



Utah Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Program

In July 2023, the Utah Legislature created the Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Program under the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF). This program **repays education loans for qualifying veterinarians who complete one year of service in an underserved area** of the state. The program will pay up to \$20,000 per year (and a maximum of \$100,000 total) directly towards education loans. The funding for this program is distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Qualified Veterinarians

A qualified veterinarian is a veterinarian who is licensed in Utah and practices in **at least one** of the following areas:

- in Indian country (defined in US Code 18 Sec. 1151)
- in a county or municipality animal shelter
- in an animal shelter operated by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
- as a UDAF employee
- in a practice that includes at least 30% livestock medicine (12 hours per week per veterinarian)
- in a practice that includes at least 20% livestock medicine and at least 10% in any of the other areas above

Program Enrollment

To apply for the program, complete the **Application for the Utah Veterinary Education Loan Repayment Program**. This application is available on the UDAF website on the Information for Veterinarians page. Submit the completed form to UDAF by email at statevet@utah.gov or mail to UDAF*. The one-year period of service begins the day the application form is received.

Program Certification

Once the one-year period of service is complete, the qualified veterinarian will be sent a certification form. The completed form should be sent to the Department along with a current loan statement. The certification form also allows a veterinarian to re-enroll for the following year if they have not reached the maximum loan repayment amount.

Once the certification form is received, UDAF will make a payment directly to the loan. This process may take several weeks.

Program Rules and Regulations

Utah Code 4-2-901 to 903
Utah Administrative Code R58-28

Participation in this program does not affect eligibility for the USDA Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP).



What species qualify as livestock?

- Cattle
- Sheep and goats
- Swine
- Horses and mules
- Poultry
- Domesticated elk
- Any other domestic animal or domestic furbearer raised or kept for profit