



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Public Comment Request;**

#### **Information Collection Request Title: Nurse Corps Scholarship Program**

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HRSA announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

**DATES:** Comments on this ICR should be received no later than **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to [paperwork@hrsa.gov](mailto:paperwork@hrsa.gov) or mail the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Room 14NWH04, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, email [paperwork@hrsa.gov](mailto:paperwork@hrsa.gov) or call Samantha Miller, the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, at (301) 443-3983.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the ICR title for reference.

*Information Collection Request Title:* Nurse Corps Scholarship Program,

OMB No. 0915-0301- Revision

*Abstract:* The Nurse Corps Scholarship Program (Nurse Corps SP), administered by HRSA, provides scholarships to nursing students in exchange for a minimum 2-year full-time service commitment (or part-time equivalent), at an eligible health care facility with a critical shortage of nurses (i.e., Critical Shortage Facility [CSF]). The scholarship consists of payment of tuition, fees, other reasonable educational costs, and a monthly support stipend. Program recipients are required to fulfill Nurse Corps SP service commitments at CSFs located in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

*Need and Proposed Use of the Information:* The Nurse Corps SP collects data to determine an applicant's eligibility for the program, monitor a participant's continued enrollment in a school of nursing, monitor the participant's compliance with the Nurse Corps SP service obligation, and prepare annual reports to Congress. The following information will be collected (1) from the applicants to determine their eligibility—an application form consisting of personal (such as proof of citizenship, references, and personal essay), financial (such as the Student Aid Index), and educational information (including verification of acceptance and good standing, tuition costs, and transcripts); (2) from the schools, on a quarterly basis—general applicant and nursing school data such as full name, location, tuition/fees, and enrollment status; (3) from the schools, on an annual basis—data concerning tuition/fees and overall student enrollment status; and (4) from the participants and their employing CSF on a biannual basis—data concerning the participant's employment status, work schedule, and leave usage.

There will be minor changes to this information collection, including replacing “gender” with “sex” and a discontinuation of the collection of resumes within the application as they are not used to determine eligibility.

*Likely Respondents:* Nurse Corps SP applicants, participants who are in school, graduates, educational institutions, and CSFs.

*Burden Statement:* Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

Total Estimated Annualized Burden Hours:

Form Name	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Total Responses	Average Burden per Response (in hours)	Total Burden Hours
Nurse Corps Scholarship Program Application	3,300	1	3,300	2.00	6,600
School Enrollment Verification Form	600	2	1,200	0.33	396
Confirmation of Interest Form	200	1	200	0.20	40
Data Collection Worksheet Form	600	1	600	1.00	600
Graduation Close Out Form	200	1	200	0.17	34
Employment Verification Form	500	2	1,000	0.42	420
In-Service Verification Form	1,000	2	2,000	0.12	240
Verification of Acceptance Form	3,300	2	6,600	0.33	2,178
Authorization to Release Information Form	3,300	1	3,300	0.20	660

Form Name	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Total Responses	Average Burden per Response (in hours)	Total Burden Hours
Total	13,000	.....	18,400	.....	11,168

HRSA specifically requests comments on (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

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