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**Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program
2021 Fiscal Year Report
MSAR #11700/11701**

By law, the Maryland Higher Education Commission is required to report on the status of the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program (LARP) annually to the General Assembly.

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 2020-2021 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.

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:

In science, technology, engineering, or math subjects; or

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 September 2020 and were accepted until November 30, 2020. The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) received 91 complete and eligible applications, 182 incomplete applications, and 49 ineligible applications. Seventy-four (74) 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 | 3 | 2020-2021 |
| Lock In Awards (New & Renewal) | 71 | 2020-2021 |

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 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Social Work | 45 | 31 | 28 | 37.84% |
| Teaching | 98 | 28 | 25 | 33.78% |
| Nancy Grasmick Teacher | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Nursing | 97 | 19 | 16 | 21.62% |
| Licensed Clinical Counselor | 15 | 5 | 2 | 2.70% |
| PTOT | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Speech Pathology | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4.05% |
| Nurse Faculty | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Physician Assistants | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total | 273 | 86 | 74 | 100% |

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 | \$0 | 0.00% | \$0 |
| Social Work | \$169,500 | 38.52% | \$6,054 |
| Teaching | \$155,000 | 35.23% | \$6,200 |
| Nancy Grasmick Teacher | \$0 | 0.00% | \$0 |
| Nursing | \$77,500 | 17.61% | \$4,844 |
| Licensed Clinical Counselor | \$12,000 | 2.73% | \$6,000 |
| PTOT | \$0 | 0.00% | \$0 |
| Speech Pathology | \$26,000 | 5.91% | \$8,667 |
| Nurse Faculty | \$0 | 0.00% | \$0 |
| Physician's Assistant | \$0 | 0.00% | \$0 |
| Total | \$440,000 | 100.00% | \$5,294.00 |

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 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grasmick | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Social Work | 12 | 16 | 28 |
| Teaching | 25 | 0 | 25 |
| Nursing | 9 | 7 | 16 |
| PTOT | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Licensed Clinical Counselor | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Speech Pathology | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Physician's Assistant | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 49 | 25 | 74 |

The State/local government employed 66.22% of the award recipients. The non-profit sector employed 33.78% of the award recipients.