

NIFA Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) National Institute of Food and Agriculture US Department of Agriculture NIFA-02-10 OMB No. 0524-0047 Form Approved For Use Through 9/30/2017

## Personal Statement

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**Instructions (NEW APPLICANTS):** Use 10,000 characters or less including spaces (approximately five double-spaced, typed pages) to describe your short-term and long-term career objectives in veterinary medicine, your plan to achieve these objectives, your relevant knowledge, skills, abilities and experience, and your practice plans and logistics to address the specific shortage situation to which you are applying. Include an explanation of 1) why you believe the situation you are applying for is one truly in need of food supply or other specialty veterinary services, and 2) why you believe you are well trained and professionally positioned to mitigate this shortage situation.

**Instructions (RENEWAL APPLICANTS):** Use 10,000 characters or less including spaces (approximately five double-spaced, typed pages) to provide a progress report starting with the time since the start of your current (or most recent) VMLRP award, including how you are effectively addressing the specific shortage situation in which you are serving. Include an explanation of why you believe you are well trained and professionally positioned to continue the mitigation of this shortage situation.

**Instructions (ALL APPLICANTS):** Please include your name, date, and the page number in the header of each page of your personal statement. Handwritten information in the header is acceptable, but no handwritten answers for the personal statement will be accepted.

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