

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION
Office of Student Financial Assistance

Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program
Fiscal Year 2014 Report
MSAR #9352

In accordance with §18-1505 of the Education Article, 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 2013-2014 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; and
10. Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award
 - a. In addition to the general eligibility requirements, to be eligible for a Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award, the applicant must have
 - i. Taught in public school in the State for at least 2 years:

1. In science, technology, engineering, or math subjects; or
2. In a school in which at least 75% of the students are enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program in the State for 2 years; and Received the highest performance evaluation rating for the most recent year available in the county in which the teacher taught

LARP applications were available in July 2013, and were accepted until September 30, 2013; however renewal applicants had an extended deadline of October 21, 2013 due to a system error. The Office of Student Financial Assistance received 355 complete applications, 432 incomplete applications and 38 ineligible applications. Two hundred and fifty-five (255) eligible applicants were offered awards; 238 awards were processed for payment; 62 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	90	2013-2014
Lock In Awards (New & Renewal)	165	2014-2016

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

Table 2

Field	Total Number of Applicants	Number of Eligible Applicants	Number of Awards Made	Percentage of Total Awards Made
Law	40	16	16	6.4%
Social Work	264	127	84	32.9%
Teaching	294	114	96	37.6%
Nancy Grasmick Teacher	18	9	9	3.5%
Nursing	131	40	39	15.2 %
OTPT	7	1	1	0.3%
Speech Pathology	18	8	8	3.1%
Nurse Faculty	10	1	1	0.3 %
Physician Assistants	5	1	1	0.3 %

Total 787 255 100%

Table 3 provides the dollar amount received by each field, the percentage of total dollars received by field and the average award.

Table 3

Field	Dollar Amount Awarded	Percentage of Total Dollar Amount	Average Award
Law	\$ 142,000	9.7 %	\$ 8,875
Social Work	\$ 578,700	39.6 %	\$ 6,889
Teaching	\$ 433,500	29.7 %	\$ 4,515
Nancy Grasmick Teacher	\$ 32,500	22.2 %	\$ 3,611
Nursing	\$ 220,500	15.1 %	\$ 5,654
OTPT	\$ 3,000	.2 %	\$ 3,000
Speech Pathology	\$ 36,000	2.4 %	\$ 4,500
Nurse Faculty	\$ 6,000	.4 %	\$ 6,000
Physician's Assistant	\$ 6,000	.4 %	\$ 6,000
Total	\$ 1,458,200	100 %	\$ 5,718

Table 4 illustrates the sectors of employment in which the award recipients are employed.

Table 4

Field	State/Local Government	Non-Profit Sector	Total
Law	14	2	16
Grasmick	9	0	9
Social Work	55	29	84
Teaching	87	9	96
Nursing	18	21	39
OTPT	1	0	1
Speech Pathology	8	0	8
Nurse Faculty	0	1	1
Physician's Assistant	1	0	1
Total	193	62	255

The State/local government employed 75.6% of the award recipients. The non-profit sector employed 24.3% of the award recipients.