

# **Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program 2017 Fiscal Year Report**

## **MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION Office of Student Financial Assistance MSAR #11700**

In accordance with § 18-405 of the Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, 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 2016-2017 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
  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 2016, and were accepted until September 30, 2016. The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) received 273 complete applications, 81 incomplete applications and 49 ineligible applications. One hundred sixty-six (166) eligible applicants were offered awards; 153 awards were processed for payment; 58 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	61	2016-2017
Lock In Awards (New & Renewal)	105	2017-2019

**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	20	13	12	7.22%
Social Work	159	108	65	39.15%
Teaching	110	64	55	33.13%
Nancy Grasmick Teacher	4	4	2	1.20%
Nursing	41	21	20	12.04 %
Licensed Clinical Counselor	8	5	4	2.40%
OTPT	1	0	0	0%
Speech Pathology	10	9	8	4.81%
Nurse Faculty	1	0	0	0 %
Physician Assistants	0	0	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

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Field	Dollar Amount Awarded	Percentage of Total Dollar Amount	Average Award
Law	\$ 105,000	10.89%	\$ 8,750
Social Work	\$ 407,000	42.21%	\$ 6,507
Teaching	\$ 270,632	28.07%	\$ 5,047
Nancy Grasmick Teacher	\$ 13,000	1.35%	\$ 6,500
Nursing	\$ 94,000	9.75%	\$ 4,775
Licensed Clinical Counselor	\$ 22,000	2.28%	\$ 5,500
OTPT	\$ 0	0 %	\$ 0
Speech Pathology	\$ 52,500	5.45%	\$ 6,562
Nurse Faculty	\$ 0	0 %	\$ 0
Physician's Assistant	\$ 0	0 %	\$ 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 964,132</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>\$ 5,955</b>

**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	7	5	12
Grasmick	2	0	2
Social Work	38	27	65
Teaching	46	9	55
Nursing	8	13	21
OTPT	0	0	0
Licensed Clinical Counselor	0	4	4
Speech Pathology	5	3	8
Nurse Faculty	0	0	0
Physician's Assistant	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>166</b>

The State/local government employed 63.85% of the award recipients. The non-profit sector employed 36.14% of the award recipients.