

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION
Office of Student Financial Assistance

Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program
2015 Fiscal Year Report

In accordance with §18-1505 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Maryland Higher Education Commission shall report to the General Assembly “on the implementation 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. Licensed Clinical Counselors
8. Speech pathologists
9. Teachers in declared areas of critical teacher shortage in Maryland. Those areas for 2014-2015 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.
10. 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
11. 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

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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 2014, and were accepted until September 30, 2014; however renewal applicants had an extended deadline of October 17, 2014 due to a system error. The Office of Student Financial Assistance received 344 complete applications, 306 incomplete applications and 81 ineligible applications. One hundred and seventy (170) eligible applicants were offered awards; one eligible applicant declined their award; 169 awards were processed for payment; 174 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	33	2014-2015
Lock In Awards (New & Renewal)	137	2015-2017

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	42	17	17	10.00%
Social Work	235	139	56	32.94%
Teaching	291	126	60	35.29%
Nancy Grasmick Teacher	9	5	5	2.94%
Nursing	103	36	22	12.94 %
Licensed Clinical Counselor	23	7	1	0.59%
OTPT	3	2	2	1.18%
Speech Pathology	22	12	7	4.12%
Nurse Faculty	1	0	0	0%
Physician Assistants	2	0	0	0%
Total	731		170	100%

Table 2 provides the dollar amount received by each field, the percentage of total dollars received by field and the average award.

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Table 2

Field	Dollar Amount Awarded	Percentage of Total Dollar Amount	Average Award
Law	\$ 144,000	14.59 %	\$ 8,470
Social Work	\$ 347,000	35.15 %	\$ 6,196
Teaching	\$ 270,800	27.43 %	\$ 4,513
Nancy Grasmick Teacher	\$ 29,000	2.94 %	\$ 5,800
Nursing	\$ 140,500	14.23 %	\$ 6,386
Licensed Clinical Counselor	\$ 10,000	1.01 %	\$10,000
OTPT	\$ 6,000	.61 %	\$ 3,000
Speech Pathology	\$ 40,000	4.05 %	\$ 5,714
Nurse Faculty	\$ 0	0 %	\$ 0
Physician's Assistant	\$ 0	0 %	\$ 0
Total	\$ 987,300	100 %	\$ 5,008

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	14	3	17
Grasmick	4	1	5
Social Work	34	22	56
Teaching	56	49	105
Nursing	8	14	22
OTPT	1	1	2
Licensed Clinical Counselor	0	1	1
Speech Pathology	7	0	7
Nurse Faculty	0	0	0
Physician's Assistant	0	0	0
Total	124	46	170

State/local government employed 72.94% of the award recipients. The non-profit sector employed 27.06% of the award recipients.