

18-1503.

(a) The State Scholarship Administration shall adopt regulations to establish:

(1) The maximum starting income for eligibility in the JANET L. HOFFMAN Loan Assistance Repayment Program;

(2) The maximum total income for eligibility in the JANET L. HOFFMAN Loan Assistance Repayment Program, including any additional sources of income;

(3) That priority for participation in the Program shall be given to an individual who:

(i) Graduated from an institution of higher education in the last 3 years;

(ii) Is a resident of the State;

(iii) Is employed on a full-time basis; and

(iv) Provides, as the principal part of the individual's employment, legal services to low income residents in the State who cannot afford legal services, nursing services in nursing shortage areas in the State as defined in § 18-802 of this article, or other services in an eligible field of employment in which there is a shortage of qualified practitioners to low income or underserved residents or areas of the State;

(4) A limit on the total amount of assistance provided by the State Scholarship Administration in repaying the loan of an eligible individual, based on the individual's total income and outstanding higher education loan balance;

(5) A procedure and schedule for the payment of the amount of loan assistance provided by the State Scholarship Administration to the eligible individual; and

(6) An annual review of the eligibility of each individual participating in the Program.

(b) The State Scholarship Administration shall adopt any other regulations necessary to implement this subtitle.

18-1504.

(a) Funds for the JANET L. HOFFMAN Loan Assistance Repayment Program shall be provided on an annual basis in the State budget.

(b) If a federal matching grant loan program furnishes professional services in an eligible field of employment to low income or underserved residents of the State, the Administration may apply not more than 50 percent of the funds provided in the State budget for the JANET L. HOFFMAN Loan Assistance Repayment Program to the State's participation in the federal program.