

University of Southern Nevada

2009-2010 HRSA Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students

The University of Southern Nevada (USN) proudly announces that it has received funding from the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to award the Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students. The purpose of the Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students is to promote diversity among full-time health professionals. USN encourages students who want to work within an underrepresented community and students who want to be a leader in the health professional community to apply for this scholarship. This is a great honor and an opportunity to spread diversity among the underserved.

The award will be disbursed between students who meet the criteria established by Health and Human Services. The following criteria must be met in order to qualify:

- Completed FAFSA
- Enrolled as a full-time Pharmacy or Nursing student
- Must be a US citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Application for the HRSA Scholarship
- 100 words or less essay – “What makes you an Disadvantaged Student”
- Parent tax returns or Parent Non-filing Statement
- Parent Information Sheet

A student from a disadvantaged background is described as someone who is from a background as indicated below:

Part 1 – (Environmental) A student from an environment that has inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skill, and abilities required to enroll in and graduate from a school; and/or other social hardships - single parents, disabilities, deceased parent(s), ward of the court, and/or other examples of hardship; or

Part 2 – (Economic) A student from a family with a combined (parent and student) annual income below a level based on low-income thresholds according to family size published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index. Financial aid will look at the family size by reviewing the annual income from your income statements.

Low Income levels for 2009-2010 Application

The Low-Income Level, which is based on 200 percent of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services poverty guidelines are used to determine what constitutes a low-income family for purpose of awarding the Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students for the **Academic Year 2009-2010**.

To determine if a student comes from an economically disadvantaged background, a school must use the student's parents' income (**regardless of the student's age, dependency status, and/or marital status**).

<u>Size of Parent's Family*</u>	<u>Income Level</u>	<u>Alaska</u>	<u>Hawaii</u>
1	19,600	24,500	22,540
2	26,400	33,200	30,360
3	33,200	41,500	38,180
4	40,000	50,000	46,000
5	46,800	58,500	53,820
6	53,600	67,000	61,640
7	60,400	75,500	69,460
8	67,200	84,000	77,280
For each additional person add:	6,800	8,500	7,820

*Number of exemptions listed on the parent's Federal income tax forms (e.g. family size of 4 might include two parents and two dependents or one parent and three dependents).

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact the Financial Aid Office at:

(702) 968-1635 Henderson Campus

(801) 878-1031 Utah Campus

Disclaimer - If the maximum financial aid award for your Cost of Attendance budget has been reached, this scholarship or any additional awards will be used to reduce your loan indebtedness (e.g. your scholarship award would be paid to your lender to reduce your Grad Plus or private loan).