

# MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION (MHEC)

## 16.816 JOHN R. JUSTICE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

**Program Description:** The John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program provides for the payment of eligible educational loans for Maryland State and Federal public defenders and prosecutors who agree to remain employed as public defenders and prosecutors for at least three years. Eligible recipients must sign a service agreement each year of their three year service obligation to receive a payment under this program. Failure to fulfill the employment commitment requires repayment of the full amount received by the recipient to the U.S. Department of Justice. The Office of Student Financial Assistance of the Maryland Higher Education Commission administers the John R. Justice Program for the State of Maryland.

**Program Supported/Population Served:** Maryland State and Federal public defenders and prosecutors.

**Formula/Grant Description:** Under the auspices of the John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2008, the Bureau of Justice Statistics provides a minimum base allocation for each state, territory, and the District of Columbia in the amount of \$50,000. The base amount is enhanced, funds permitting, by an amount proportional to that state's or territory's share of the national population.

## 84.367 IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY STATE GRANTS

**Program Description:** The Maryland Higher Education Commission administers the higher education portion of the Every Student Succeeds Act, Title II Part A funds. MHEC distributes funds through a competitive grant process to higher education institutions and high need local education agency partnerships. These funds are used to support professional development activities in core academic subjects such that all Maryland students are taught by highly qualified teachers. Eligible professional development program participants include teachers, highly qualified paraprofessionals, and principals.

**Formula/Grant Description:** The Maryland Higher Education Commission receives 2.5 percent of the State's total Title II federal allocation.

**Program Supported/Population Served:** Professional development in core academic content areas for highly qualified paraprofessionals, teachers, and principals from high need local education agencies.

**64.110 ALL-VOLUNTEER FORCE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE**

**Program Description:** The Maryland Higher Education Commission serves as the State Approving Agency (SAA) for Veterans Education Benefits administered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). Under a professional services contract with the DVA, the Commission receives federal administrative funds to ascertain the qualifications and grant approval of education institutions and/or training establishments to furnish courses of education and career training. In accordance with Title 38 USC 3672, the following types of programs for Veterans' benefits may be approved by the Commission for education or training (1) Academic programs at colleges and universities leading to an undergraduate and/or graduate level degree; (2) Career and technical programs leading to a certificate or diploma from technical or vocational schools; (3) Correspondence courses; (4) Flight training programs approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) (5) On-the-Job (OJT) and Apprenticeship programs registered with the Office of Apprenticeship (OA) or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the OA (6) Programs leading to a High School Diploma offered by a state approved secondary school; and (7) Licensure exams/tests offered by a Federal, State, or local government.

**Formula/Grant Description:** Under a professional services contract, the Maryland Higher Education Commission is reimbursed for reasonable and necessary salary, fringe and travel expenses incurred in ascertaining the qualifications or educational institutions and/or training establishments to furnish programs of education and career training.

<b>FFY 15</b>	<b>FFY 16</b>	<b>FFY 17</b>	<b>FFY 18</b>
\$247,288.00	\$249,205.00	249,523.00	\$271,733.00

**Program Supported/Population Served:** Veterans statewide and approved educational institutions and/or employers.

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