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**Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program
2020 Fiscal Year Report
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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 2019-2020 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 2019 and were accepted until September 30, 2019. The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) received **77** complete and eligible applications, **173** incomplete applications and **71** ineligible applications. Ninety-six (**96**) eligible applicants were offered awards and were processed for payment; no applicants were placed on the waiting list.

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	29	2019-2020
Lock In Awards (New & Renewal)	67	2019-2020

Table 2 shows awards by priority field for initial and renewal recipients, 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/ Renewal Recipients	Number of Awards Made/Disbursed	Percentage of Total Awards Made
Law	17	3	3	3.13%
Social Work	117	35	34	35.42%
Teaching	87	34	34	34.42%
Nancy Grasmick Teacher	3	0	0	0.00%
Nursing	77	19	18	18.75%
Licensed Clinical Counselor	11	6	5	5.21%
PTOT	1	0	0	0.00%
Speech Pathology	5	2	2	2.08%
Nurse Faculty	3	0	0	0.00%
Physician Assistants	0	0	0	0.00%
Total	321	99	96	100.00%

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

Table 3

Field	Dollar Amount Awarded	Percentage of Total Dollar Amount	Average Award
Law	\$26,000	4.46%	\$8,667
Social Work	\$208,500	35.74%	\$6,132
Teaching	\$177,300	30.40%	\$5,214
Nancy Grasmick Teacher	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Nursing	\$112,500	19.29%	\$6,250
Licensed Clinical Counselor	\$46,000	7.89%	\$9,200
PTOT	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Speech Pathology	\$13,000	2.23%	\$6,500
Nurse Faculty	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Physician's Assistant	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Total	\$583,300	100%	\$6,076

Table 4 illustrates the sectors of employment in which the award recipients are employed.

Table 4

Field	State/Local Government	Private/Non-Profit Sector	Total
Law	2	1	3
Grasmick	0	0	0
Social Work	20	14	34
Teaching	28	6	34
Nursing	7	11	18
PTOT	0	0	0
Licensed Clinical Counselor	3	2	5
Speech Pathology	2	0	2
Physician's Assistant	0	0	0
Total	62	34	96

The State/local government employed 65.48% of the award recipients. The non-profit sector employed 35.42% of the award recipients.