

**MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION**  
**Office of Student Financial Assistance**

**Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program**  
**2004 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. Physician's Assistants
6. Speech pathologists; and
7. Teachers in declared areas of critical teacher shortage in Maryland. Those areas for 2003-2004 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); Foreign language of Spanish 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 2003, and were accepted until September 30, 2003. The Office of Student Financial Assistance received 321 applications. Of the 321 applications received, 19 were incomplete, 47 showed no need for assistance, and 27 were ineligible for consideration. Of the 224 eligible applicants, 139 received awards for a total dollar amount of \$401,094. Of the 139 that received awards, 57 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	54	33	24 %
Social Work	94	74	53 %
Teaching	16	9	6 %
Nursing	20	15	11 %
OTPT	9	4	3 %
Speech Pathology	4	3	2 %
Other	27	1	1 %
Total	224	139	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	\$ 149,377	37 %	\$ 4,526
Social Work	\$ 183,125	45 %	\$ 2,474
Teaching	\$ 20,512	5 %	\$ 2,279
Nursing	\$ 27,713	7 %	\$ 1,848
OTPT	\$ 12,256	3 %	\$ 3,064
Speech Pathology	\$ 3,132	1 %	\$ 1,044
Other	\$ 4,979	1 %	\$ 4,979
Total	\$ 401,094	100 %	\$ 2,886

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	24	9	33
Social Work	34	40	74
Teaching	6	3	9
Nursing	0	15	15
OTPT	2	2	4
Speech Pathology	0	3	3
Other	1	0	1
Total	67	72	139

The State/local government employed 48.2 % of the award recipients. The non-profit sector employed 51.8 % of the award recipients.