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Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program
2018 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. Licensed Clinical Counselors
8. Speech pathologists
9. Teachers in declared areas of critical teacher shortage in Maryland. Those areas for 2017-2018 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

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- 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 2017, and were accepted until September 30, 2017. The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) received 254 complete and eligible applications, 337 incomplete applications and 72 ineligible applications. One hundred and forty-nine (149) eligible applicants were offered awards and were processed for payment; 105 applicants were placed on the waitlist.

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

Table 1

Award Type	Number of Awards Made/Disbursed	Eligible Award Year(s)
One Year Only Awards	56	2017-2018
Lock In Awards (New & Renewal)	93	2017-2018

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

Table 2

Field	Total Number of Applicants	Number of Eligible Applicants	Number of Awards Made/Disbursed	Percentage of Total Awards Made
Law	44	19	10	6.71%
Social Work	245	124	56	37.58%
Teaching	177	61	45	30.20%
Nancy Grasmick Teacher	5	2	1	1.34%
Nursing	134	27	23	15.43%
Licensed Clinical Counselor	24	10	6	4.69%
OTPT	1	0	0	0%
Speech Pathology	17	10	6	4.02%
Nurse Faculty	14	1	1	0%
Physician Assistants	2	0	0	0%
Total	663	254	149	100%

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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	\$ 79,908	8.70%	\$ 7,990
Social Work	\$ 412,000	44.85%	\$ 7,357
Teaching	\$ 206,977	22.53%	\$ 4,599
Nancy Grasmick Teacher	\$ 10,000	1.09%	\$ 10,000
Nursing	\$ 117,300	12.77%	\$ 5,100
Licensed Clinical Counselor	\$ 58,000	6.31%	\$ 8,285
OTPT	\$ 0	0 %	\$ 0
Speech Pathology	\$ 31,500	3.43%	\$ 5,250
Nurse Faculty	\$ 3,000	0.33 %	\$ 3,000
Physician’s Assistant	\$ 0	0 %	\$ 0
Total	\$ 918,685	100 %	\$ 6,447

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	6	9	15
Grasmick	1	0	1
Social Work	57	27	60
Teaching	55	5	55
Nursing	16	14	30
OTPT	0	0	0
Licensed Clinical Counselor	3	3	6
Speech Pathology	7	2	8
Nurse Faculty	0	0	0
Physician’s Assistant	0	0	0
Total	145	60	205

The State/local government employed 70.73% of the award recipients. The non-profit sector employed 29.27% of the award recipients.