

## **FLORIDA JOHN R. JUSTICE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM 2016-2017 APPLICATION**

The John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program (JRJ) provides loan repayment assistance for state and federal public defenders and state prosecutors who agree to remain employed as public defenders and prosecutors for at least three years.

### **ELIGIBLE ATTORNEYS**

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- ✓ State and federal public defenders and state prosecutors who have been employed for at least twelve consecutive months with qualifying entity and agree to:
  - remain employed for at least three years, if new applicant;
  - remain employed for at least one year, if a JRJ beneficiary that has fulfilled the initial three-year service obligation and is selected again to receive additional JRJ benefits; or
  - a Service Agreement Acknowledgement of Benefit, if current JRJ beneficiary that has not yet fulfilled their initial three-year service obligation, but remains eligible for JRJ benefits.
- ✓ All eligible attorneys must be “continually licensed to practice law.”
- ✓ Eligible prosecutors are full-time employees of a state or unit of local government (including tribal government), who “prosecute criminal or juvenile delinquency cases at the state or unit of local government level.”
- ✓ Public defenders are either full-time employees of a state or unit of local government (including tribal government), or full-time employees of a nonprofit organization operating under a contract with a state or unit of local government, who “provide legal representation to indigent persons in criminal or juvenile delinquency cases.”
- ✓ Full-time federal defender attorneys in a defender organization providing legal representation to indigent persons in criminal or juvenile delinquency cases pursuant to Subsection (g) of section 3006A of Title 18, United States Code are eligible.
- ✓ Attorneys providing supervision, education, or training of other persons providing prosecutor or public defender representation are also eligible.
- ✓ Prosecutors who are employees of the federal government are not eligible.
- ✓ Attorneys who are in private practice (and not a full-time employee of a non-profit organization) are not eligible, even if providing public defense services under contract to the state.
- ✓ An attorney must not be in default on repayment of any federal student loans.

If you are determined to be eligible for loan repayment under this program, your loan holder will not refund payments that you made or that were made on your behalf before the determination of eligibility. Funds will be made directly to the holder/servicer of your federal

loan(s). Granting of this loan repayment may or may not be counted toward income. Please check with your tax specialist for a determination.

You are not eligible to receive repayment for more than \$10,000 in any calendar year; or an aggregate total of \$60,000 of principal and interest of your Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) and/or Direct Loan Program loan(s). Funds are provided on a first-come, first-served basis, over a five year period, and subject to the availability of appropriations. A formula will be used when awarding benefits which rank each applicant according to the applicant's ability to pay his or her student loans. The formula accounts for family income, qualifying student loan debt, and number of dependents. You are responsible for repaying any loan balance that remains after the repayment has been granted.

If you receive loan repayment based on any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements that you make on this form or on any accompanying documents, you may be subject to civil and criminal penalties under applicable federal law.

The repayment amount will be applied to your loans in the following order:

FFELP or Direct Unsubsidized Loan

FFELP or Direct Subsidized Loan

FFELP or Direct Consolidation Loan

Please type (in bold) or print your answers.

### Section A – Certification

I understand that an application packet will not be considered complete unless hard copies of the following documents are submitted to my employer. Once my employer has completed the employment certification the entire application and supporting documents must be provided to the Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance by means of one of the following:

- E-mail: [Debby.Terfinko@fldoe.org](mailto:Debby.Terfinko@fldoe.org) (State Attorneys)  
[Connie.Rowland@fldoe.org](mailto:Connie.Rowland@fldoe.org) (Public Defenders)
- Mail: Office of Student Financial Assistance  
Debby Terfinko or Connie Rowland  
325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1314  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400

If application is submitted electronically, originals must follow immediately to the above address. Please contact Debby Terfinko at (850) 410-5245, Connie Rowland at (850) 245-1962 or 1-800-366-3475, should you need assistance.

1. **Application:** Complete and sign the *2016-2017 Florida JRJ Program Application* form.
2. **Proof of Employment:** Complete the top portion of the *Employment Verification* form and have your employer complete the lower portion of the form.
3. **Proof of Loans:** Submit a recent account statement for each loan that contains all the pertinent loan information in Section B of the Lender Verification form or complete the top portion of the *Lender Verification* form for each loan, have your lender complete the lower portion of the form and submit a form for each loan.
4. **Service Agreement or Service Acknowledgement:** Complete and sign the John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program (JRJSLRP) Service Agreement or Service Agreement Acknowledgement of Benefit Form, as applicable.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Eligibility Calculation:** Complete form to determine program eligibility. Copy of federal loan payment history is required for payments made during FFY 2016 and as noted on eligibility calculation. Also, if currently receiving assistance from other program, please disclose.

**6. Internal Revenue Service Form 1040:** Copy of 2015 Fed 1040 is required.

I understand that the full application packet must be received by November 30, 2016 by my employer in order for my employer to complete the Employment Verification and provide application, supporting documentation and recommendation of recipient of funds no later than December 31, 2016 to the Department of Education.

All the information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by (Florida JRJ Program), I will provide proof of the information I have given on this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Section B - Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Employment**

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Hire: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you employed full-time (not less than 75 percent of a 40 hour work week), have been employed at least twelve consecutive months with qualifying entity and not permitted to provide outside legal services? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Which of the following requirements does your employment satisfy?

☐ I prosecute criminal or juvenile delinquency cases at the state or unit of local government level including supervision, education, or training of other persons prosecuting such cases.

