Public Health Leaders of Tomorrow (PHLOT)  
Tuition Award Fact Sheet

Program Mission
The PHLOT program was established in 2006 with support from the NYS Senate in response to the impending public health workforce shortage. PHLOT’s goals are to strengthen public health infrastructure across New York State and train the next generation of public health leaders.

Eligibility Requirements
In order to be eligible for a PHLOT Tuition Award, all applicants must:
- Have full-time employee status at either a NYS local health department (LHD) or NYS Department of Health (DOH);
- Pursue and utilize tuition assistance through their employer/union, if available;
- Be accepted/enrolled in one of the following University at Albany School of Public Health programs:
  - Certificate in Public Health Fundamentals & Principles
  - Master of Public Health or Online Master of Public Health in Public Health Practice
  - Doctor of Public Health

Tuition Awards
In-State graduate tuition awards are available to NYS LHD or NYS DOH employees only.

- Awards are based on availability of funds per semester and are issued in the priority order below, which is determined between SPH and NYS DOH based on the funding agreement.
  1) Local Health Department (LHD) Directors who need to complete the certificate, MPH or specific coursework;
  2) LHD staff pursuing their first graduate degree (certificate, MPH or MS);
  3) NYS DOH pursuing their first graduate degree (certificate, MPH or MS);
  4) LHD or NYS DOH staff taking non-degree courses, with the intent to pursue a certificate/degree;
  5) LHD or NYS DOH staff pursuing a DrPH or PhD
  6) LHD or NYS DOH staff registering for an independent study and/or internship (non-PHLOT funded)

- Due to limited funding, tuition awards are limited to a maximum of three (3) credits per student per semester. You are responsible for payment of tuition above and beyond the three (3) credits.
- All other fees (student fees, late fees, books, etc.) are the student’s responsibility.
- Students who drop or withdraw from courses after the last day to drop a semester length course will be responsible for payment of tuition and incurred fees for the dropped course. Unless you can demonstrate extenuating circumstances, future funding will be impacted.

Application Requirements
All interested applicants must submit:
- A Tuition Award Request Form during each semester you enroll in courses;
- Documentation of tuition assistance pursued/used through your employer/union;
- Verification of full-time employment status (e.g., copy of ID)

Additional Program Information
- Timely course registration and submission date of the PHLOT Tuition Award Request Form also determines tuition awards.
With the significant reduction in PHLOT funding and increase in the number of students enrolling in our programs, it is not guaranteed that your tuition request will be honored each semester.

Any changes in contact information or program status must be communicated to the Coordinator.

**Questions or for more information**

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