

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION
Office of Student Financial Assistance
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Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program
2019 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 Maryland Department of Health (MDH) (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 2018-2019 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:

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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 2018, and were accepted until September 30, 2018. The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) received 196 complete and eligible applications, 89 incomplete applications and 52 ineligible applications. One hundred and thirty-three (133) eligible applicants were offered awards and were processed for payment; 60 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	52	2018-2019
Lock In Awards (New & Renewal)	81	2018-2019

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	16	8	7	5.26%
Social Work	151	90	51	38.35%
Teaching	86	45	44	33.08%
Nancy Grasmick Teacher	5	3	2	1.50%
Nursing	52	32	18	13.53%
Licensed Clinical Counselor	14	10	5	3.76%
OTPT	1	1	1	0.75%
Speech Pathology	9	5	4	3.00%
Nurse Faculty	3	2	1	0.75%
Physician Assistants	0	0	0	0%
Total	337	196	133	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	\$ 62,000	7.29%	\$ 8,857
Social Work	\$ 355,600	41.83%	\$ 6,973
Teaching	\$ 216,000	25.41%	\$ 4,909
Nancy Grasmick Teacher	\$ 16,000	1.88%	\$ 8,000
Nursing	\$ 129,000	15.17%	\$ 7,167
Licensed Clinical Counselor	\$ 38,000	4.47%	\$ 7,600
OTPT	\$ 10,000	1.18 %	\$ 10,000
Speech Pathology	\$ 22,000	2.59%	\$ 5,500
Nurse Faculty	\$ 1,500	0.18 %	\$ 1,500
Physician's Assistant	\$ 0	0 %	\$ 0
Total	\$ 850,100	100 %	\$ 6,723

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	1	6	7
Grasmick	1	0	1
Social Work	16	6	22
Teaching	28	0	28
Nursing	7	3	10
OTPT	0	0	0
Licensed Clinical Counselor	2	0	2
Speech Pathology	2	0	2
Nurse Faculty	0	0	0
Physician's Assistant	0	0	0
Total	55	15	70

The State/local government employed 78.57% of the award recipients. The non-profit sector employed 21.43% of the award recipients.