



Nomination for Texas Veterinary Shortage Area

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) will gather and review nominations and forward the allowable number of nominations to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for consideration for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program. Nominations may be combined with those from nearby areas as deemed appropriate. Individual veterinarians interested in loan repayment should contact the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture. For more information and guidelines for filling out the nomination form, visit <https://nifa.usda.gov/vmlrp-nomination-and-designation-veterinary-shortage-situations>.

Please return this form to the Texas Animal Health Commission via: e-mail at comments@tahc.texas.gov or fax at 512-719-0719. Deadline for submission is **September 29, 2017, at 5 pm.**

Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination

Note: If this nomination is for a public practice position, please provide the location of the home office or the center of service area.

Location of Veterinary Shortage: _____

(e.g., County, State/Insular Area; must be a logistically feasible veterinary practice service area)

Approximate Center of Shortage Area
(or Location of Position if Type III): _____

(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Priority of Shortage Moderate High Critical

Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty

(Please choose only one of the following three shortage types)

Type I: Private Practice — Food Animal Medicine (awardee obligation: 80% FTE or 32hr/wk)

Must cover (check at least one):

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Swine
- Poultry
- Small Ruminant
- Other _____

May cover:

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Swine
- Poultry
- Small Ruminant
- Other _____

Type II: Private Practice – Rural Area, Food Animal Medicine (awardee obligation: at least 30% FTE or 12hr/week)

Must cover (check at least one):

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Swine
- Poultry
- Small Ruminant
- Other _____

May cover:

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Swine
- Poultry
- Small Ruminant
- Other _____

Type III: Public Practice (awardee obligation at least 49% FTE or 19 hr/week)

Employer: _____ Position Title: _____

Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas.

- Food Safety
- Public Health
- Epidemiology
- Other: _____

Please describe the importance and the objectives of a veterinarian filling this shortage situation as well as being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 1500 characters).

Please describe the activities of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 1500 characters or less).

Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 750 characters or less).

Please describe the risk of this veterinarian position not being secured or retained. Include the risk(s) to the production of a safe and wholesome food supply and to animal, human, and environmental health not only in the community but in the region, state/insular area, nation, and/or international community (limit your response to 2000 characters or less).

(Optional) If the nominator wishes to specify a service time for this shortage situation that is higher than the minimum required for the shortage type shown on page 1, please specify the percent time below (based on a 40-hour work week). Leave blank if the service time for this shortage situation is for the minimum percent time of the shortage type indicated.

_____% service time

Contact information for nominator:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Email: _____

Telephone Number: _____ (10 digits)

Date: _____

Please note: If there are multiple people who wish to add their endorsement to this nomination, you may include a separate page with names and contact information for those individuals rather than submitting identical nomination forms.

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