

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION
Office of Student Financial Assistance

Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program
2003 Fiscal Year Report

By law, the Maryland Higher Education Commission is required to report annually to the General Assembly on the status of the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program (LARP).

Listed below are the LARP priority fields of employment:

1. Lawyers who provide legal services to low-income residents of Maryland (mandated by law);
2. Nurses in nursing shortage areas, as defined by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (mandated by law);
3. Occupational and physical therapists;
4. Social workers with a Bachelor's or Master's degree in social work;
5. Speech pathologists; and
6. Teachers in declared areas of critical teacher shortage in Maryland. Those areas for 2002-2003 were: mathematics, physics, physical science, computer science, earth/space science, technology education, chemistry (all secondary); English for speakers of other languages/ESOL (elementary and secondary); and special education - generic (infant to Grade 3; Grade 6 to adult hearing impaired), and severely and profoundly handicapped.

LARP applications were available in June 2002, and were accepted until September 30, 2002. The Office of Student Financial Assistance received 552 applications. Of the 552 applications received, 34 were incomplete, 64 showed no need for assistance, and 70 were ineligible for consideration. Of the 384 eligible applicants, 239 received awards for a total dollar amount of \$688,501. Of the 239 that received awards, 35 were renewals.

Table 1 shows awards by priority field, number of awards received and the percentage of awards each field received.

Table 1

Field	Number of Eligible Applicants	Number of Awards Received	Percentage of Total Awards Made
Law	66	37	16 %
Social Work	190	122	51 %
Teaching	38	19	8 %
Nursing	56	45	19 %
OTPT	8	8	3 %
Speech Pathology	9	8	3 %
Other	17	0	0 %
Total	384	239	100 %

Table 2 provides the dollar amount received by each field, the percentage of total dollars received by field and the average award.

Table 2

Field	Dollar Amount Awarded	Percentage of Total Dollar Amount	Average Award
Law	\$190,304	28 %	\$5,143
Social Work	\$328,925	48 %	\$2,696
Teaching	\$41,346	6 %	\$2,176
Nursing	\$84,679	12 %	\$1,881
OTPT	\$30,471	4 %	\$3,809
Speech Pathology	\$12,776	2 %	\$1,597
Other	0	0 %	\$0
Total	\$688,501	100 %	\$2,880

Table 3 illustrates the sectors of employment in which the award recipients are employed.

Table 3

Field	State/Local Government	Non-Profit Sector	Total
Law	31	6	37
Social Work	57	66	123
Teaching	18	1	19
Nursing	4	41	45
OTPT	5	2	7
Speech Pathology	4	4	8
Other	0	0	0
Total	119	120	239

The State/local government employed 49.8 % of the award recipients. The non-profit sector employed 50.2 % of the award recipients.