthesiology	\$25,000.00	2023, 2024
Robert Beveridge	Greene	Emergency Medicine	\$25,000.00	2024
Nikkia Akilah Blake	Butts	Emergency Medicine	\$25,000.00	2022, 2023, 2024
Sarah Bouck	Thomas	Pediatrics	\$25,000.00	2024
Lauri W. Bullen	Laurens	OB/GYN	\$25,000.00	2023, 2024
Sarah Chason	Thomas	OB/GYN	\$25,000.00	N/A
Emily Denney	Haralson	Pediatrics	\$25,000.00	N/A
Vinh Si Dong	Emanuel	Internal Medicine	\$25,000.00	N/A
Ravinderpal Gill	Habersham	Internal Medicine	\$25,000.00	2024
Kathleen Grant	Oconee	Internal Medicine	\$25,000.00	2023, 2024
Dixie Dawn Griffin	Tift	Allergy/Immunology	\$7,642.18	2023, 2024
Joshua Herndon	Chattooga	Internal Medicine	\$25,000.00	2024
Robert Grant Hollenbeck	Thomas	Anesthesiology	\$25,000.00	2024
Frederick Martinez	Toombs	Internal Medicine	\$25,000.00	N/A
Abigail Miller	Coffee	Family Medicine	\$25,000.00	N/A
Caroline Musa	Emanuel	Internal Medicine	\$25,000.00	N/A
Jeffrey Nasworthy	Sumter	Family Medicine	\$25,000.00	2023, 2024
Kevin Nesbit	Murray	Family Medicine	\$25,000.00	2023, 2024
Dominiq Okoduwa	Sumter	Internal Medicine	\$25,000.00	2022, 2023, 2024
Shivan Narendra Patel	Worth	Family Medicine	\$25,000.00	N/A
Grace Patterson	Stephens	Pediatrics	\$25,000.00	2022, 2023, 2024
Robert Quick	Stephens	Family Medicine	\$25,000.00	2022, 2023, 2024
Macy P. Tabb	Decatur	Family Medicine	\$25,000.00	2024
Kevin Timperman	Evans	General Surgery	\$25,000.00	2024

**No Alternate Award Wnners**

The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce administers the Physicians Educational Loan Repayment Program (GPELRP), providing up to \$150,000 in loan repayment over four years for physicians who offer direct patient care in underserved rural areas of Georgia. The loans can be forgiven through service, with a four-year contract term, and the program is funded by the State of Georgia.

**Award Winners are as Follows:**

Name	County of Practice	Specialty	Award Amount	Previous Awards
Olufunke Adebayo	Baldwin	Family Medicine	\$150,000.00	N/A
Andrew P. Bozeman	Laurens	General Surgery	\$150,000.00	N/A
Sarah Chason	Thomas	OB/GYN	\$150,000.00	N/A
Vinh Si Dong	Emanuel	Internal Medicine	\$150,000.00	N/A
Jesse Nathan Greene	Grady	Family Medicine	\$150,000.00	N/A
Amy Leurinda	McDuffie	Family Medicine	\$150,000.00	N/A
Abigail Miller MD	Coffee	Family Medicine	\$150,000.00	N/A
Nwanneka Okwundu	Decatur	Family Medicine	\$150,000.00	N/A
Brian Pratt	Rabun	Family Medicine	\$150,000.00	N/A
Jessica Reyes	Evans	Pain Management	\$150,000.00	N/A
Joseph Sebastian	Haralson	Family Medicine	\$150,000.00	N/A

**Alternate Award Winners are as Follows:**

Name	County of Practice	Specialty	Award Amount	Previous Awards
Olalekan A Akinyokunbo	Effingham	Emergency Medicine	\$150,000.00	N/A
Robert Beveridge	Greene	Emergency Medicine	\$150,000.00	N/A
Ra'Shead Shakaer Pompey	Wilkes	Family Medicine	\$150,000.00	N/A