



FOOD ANIMAL VETERINARIAN RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PROGRAM PILOT PROGRAM - 2010 Launch 2011 Placement

The Pilot Program offers to provide financial incentives in the form of current student loan debt grants for veterinarians who commit to four years of employment in food animal veterinary medicine. The program is a joint effort of the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) and the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), with funding by several industry partners.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be enrolled in a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM/VMD) professional degree program at an AVMA accredited college of veterinary medicine - OR - be a veterinarian, licensed to practice in the United States and have graduated during the four calendar years prior to application.
- Commit to practicing food animal medicine in the U.S. in a qualified veterinary practice and be working in that practice by September 2010.
- Have current qualified undergraduate and graduate educational qualified loan debt. A qualified loan is one that has been made by a qualified commercial lender to assist the borrower in attending an eligible educational institution.
- Be legally able to sign a contract for four-year service obligation.

Eligibility Criteria for a Qualifying Practice

- Qualifying practices in food animal medicine are defined as exclusively or predominantly food animal practices that serve the livestock industry (equal to or greater than 50% of service – generated revenues through food animal services).

Program Timeline

March 15, 2010 - Pilot Program Publicly Announced

April 1, 2010 - Program Launched at www.avmf.org/FAVRRP

June 1, 2010 - Application Deadline

August 2010 - Program Awards announced at AVMA Convention

June 2011, June 2012, June 2013, June 2014 – Pilot Program Awardees to receive payments

August thru October 2010 - Evaluation of Pilot Program, expansion of the Program in 2011

November 2010 thru January 2011 – Tentative Launch 2011 Program