



For Immediate Release  
October 3, 2025

## **2025 Rural Veterinarian Incentive Program Education Loan Assistance Applications Now Open**

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is now accepting Rural Veterinarian Incentive Program (RVIP) applications for the 2025 cycle. Applications may be submitted through November 30, 2025.

The purpose of the RVIP is to encourage veterinarians to practice in qualifying rural Texas counties. This program provides educational loan repayment assistance or payment of tuition and fees of up to \$180,000 to eligible veterinarians and veterinary medicine students in return for commitment to work in designated rural areas in Texas.

“TAHC is proud to support the Rural Veterinarian Incentive Program, helping veterinary care reach every corner of Texas,” said Dr. Bud Dinges, TAHC executive director and state veterinarian. “By offering up to \$45,000 annually, this program empowers veterinarians to serve rural communities that need them most, strengthening both local animal health and the future of veterinary medicine.”

To qualify for this program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- be a currently enrolled student or graduate of a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program at Texas Tech University's School of Veterinary Medicine or Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences;
  - Graduates must have graduated within four years of the application date and be a licensed veterinarian.
  - Students currently enrolled in an out-of-state accredited college of veterinary medicine may apply if they graduated from a Texas high school or undergraduate institution.
- be a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident;
- not be currently fulfilling another obligation to provide veterinary medical services as part of a scholarship agreement, an educational loan agreement, or another educational loan repayment agreement;
- have received an eligible education loan for at least 50 percent of the funds for tuition and fees for one or more academic years while enrolled in an accredited school of veterinary medicine;
- agree to practice veterinary medicine full-time in an eligible rural county in Texas for at least one calendar year; and
- be otherwise eligible to receive payment from the funding source.

Applications are submitted to the RVIP Committee through a process facilitated by the TAHC. Applicants should submit the completed RVIP Application Form and all required attachments by email to [rvip@tahc.texas.gov](mailto:rvip@tahc.texas.gov) or by mail to Rural Veterinarian Incentive Program; Texas Animal Health Commission; P.O. Box 12966; Austin, Texas 78711.

Learn more about the RVIP, who qualifies, and how to apply: <https://www.tahc.texas.gov/vets/rvip.html>.

###

*The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) was established in 1893 as the Livestock Sanitary Commission and charged with protecting the state's domestic animals "from all contagious or infectious diseases of a malignant character." TAHC remains true to this charge while evolving with the times to protect the health and marketability of all Texas livestock and poultry. Learn more about the TAHC by visiting [www.tahc.texas.gov](http://www.tahc.texas.gov).*