

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION
Office of Student Financial Assistance

Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program
2005 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. Nurse faculty member
4. Occupational and physical therapists;
5. Social workers with a Bachelor's or Master's degree in social work;
6. Physician's Assistants
7. Speech pathologists; and
8. Teachers in declared areas of critical teacher shortage in Maryland. Those areas for 2004-2005 were: mathematics, physics, computer science, technology education, chemistry (all secondary); English for speakers of other languages/ESOL (elementary and secondary); special education - generic (infant to Grade 3; Grade 1 through 8; grades 6 to adult.
9. Teachers at any level or subject field who teach in schools designated as Federal Title 1 or Schools Identified for Improvement by the Maryland State Department of Education.

LARP applications were available in June 2004, and were accepted until September 30, 2004. Late applications were accepted for teachers, nurses and nurse faculty. The Office of Student Financial Assistance received 916 applications or parts of applications. Of the 916 applications received, 154 were incomplete, 36 had no need for assistance, and 216 were ineligible for consideration. (Some applications have been counted in more than one category) Of the 606 eligible applicants, 543 (89.6%) received awards for a total dollar amount of \$ 1,139,142. Of the 543 that received awards, 38 were renewals.

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

Table 1

Field	Number of Eligible Applicants	Number of Awards Made	Percentage of Total Awards Made
Law	51	32	5.9 %
Social Work	119	79	41.6 %
Teaching	346	346	63.7 %
Nursing	69	69	12.7 %
OTPT	6	4	0.7%
Speech Pathology	10	8	1.5 %
Nurse Faculty	5	5	0.9 %
Total	606	543	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	\$ 119,400	10.4 %	\$ 3,731
Social Work	\$ 168,594	14.8 %	\$ 2,134
Teaching	\$ 691,365	60.7 %	\$ 1,998
Nursing	\$ 122,005	10.7 %	\$ 1,768
OTPT	\$ 5,266	0.5 %	\$ 1,316
Speech Pathology	\$ 24,780	2.2 %	\$ 3,098
Nurse Faculty	\$ 7,732	0.7 %	\$ 1,546
Total	\$ 1,139,142	100 %	\$ 2,097

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	8	32
Social Work	43	36	79
Teaching	342	4	346
Nursing	5	64	69
OTPT	4	0	4
Speech Pathology	5	3	8
Nurse Faculty	4	1	5
Total	427	116	543

The State/local government employed 78.6 % of the award recipients. The non-profit sector employed 21.4 % of the award recipients.

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