

Community Match Rural Physician's Recruitment Program



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It's a Win/Win

- Helping to ease the burden of the Primary Care physician shortage in rural Arkansas
- Great recruiting tool
- 4 year commitment
- Physicians can practice almost anywhere! Every county in Arkansas is in need of Primary Care physicians
- Eases the physician debt burden

Dreaming of the big



What is the Class Percentage?

- AMCAS shows that **74%** of the students currently accepted for admission to our 2014 entering freshman class are from a rural and/or medically underserved area.



What is the Benefit?!

- Over 4 years - **\$80,000.00***
- They can use it for any purpose
- It's not just for Student Loans



***50/50 Split Community/State**

How Is The Benefit Paid?

- Every Quarter
- First payment is made after the first quarter
- The physician will receive \$5,000 every quarter for 4 years



What Qualifies as Primary Care

- Family Medicine
- General Internal Medicine
- General Internal Pediatrics
- General Pediatrics
- General OB/GYN
- General Surgery
- Emergency Medicine
- Geriatrics



What is a Qualifying Community?

- Medically underserved means an area determined by the Board to have unmet needs for medical services due to factors including, but without limitation to:
 - The ratio of primary care physicians to population
 - Infant mortality rate
 - Percentage of population below federal poverty level (as of Jan 2007)
 - Percentage of resident individuals over the age of 60
 - Percentage of physicians over the age of 60
 - Accessibility within the area to primary care medicine
 - Other relevant criteria the Board deems necessary



Other Qualifiers

There is a 4 year window

- Apply during the last two years of residency OR
 - Apply within two years after completing residency training
 - ✓ They choose the community
 - ✓ They do **NOT** have to be an Arkansas Resident
 - ✓ Any physician who is a graduate from an **accredited United States** medical school
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- ✓ MD and DO Candidates can apply

When is the Deadline to Apply?

- Application deadline is February 28 of each year (Application received from the community and applicant)
- Board Meets mid March

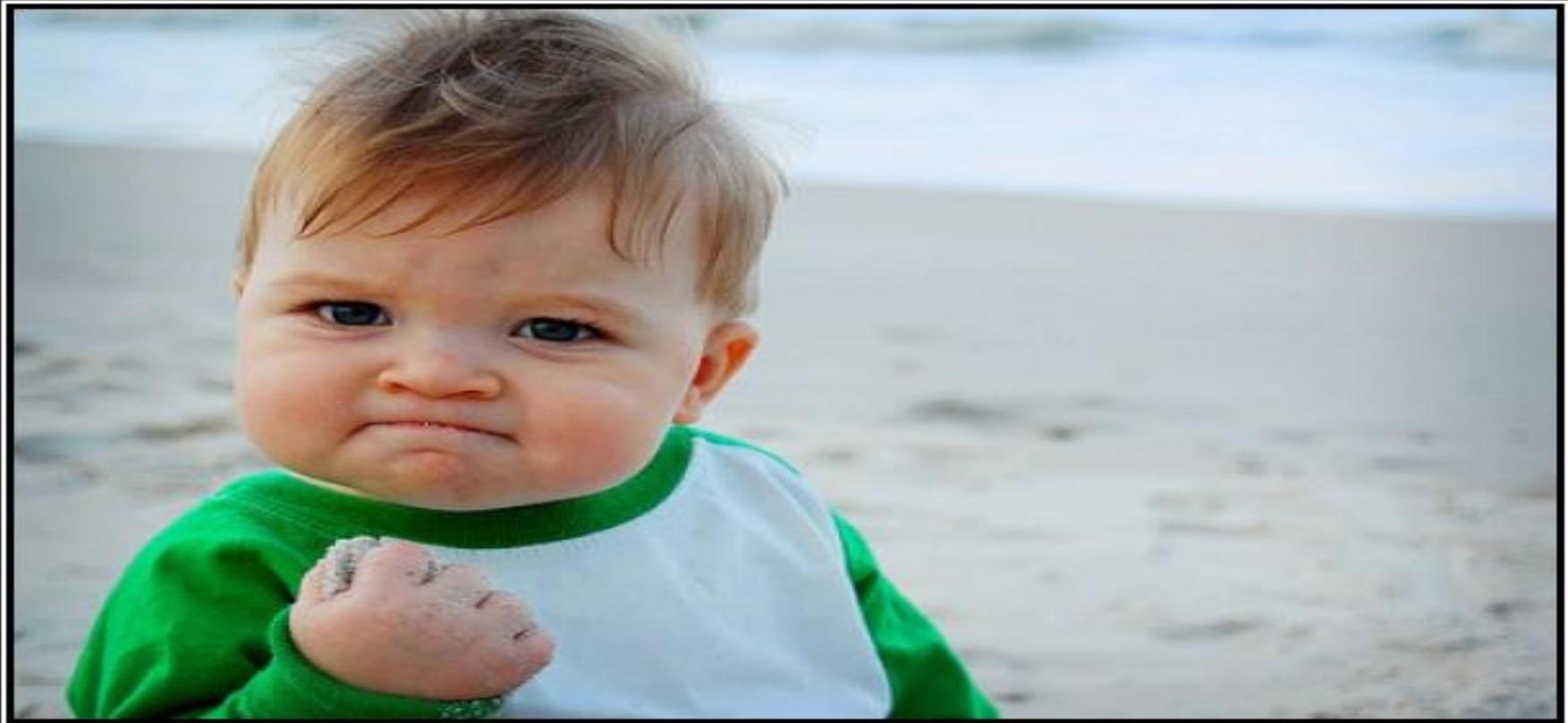




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