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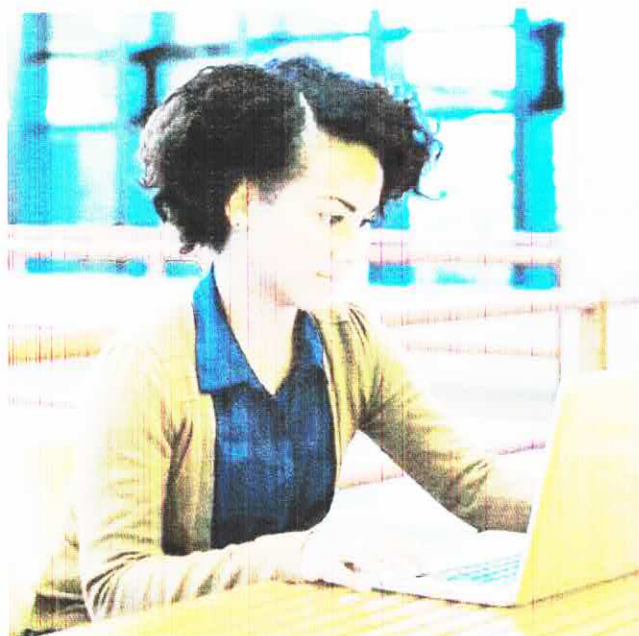
MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION
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Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program (LARP)



The Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program (LARP) is closed for the 2023-2024 academic year.

The Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program (LARP) is to provide State assistance in the repayment of educational loans to individuals providing public service in eligible employment fields, serving Maryland low income or underserved residents.

Who May Apply?

Individuals employed in Maryland by state agency, nonprofit, or local government serving a specific population.

Eligible employment fields are:

- **Lawyers** – judicial clerks in any courts and policy analyst are not eligible. The principal part of the position must provide legal services to low income residents in Maryland who cannot afford legal services.
- **Nurses** - school nurses are not eligible
- **Nurse Faculty**
- **Licensed Clinical Counselors** – must work in a high need geographic area of the state.
- **Physical and Occupational Therapists**
- **Social Workers**
- **Speech Pathologist**
- **Teachers** at any level or subject field who are employed in a public school within the state (regardless of the area of certification), any teacher who works in a Federal Title I school or schools identified for improvement by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) in the following areas of certification are prioritized for the awarding over all other teacher applicants:
 - **Technology education (secondary)**
 - **Chemistry (secondary)**
 - **Computer Science (secondary)**



- Latin (secondary)
- Mathematics (secondary)
- Physics (secondary)
- Earth/Space Science (secondary)
- Dance (elementary & secondary)
- Reading Specialist (elementary & secondary)
- Speech Language Pathology (educational service area)
- Spanish (secondary) and
- Special Education; generic – infant to grade 3; grades 1 through 8; grades 6 to adult; hearing impaired; severely & profoundly disabled; visually impaired.

- **The Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award** - Provides loan repayment assistance to those teachers that have qualifying student loan debt and have taught in Maryland for the past 2 years. In addition to meeting the general Janet L Hoffman LARP requirements, applicants must also meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Teach in Science, technology, engineering, or math subjects; OR teach in a school in which at least 75% of the students are enrolled in the free meal program in the state for 2 years, AND
- Have received the *HIGHEST PERFORMANCE EVALUATION* rating for the most recent year available in the county in which the teacher has taught.

URBAN TEACHER CENTER (UTC) APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS - You must be in your 2nd year of the program and possess a Maryland Resident-Teaching Certificate. You must submit a LARP General application and all required documents by the deadline specified in the "When to Apply" section. UTC applicants are not eligible to receive the lock-in award.

INCOME REQUIREMENTS

All LARP applicants excluding Nurse Faculty:

- If Single \$75,000.00
- If Married \$150,000.00

Nurse Faculty

- If Single \$100,000
- If Married \$185,000

How do I Apply? Complete an online LARP application through an MDCAPS (Maryland College Aid Processing System) account. If you do not have an MDCAPS account, you must create an account to submit the application.

Award Selection & Award Amount

Applicants will be grouped according to eligible employment field. Within employment fields, individuals will be ranked according to graduation date, then application complete date. If individuals have identical graduation dates and application complete dates, applicants with the lowest income will be awarded first. Priority is given to individuals who have graduated from an institution of higher education in the last three years. Priority employment fields established by law are legal services and nursing. Priority for awarding will also be given to applicants who are employed as nurse faculty members or applicants who teach in schools designated as federal Title I, schools Identified for Improvement by MSDE, or who teach in designated critical shortage subject fields.

AWARD AMOUNT

Awards will be determined by an applicant's overall reported educational debt at the time of application. Recipients will lock-in to an award level that contains set award amounts. Award funds are distributed annually over a three (3) year period as long as the recipient remains eligible and continues to submit the required annual employment, lender and tax documentation **by October 1**.

Total Debt

Overall Award Limit

Yearly Payment