

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION
Office of Student Financial Assistance

Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program
2016 Fiscal Year Report
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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. Licensed Clinical Counselors
8. Speech pathologists
9. Teachers in declared areas of critical teacher shortage in Maryland. Those areas for 2015-2016 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.

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In addition to the general eligibility requirements, to be eligible for a Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award, the applicant must have 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 2015, and were accepted until September 30, 2015; however renewal applicants and Urban Teacher Center (UTC) fellows applicants had an extended deadline of October 16, 2015 due to a system related issue. The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) received 370 complete applications, 338 incomplete applications and 47 ineligible applications. One hundred forty-four (144) eligible applicants were offered awards; 144 awards were processed for payment; 179 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	38	2015-2016
Lock In Awards (New & Renewal)	106	2016-2018

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	21	15	11	7.63%
Social Work	159	143	56	38.88%
Teaching	121	107	48	33.33%
Nancy Grasmick Teacher	6	6	4	2.77%
Nursing	32	27	16	11.11 %
Licensed Clinical Counselor	12	7	1	0.69%
OTPT	1	1	0	0%
Speech Pathology	16	16	8	5.55%
Nurse Faculty	2	1	0	0 %

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State/local government employed 74.03% of the award recipients. The non-profit sector employed 27.77% of the award recipients.