

## **Indian Health Profession Scholarship**

The Indian Health Service, under the direction of the Department of Health and Human Services, recently announced the guidelines for the Indian Health Profession Scholarships. This scholarship program is intended to encourage American Indians and Alaska Natives to enter health professions and to assure the availability of Indian health professionals to service Indians.

The Health Professions Scholarship Program is for American Indian and Alaska Native students, who are members of their Tribe (federally recognized only), enrolled in health professions and allied health professions programs. Students incur service obligations and payback requirements on acceptance of funding from this program. Priority is given to graduate students and junior- and senior-level students unless otherwise specified.

Health Professions Scholarships are awarded for a one year period (12 months of support), with re-application required for each year of continuation. Stipends are paid for the 12-month period beginning each year from August 1 through July 31 for health and allied health professional education up to four years full-time or up to eight years part-time.

The application deadline is **March 28, 2009**, for *new* students. Applicants will be notified the first week of July, 2009. For additional information regarding eligibility and the application process, visit APTA's [website](#) or see the attachment provided.