Want to be a family physician or general surgeon in rural North Dakota?

RuralMed: a state sponsored tuition scholarship

Purpose
RuralMed is a state sponsored tuition scholarship designed to:
- encourage medical students to select careers in family medicine
- increase the number of family medicine providers for rural North Dakota

How to Apply
A medical student who wants to apply should submit the following materials to the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions:
1. Complete the RuralMed application; this gives written permission for the RuralMed selection committee to review the student’s complete medical school application.
2. A one to two page essay addressing why the student wants to participate in, and is a good choice for RuralMed

Benefits
Students accepted for RuralMed will have the cost of tuition paid for in return for practicing in rural North Dakota

Eligibility
This program accepts applications from first year medical students enrolled at the UNDSMHS.
- Eight (8) students will be accepted each year

Requirements
RuralMed is open to students pursuing a career in family medicine or general surgery. Priority consideration is given to students pursuing family medicine.

The student must:
- enroll as a medical student at UNDSMHS
- maintain status in good standing throughout four years of education
- enter a graduate residency in family medicine or general surgery*
- establish a full-time family medicine or general surgery* practice in rural North Dakota within six (6) months of completing their graduate residency
- practice family medicine or general surgery* in rural North Dakota for five (5) calendar years.

Definitions
Rural is defined as all locations (see map for eligible sites) except:
- Bismarck-Mandan
- Fargo-West Fargo-Moorhead
- Grand Forks-East Grand Forks
- Minot

Family Medicine means entering a practice as a licensed physician certified by the American Board of Family Medicine

Tuition is the amount of money published in the official UND catalog or bulletin for the academic term in which the tuition is incurred (for in state students)

Full-time practice is a minimum of forty hours per work week in which 32 hours must be spent providing direct patient care. This does not include time spent ‘on call’.

General Surgery means entering a practice as a licensed surgeon certified by the American College of Surgeons.

Eligible rural practice locations

For more information:
Student Affairs Financial Aid
University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences
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www.med.und.edu/student-affairs-admissions/financial-aid

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