

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION
Office of Student Financial Assistance

Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program
2010 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 2009-10 were: Technology Education (secondary), Chemistry (secondary), Computer Science (secondary), English for Speakers of Other Languages-ESOL (elementary and secondary), Physics (secondary), Earth/Space Science (secondary), Physical Science (secondary), Spanish, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin (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 2009, and were accepted until September 30, 2009. The Office of Student Financial Assistance received 640 complete applications, 47 incomplete applications and 48 ineligible applications. Three hundred and twenty-three (323) eligible applicants were offered awards; 316 awards were processed for payment; 248 applicants were placed on the waitlist.

Table 1 shows the award type, number of awards made and the award year(s) that the applicant is eligible to receive the award.

Table 1

Award Type	Number of Awards Made	Eligible Award Year(s)
One Year Only Awards	79	2009- 2010
Year 1- New Lock In Awards	93	2009- 2012
Year 2- Renewal Awards	72	2008- 2011
Year 3- Renewal Awards	72	2007- 2010

Table 2 shows awards by priority field, number of awards made, and the percentage of awards each field received.

Table 2

Field	Number of Eligible Applicants	Number of Awards Made	Percentage of Total Awards Made
Law	71	29	40%
Social Work	215	118	55%
Teaching	213	101	47%
Nursing	119	54	43 %
OTPT	5	3	60 %
Speech Pathology	9	6	67%
Nurse Faculty	7	5	71 %
Physician Assistance	0	0	0 %
Total	639	316	49%

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	\$ 260,833	15 %	\$ 8,994
Social Work	\$ 648,000	38 %	\$ 5,492
Teaching	\$ 415,250	24 %	\$ 4,111
Nursing	\$ 300,250	18 %	\$ 5,560
OTPT	\$ 26,000	2 %	\$ 8,667
Speech Pathology	\$ 35,000	2 %	\$ 5,833
Nurse Faculty	\$ 16,500	1 %	\$ 3,300
Total	\$ 1,701,833	100 %	\$ 5,386

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	19	10	29
Social Work	83	35	118
Teaching	94	7	101
Nursing	0	54	54
OTPT	1	2	3
Speech Pathology	3	3	6

Nurse Faculty	5	0	5
Total	205	111	316

The State/local government employed 65 % of the award recipients. The non-profit sector employed 35 % of the award recipients.