

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION
Office of Student Financial Assistance

Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program
2009 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 2008-2009 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 2008, and were accepted until September 30, 2008. The Office of Student Financial Assistance received 1945 applications or parts of applications. Of the 1945 applications received, 290 were incomplete, and 153 were ineligible for consideration. (Some applications have been counted in more than one category) Three hundred and sixty-nine (369) eligible applicants received awards for a total dollar amount of 1,816,706. 337 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	35	35	10 %
Social Work	120	120	33 %
Teaching	123	123	33 %
Nursing	70	70	19 %
OTPT	5	5	1 %
Speech Pathology	9	9	2 %
Nurse Faculty	7	7	2 %
Physician Assistance	0	0	0 %
Total	369	369	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	\$ 292,000	18 %	\$ 8,342
Social Work	\$ 594,081	30 %	\$ 4,950
Teaching	\$ 454,750	18 %	\$ 3,697
Nursing	\$ 376,625	30 %	\$ 5,380
OTPT	\$ 36,750	1 %	\$ 7,350
Speech Pathology	\$ 37,000	1 %	\$ 4,111
Nurse Faculty	\$ 25,500	2 %	\$ 3,642
Total	\$ 1,816,706	100 %	\$ 5,357

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	21	14	35
Social Work	67	53	120
Teaching	117	6	123
Nursing	0	70	70
OTPT	2	3	5
Speech Pathology	7	2	9
Nurse Faculty	6	1	7
Total	220	149	369

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