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(a) There is a Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Farmers in the State.

(b) The Office shall assist in the repayment of a higher education loan owed by a farmer who:

(1) Has received an undergraduate or graduate degree in agriculture or an agriculture–related field from a public or private nonprofit institution of higher education located in the State;

(2) Has been a farmer for at least 5 years but not more than 10 years since obtaining the degree;

(3) Receives an income that is less than the maximum eligible total income levels established by the Office, in consultation with the Department, including any additional sources of income; and

(4) Satisfies any other criteria established by the Office.

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