PA Student Loan Relief for Nurses Program

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On September 28, 2021, Senator Maria Collett, joined by PHEAA Vice Chair Senator Wayne Fontana, Acting Secretary of Health Alison Beam, and Senator Vincent Hughes, announced the COVID-19 Nursing Workforce Initiative (NWI) aimed to provide greater support to Pennsylvania nurses amidst the immense challenges of the pandemic.

- **Student Loan Relief for Nurses** – $5,000,000
- **Apprenticeships and Industry Partnerships** – $1,000,000
- **Residency and Mentorship Programs** – $500,000

As part of the NWI, the PA Student Loan Relief for Nurses (SLRN) Program is expected to be created and administered by PHEAA (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency), once the Board of Directors passes the resolution to provide PHEAA authority to administer the program. Once the program launches, qualified applicants could be selected to receive a financial incentive in the form of student loan relief, in the amount of $2,500 for each year of work (beginning with 2020) for up to three (3) years, with a maximum benefit of $7,500.

**Basics**

**Eligibility**

- Resident of PA
- Licensed by the Commonwealth
- Full-time employment, by 12/31/2021 at qualified facility, to include:
  - assisted living residence
  - home care agency
  - home health care agency,
  - hospital,
  - living independence for the elderly program,
  - long-term care facility
  - personal care home
  - in-person nursing at a pre-K through 12 school building
- Have student loan debt at time of application and awarding
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The SLRN Program will benefit nurses who have worked and continue to work valiantly to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. Individuals eligible to participate in the SLRN program are nurses of the Commonwealth who are licensed by the Department of State to work at or a qualified nursing facility where COVID-19 was contracted during the pandemic.

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