☐ I provide legal representation to indigent persons in criminal or juvenile delinquency cases including supervision, education, or training of other persons providing such representation;

☐ I am a full-time employee of a nonprofit organization operating under a contract with the state of Florida or unit of local government who devotes substantially all of the employee's full-time employment to providing legal representation to indigent persons in criminal or juvenile delinquency cases including supervision, education, or training of other persons providing such representation;

☐ I am employed in the state of Florida as a full-time federal defender attorney in a defender organization pursuant to Subsection (g) of section 3006A of Title 18, United States Code, that provides legal representation to indigent persons in criminal or juvenile delinquency cases;

### **Licensure**

Are you licensed to practice law? ☐ Yes ☐ No

State(s) in which you are licensed: \_\_\_\_\_

License number in (*Florida*) or another state (if federal prosecutor or public defender): \_\_\_\_\_

### **Degree**

Law degree from: \_\_\_\_\_

Law school graduation year: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section C - Educational Debt

The following loans are eligible for repayment with JRJ funds:

- (1) A loan made, insured, or guaranteed under part B of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1071 et seq.);
- (2) A loan made under part D or E of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C 1087a et seq. and 1087a et seq.);
- (3) A loan made under section 428C or 455(g) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078-3 and 1087e(g)).

**Please list lender/servicer and outstanding balance(s) for all eligible loans below:**

Lender/Servicer:  
Outstanding balance:

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**TOTAL Outstanding Balance:**  
**TOTAL Monthly Payment:**

## Section D – Participation

**Please Note:** Participation in other loan assistance programs may or may not exclude you from this program. Moreover, it is strongly encouraged that each applicant needs to determine the affect this program may have on other programs for which they are participating before he or she applies.

Are you currently participating in other loan programs that assist you in repayment of your federal student loan debt?

Yes \_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_

If you answered yes,

**Please list other programs for which you are receiving assistance on your Federal Loans:**  
(types of assistance may include E-LRAP, CLAARP, Income Sensitive, Public Service Forgiveness, etc.)

Type of Assistance:  
Program End Date:  
Amount of Assistance:

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Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2016 – 2017**  
**Employment Verification**

**Section A - Release (to be completed by applicant)**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize my employer to provide the employment information requested by (*State JRJ Program*).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature Date

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**Section B - Employment (to be completed by employer)**

The above named employee has applied for benefits from (*State JRJ Program*). Please complete the following section and return this form to the applicant.

Job Title of Employee:

Date of Hire:

Has the applicant been employed full-time (not less than 75 percent of a 40 hour work week) for twelve consecutive months with qualifying entity and not permitted to provide outside legal services?  
\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Name of Organization:

Office location (city) of employee:

Current Annual Salary:

I certify that the information provided above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and that the applicant meets the (*State JRJ Program's*) eligibility definition of prosecutor or public defender.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Official Date

Printed name:

Title:

Telephone number:

E-mail:

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Loan Verification***

***Borrower may have multiple lenders. You may need multiple loan verification data.***

The applicant must submit a recent account statement for each eligible educational loan that contains the information listed below. If the account statement does not contain all the required information, the applicant may write it on the account statement.

**Required Loan Information**

- Name of Lender
- Address of Lender
- Account Number
- Type of Loan (Federal Direct, etc.)
- Outstanding Balance
- Type of Repayment Plan
- Loan Status (current, deferral, etc.)

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Complete the release below to give permission to *(State JRJ Program)* to obtain additional information, if needed. Make copies of the form if needed for multiple lenders.

**Release (to be completed by applicant)**

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize my lender, \_\_\_\_\_, to provide the loan information requested by *(State JRJ Program)*.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Privacy Act Disclosure Notice:** The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) requires that the following notice be provided to you:

The authorities for collecting the requested information from and about you are 428L of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1078-12) and the authority for collecting and using your Social Security Number (SSN) is 484(a)(4) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1091(a)(4)).

The principal purposes for collecting the information on this form, including your SSN, are to verify your identity, to determine your eligibility to receive a loan or a benefit on a loan (such as a deferment, forbearance, discharge, or repayment) under the John R. Justice Loan Repayment Program regarding your Federal Family Education Loan Program and Direct Loan Program student loans. We also use your SSN as an account identifier and to permit you to access your account information electronically.

The information in your file may be disclosed to third parties as authorized under routine uses in the appropriate systems of records. The routine uses of this information include its disclosure to federal, state, or local agencies, to other federal agencies under computer matching programs, to agencies that we authorize to assist us in administering our loan programs, to private parties such as relatives, present and former employers, business and personal associates, to credit bureau organizations, to financial and educational institutions, to guaranty agencies, and to contractors in order to verify your identity, to determine your eligibility to receive a loan or a benefit on a loan, to permit the servicing or collection of your loan(s), to counsel you in repayment efforts, to enforce the terms of the loan(s), to investigate possible fraud and to verify compliance with federal student financial aid program regulations, to locate you if you become delinquent in your loan payments or if you default, to provide default rate calculations, to provide financial aid history information, to assist program administrators with tracking refunds and cancellations, or to provide a standardized method for educational institutions efficiently to submit student enrollment status.

In the event of litigation, we may send records to the Department of Justice, a court, adjudicative body, counsel, party, or witness if the disclosure is relevant and necessary to the litigation. If this information, either alone or with other information, indicates a potential violation of law, we may send it to the appropriate authority for action. We may send information to members of Congress if you ask them to help you with federal student aid questions. In circumstances involving employment complaints, grievances, or disciplinary actions, we may disclose relevant records to adjudicate or investigate the issues. If provided for by a collective bargaining agreement, we may disclose records to a labor organization recognized under 5 U.S.C. Chapter 71. Disclosures may also be made to qualified researchers under Privacy Act safeguards.