

Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program

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**Re: *Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance
Repayment Program***
Report #11700/11701

Dear President Ferguson and Speaker Jones:

As stated in §18-15054 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland:

Subject to § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the Office shall report to the General Assembly by January 1 of each year on the implementation of the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program and the requirements of § 18-28A-05.

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. Nursing 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 2023-2024 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 2023 and were accepted until November 1, 2024. The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) received **86** complete and eligible applications, **233** incomplete applications and **88** ineligible applications. Eighty-four (**84**) 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	22	2023-2024
Lock In Awards (New & Renewal)	70	2023-2024

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	6	6	4%
Social Work	90	22	21	22%
Teaching	130	32	32	32%
Nancy Grasmick Teacher	3	2	2	1%
Nursing	112	14	14	28%
Licensed Clinical Counselor	13	1	1	3%
PTOT	8	3	3	2%
Speech Pathology	13	4	4	3%
Nurse Faculty	21	1	1	5%
Physician Assistants	0	0	0	0.00%
Total	407	85	84	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	\$53,000	11%	\$8,833
Social Work	\$149,000	30%	\$7,095
Teaching	\$137,500	28%	\$4,296
Nancy Grasmick Teacher	\$4,500	1%	\$2,250
Nursing	\$99,500	20%	\$6,633
Licensed Clinical Counselor	\$10,000	2%	\$10,000
PTOT	\$12,000	2%	\$4,000
Speech Pathology	\$22,000	4%	\$5,500
Nurse Faculty	\$10,000	2%	\$10,000
Physician's Assistant	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Total	\$497,500	100%	\$58,607

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	3	3	6
Grasmick	2	0	2
Social Work	5	16	21
Teaching	25	7	32
Nursing	3	11	14
PTOT	1	2	3
Licensed Clinical Counselor	0	1	1
Speech Pathology	1	3	4
Physician's Assistant	0	0	0
Nurse Faculty	0	1	1
Total	40	44	84

The State/local government employed 48% of the award recipients. The non-profit sector employed 52% of the award recipients.