



Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program Annual Report

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As stated in §18-1505 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 2024-2025 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 October 2024 and were accepted until March 21, 2025. The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) received **38** complete and eligible applications, **1,022** incomplete applications and **24** ineligible applications. Eighty-four (**36**) 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	2	2024-2025
Lock In Awards (New & Renewal)	36	2024-2025

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	Percentage of Total Awards Made
Law	45	4	4	11%
Social Work	201	8	8	22%
Teaching	130	13	12	11%
Nancy Grasmick	81	3	2	40%
Nursing	323	5	5	65%
Licensed Clinical Counselor	61	1	1	61%
PTOT	61	2	2	31%
Speech Pathology	14	2	2	7%
Nurse Faculty	60	0	0	0%
Physician Assistants	0	0	0	0.00%
Total	976	38	36	

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	\$31,500	19%	\$7,875
Social Work	\$41,000	25%	\$5,125
Teaching	\$39,000	23%	\$3,000
Nancy Grasmick	\$7,500	5%	\$2,500
Nursing	\$16,500	10%	\$3,300
Licensed Clinical Counselor	\$6,000	4%	\$6,000
PTOT	\$9,000	5%	\$4,500
Speech Pathology	\$16,000	10%	\$8,000
Nurse Faculty	\$0	0%	\$0
Physician's Assistant	\$0	0%	\$0
Total	\$166,500		\$40,300

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	1	4
Grasmick	2	0	2
Social Work	2	6	8
Teaching	12	0	12
Nursing	0	5	5
PTOT	0	2	2
Licensed Clinical Counselor	1	0	1
Speech Pathology	1	1	2
Physician's Assistant	0	0	0
Nurse Faculty	0	0	0
Total	21	15	36