

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

**Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program**  
**2008 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.

LARP applications were available in June 2007, and were accepted until September 30, 2007. The Office of Student Financial Assistance received 1322 applications or parts of applications. Of the 1322 applications received, 413 were incomplete, and 75 were ineligible for consideration. (Some applications have been counted in more than one category) Three hundred and eighty-three (383) eligible applicants received awards for a total dollar amount of 2,119,407. 451 were placed on the waitlist.

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	38	38	10 %
Social Work	109	109	28 %
Teaching	99	99	26 %
Nursing	119	119	31 %
OTPT	4	4	1 %
Speech Pathology	7	7	2 %
Nurse Faculty	7	7	2 %
Physician Assistance	0	0	0 %
Total	383	383	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	\$ 376,993	18 %	\$ 9,920
Social Work	\$ 627,332	30 %	\$ 5,755
Teaching	\$ 388,000	18 %	\$ 3,919
Nursing	\$ 638,082	30 %	\$ 5,372
OTPT	\$ 20,500	1 %	\$ 5,125
Speech Pathology	\$ 30,750	1 %	\$ 4,392
Nurse Faculty	\$ 37,750	2 %	\$ 5,392
Total	\$ 2,119,407	100 %	\$ 5,533

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	27	11	38
Social Work	64	45	109
Teaching	97	2	99
Nursing	10	109	119
OTPT	2	2	4
Speech Pathology	3	4	7
Nurse Faculty	7	0	7
Total	210	173	383

The State/local government employed 55 % of the award recipients. The non-profit sector employed 45 % of the award recipients.