

FINAL APPLICATION: 2016-2017

Federal Loan Repayment Assistance Program For Public Defenders and Prosecutors Under the John R. Justice Prosecutor and Defender Incentive Act

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- 1. Application:** Complete and sign the *2016-2017 JRJ Loan Repayment Assistance Program Final Application* form.
- 2. Proof of History of Employment:** Because award amounts are partially based on years of public defense and prosecution employment, proof of duration of employment is required. For each job in public defense or prosecution that you have held as a fulltime attorney, except for your current employer, include a Verification of Employment form with the application.
- 3. Proof of financial information:** You must submit a copy of the most recent Federal Form 1040 you have filed, as well as the Federal Form 1040 of all non-dependent members of your household (e.g., spouse, partner). *Do not submit any supporting tax schedules.* In addition, please submit a copy of a pay stub less than 30 days old for each salary earned by non-dependent members of your household and listed in Part A below. Finally, we require a copy of all W-2s and 1099s for Calendar Year 2011 issued to any and all household members. *Please submit all financial supporting material in a separate self-addressed stamped envelope.* After verification, your financial information will be returned to you.

Applicant Information

Name (print) _____ DOB: _____

Section A – Household Income/Debt Information

Award amounts are influenced by ability to pay outstanding loans; *household* income and educational debt are considered. Household includes those persons generally sharing the benefit of combined income and incurring the burden of joint expenses. Thus, roommates who participate in designated joint expenses but who do not share the benefit of combined income generally would not be considered a household; life partners or others living together who pool income and share most expenses are considered a household. The salary of a dependent child should not be included, whether or not the child contributes to household expenses, unless the child's entire salary is pooled for household expenses. Salary that is occasional or not fixed, such as from an hourly job with a varying schedule, or a periodic teaching position, should be estimated based on past experience.

Applicant earned income:

Employer: _____ Annual Gross Salary: \$ _____

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Additional Household Members earned income:

Household member (name): _____ Annual Gross Salary: \$ _____

(relationship): _____

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Annual Gross Salary: \$ _____

(relationship): _____

Additional unearned household sources of income above \$500/year:

Source (specify): _____ Annual Amount: \$ _____

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TOTAL GROSS ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \$ _____

The applicant's federal student loans will be listed on the NSLDS Status Statement already submitted. In the section below, please list *all other household* educational loans used to finance education, including federal student loans outstanding for members of the household other than the applicant. Although repayment assistance is not available under this program for these loans, they are taken into account in determining the amount of awards:¹

Household member (name): _____ Principal Balance: _____

(relationship): _____

Servicer & Loan Type: _____

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Total Non-Applicant Principal Balance listed above: \$ _____

I understand this is a Final Application, requesting loan repayment assistance pursuant to the John R. Justice Prosecutor and Defender Incentive Act, and that the information submitted will be relied upon in determining the amount of any award I may receive. All the information on this application, including proof of employment and household educational loans, is true and complete to the best of

¹ These can be loans of any type – direct or indirect federal loans, Parent PLUS loans, consolidated loans, or private loans incurred to pay off educational expenses.

my knowledge. I further attest that I am not in default of any federal student loan. If asked by the JRJ Program, I will provide further proof of all information.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Checklist of attached documents:

Verification of Previous Employment

Federal 1040 for all household
Earners except dependents

Recent pay stub for all household income

Self-addressed stamped envelope

Copy of all W2s and 1099s issued for Calendar 2016 to all household members

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2016-2017**

Employment Verification – complete this form for all past employment you have held as an eligible prosecutor or defender (verification of your current employment should have been submitted with your Preliminary Application). Your previous qualified employment (as a fulltime prosecutor or public defender) will influence the amount of your award.

Section I - Release (to be completed by applicant)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

I authorize my previous employer to provide the employment information requested below by the Rhode Island JRJ Loan Repayment Assistance Program.

Applicant's Signature Date

Section II - Employment (to be completed by each relevant employer)

The above named applicant has applied for benefits from the Rhode Island JRJ Loan Repayment Assistance Program. Please complete the following section and return this form to the applicant.

Job Title of Employee: _____

All Dates of Employment: _____

During all dates of employment above, was the applicant employed at least thirty (30) hours per week in active defense or prosecution of juvenile or adult criminal cases, including duties as a supervisor?

Yes No

If not, or if not during entire time of employment, please explain:

I certify that the information provided above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Authorized Official Date

Printed name: _____ Tel: _____

Title: _____ Email: _____

Organization: _____

Survey

We are required by the terms of the JRJ funding to solicit responses concerning the impact of the JRJ program on career prosecutors and defenders. Please respond to this survey and include it with your Final Application package. Failure to submit this survey could result in your application being rejected as incomplete.

1. Were you aware of the JRJ loan repayment assistance program before you applied for a prosecutor or defender job?
[] Yes
[] No
2. Was the existence of this grant program a factor in your deciding to apply for a prosecutor or defender job?
[] Yes
[] No
3. Is the amount of your individual JRJ award a significant part of your household income?
[] Yes
[] No
4. What is the *smallest* individual award amount that would encourage you to remain in your current public service position?
[] 0-\$2,000
[] \$2,001-\$5,000
[] \$5,001<
5. Is your level of salary compensation a significant barrier to your ability to maintain a career in public service?
[] Yes
[] No
6. Do the *current* funding levels of JRJ awards play any part in your decision to maintain a career in public defense or prosecution?
[] Current JRJ funding levels encourage me to remain in public service
[] Current JRJ funding levels discourage me to remain in public service
[] Current JRJ funding levels has no effect on my decision to remain in public service
7. Has the JRJ grant award application process been unduly burdensome?
[] Yes
[] No
8. When determining individual awards, what factor do you think should be weighed more heavily?
[] Educational debt to household income ratio (More Debt + Less Income = Greater Award)
[] Longevity

Survey

9. Which disbursement scenario do you prefer?

Every eligible applicant gets some award

A salary cap where those applicants with unusually large household incomes and small educational debt are deemed ineligible

10. Are you aware of the Public Interest Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF 120 Payments)?

Yes

No

11. Are you participating in the PSLF?

Yes

No