

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION
Office of Student Financial Assistance

Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program
2006 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 members;
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;
8. Teachers in declared areas of critical teacher shortage in Maryland. Those areas for 2005-2006 were:

mathematics, physics, computer science, technology education, chemistry, business education, earth/space science, physical science, family and consumer science, health occupations, German, Latin and Spanish (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; hearing impaired; severely and profoundly disabled; visually impaired); and,
9. Teachers at any level or in any 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 2005 and were accepted until September 30, 2005. Late applications were accepted for teachers, nurses and nurse faculty members. The Office of Student Financial Assistance received 908 applications, or partial applications. Of the 908 applications received, 53 were incomplete, 43 had no need for assistance, and 130 were ineligible for consideration (some applications have been counted in more than one category).

Six hundred and eighty-five (685) eligible applicants received awards for a total dollar amount of \$ 1,499,934. Of the 685 that received awards, 206 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	77	77	11 %
Social Work	140	140	20 %
Teaching	247	247	36 %
Nursing	193	193	28 %
OTPT	11	11	2 %
Speech Pathology	7	7	1 %
Nurse Faculty	10	10	2 %
Total	685	685	100 %

Table 2 lists 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	\$ 247,771	16 %	\$ 3,218
Social Work	\$ 310,796	21 %	\$ 2,220
Teaching	\$ 518,316	35 %	\$ 2,098
Nursing	\$ 339,925	23 %	\$ 1,761
OTPT	\$ 39,175	2 %	\$ 3,561
Speech Pathology	\$ 18,410	1 %	\$ 2,630
Nurse Faculty	\$ 25,541	2 %	\$ 2,554
Total	\$ 1,499,934	100 %	\$ 2,190

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	48	29	77
Social Work	81	59	140
Teaching	243	4	247
Nursing	20	173	193
OTPT	7	4	11
Speech Pathology	6	1	7
Nurse Faculty	7	3	10
Total	412	273	685

The State/local government employed 60 % of the award recipients. The non-profit sector employed 40 % of the award recipients.

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