

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION
Office of Student Financial Assistance

Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program
2007 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; and
8. Teachers in declared areas of critical teacher shortage in Maryland. Those areas for 2006-2007 were: Technology Education (secondary), Chemistry (secondary), Computer Science (secondary), English for Speakers of Other Languages-ESOL (elementary and secondary), Mathematics (secondary), Physics (secondary), Political Science (secondary), Earth/Space Science (secondary), Physical Science (secondary), Theater (secondary), Dance (elementary and secondary), Early Childhood Education (Pre-K to grade 3), Speech Language Pathology (educational service area), Spanish (secondary), Special Education: Generic - Infant to Grade 3; Grades 1 through 8; Grades 6 to Adult; Hearing Impaired; Severely & Profoundly Disabled; Visually Impaired.
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.

The LARP awarding methodology changed beginning with the 2006-2007 awarding year. Recipients now receive an award depending upon their level of debt for a three-year period. Award funds are distributed in annual amounts as long as the recipient remains eligible and continues to submit required annual employment, lender and tax documentation.

Table 2

Field	Dollar Amount Awarded	Percentage of Total Dollar Amount	Average Award
Law	\$ 693,390	28 %	\$ 7,903
Social Work	\$ 631,333	26 %	\$ 4,354
Teaching	\$ 548,750	22 %	\$ 3,265
Nursing	\$ 491,002	20 %	\$ 3,295
OTPT	\$ 51,500	2 %	\$ 5,150
Speech Pathology	\$ 24,000	1 %	\$ 4,800
Nurse Faculty	\$ 25,000	1 %	\$ 5,000
Total	\$ 2,464,975	100 %	\$ 4,824

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

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Field	State/Local Government	Non-Profit Sector	Total
Law	67	22	89
Social Work	77	68	145
Teaching	165	0	165
Nursing	9	140	149
OTPT	5	5	10
Speech Pathology	3	2	5
Nurse Faculty	1	4	5
Physician Assistance	0	1	1
Total	327	242	569

The State/local government employed 57 % of the award recipients. The non-profit sector employed 43 % of the award recipients.