

The Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program is a program funded by the State of Georgia to provide loans of up to \$10,000 to assist physician assistants in repaying outstanding PA education loan debt in return for practicing in an underserved rural Georgia county (a population of 35,000 or less based on the most recent U.S. Census). Contracts are awarded for one year and are renewable three times for a maximum of four years. Please see the chart below for information about the program.

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Who can apply?	Applicants must:
	•be a citizen, legal resident or foreign national of the U.S.,
	•have graduated from an ARC-PA-accredited physician assistant education program in the U.S.,
	•have an unrestricted PA license by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, and
	•practice with a Medicaid provider in Georgia and actively treat Medicaid patients
When should I apply?	The application period runs from Sept. 1 through Oct. 31 on the GBPW website
What is the amount of the award?	The award amount is \$10,000 per year and is renewable for up to three additional years (maximum of \$40,000/four years). The program assists in paying debt incurred for tuition, fees and other expenses associated with the completion of a PA degree and available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
What is the renewal process?	Applicants must reapply each year, and if there are no substantial changes over the previous year, the application will be automatically renewed. However, substantial changes will require the application to be ranked as a new application.
What is the service repayment?	One year of working full-time in a Georgia County of 50,000 or less for each year of funding received
What are the penalties for not completing the obligation?	Double the principal amount received

Please note: This chart is for information only and does not outline the full stipulations of the program. For the most recent and detailed information, please visit <u>http://gbpw.georgia.gov/loan-repayment-programs</u>.

Georgia Board for Physician Workforce Loan Repayment Programs Eligible Counties Map

