

“DISADVANTAGED” per HRSA, “refers to a citizen, a national, or a lawful permanent resident of the United States [or Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico or the Marianas Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Federated State of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, OR the Republic of Palau], who:

1. Comes from an environment that has inhibited them from obtaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to enroll in and graduate from a health professions or nursing school (Educationally Disadvantaged);”

Guidelines for Establishing **Educational Disadvantage** (*May require reference of most recent annual data available, ostensibly found on state’s Department of Education website.*) At least 1 of the following must be the case:

- The individual is the first-generation in his or her family to attend college.
- The individual graduated from (or last attended) a high school with low grade point average (2.0 cumulative on a 4.0 scale), based on most recent annual data available.
- The individual graduated from (or last attended) a high school that—based on the most recent annual data available— had either a:
 - Low percentage of seniors receiving a high school diploma; or
 - Low percentage of graduates who go to college during the first year after graduation.
- The individual graduated from (or last attended) a high school with low per capita funding.
 - i.e. The individual graduated from (or last attended) a high school where—based on the most recent annual data available— many of the enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches.

AND/OR:

2. “Comes from a family with an annual income below a level based on low-income thresholds established by the U.S. Census Bureau, adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index (**Economically Disadvantaged**). The Secretary defines a “low income family” for various health professions and nursing programs included in Titles III, VII & VIII of the Public Health Service Act as having an annual income that does not exceed 200% of the Department’s poverty guidelines.”