

Summer Health Care Internship Program – Fiscal Year 2026 Questions and Answers

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Q1. Our organization only hires individuals who are 18 and over. Would we be eligible to participate if we host only postsecondary interns who are 18 and over?

A1. This grant opportunity is for a statewide nonprofit organization that will award subgrants to eligible organizations throughout Minnesota to establish or expand summer health care internships. The statewide nonprofit organization that receives the grant from MDH and coordinates subgrants to internship sites must represent facilities across Minnesota at which summer health care interns will serve, including clinics, hospitals, nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and home care providers.

Organizations that wish to hire interns and are eligible to receive funding through a subgrant will work with the statewide organization. The host site application process will likely open in late March or early April.

By statute, internship sites must employ at least one secondary student for each postsecondary student employed, to the extent that there are sufficient qualifying secondary student applicants. Please see section 2.2 Eligible Projects in the [RFP](https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ruralhealth/funding/grants/docs/shciprfp.pdf) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ruralhealth/funding/grants/docs/shciprfp.pdf>).

Q2. What costs are considered eligible under the grant?

A2. Please see RFP Part 4: Application Guidance, section 5: Budget and Budget Narrative in the [RFP](https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ruralhealth/funding/grants/docs/shciprfp.pdf) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ruralhealth/funding/grants/docs/shciprfp.pdf>) for details on allowable costs.

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