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Recent Graduates

LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This page is a synopsis of the LRAP Program. For a full-description of the program and how it works, please call 757-226-4915

WHAT IS LRAP?

Regent Law School established the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) to help graduates who work in the public interest field. Law school graduates who accept low-paying public interest positions that require a JD may apply to receive a forgivable loan from Regent to help them repay their law school loans.

Awards are granted on an annual basis. Applicants must apply annually. Applicants are eligible to apply for annual awards for up to three years. If selected for an LRAP award, the participant may receive a zero-percent interest loan for an eligible amount determined under the program regulations. If a participant works in qualifying employment within the LRAP guidelines for at least one year after disbursement, the participant's LRAP loan will be forgiven at the end of the year. Prior to loan forgiveness, the participant must verify that they have remained in qualified public interest work and that their educational loans have remained in good standing.

QUALIFYING EMPLOYMENT?

LRAP distributes financial assistance to Regent Law graduates working in public interest. Full-time regular employment requiring a J.D. degree will be covered. First preference will be given to jobs with direct legal services programs and qualified non-profit organizations. If funds are available, graduates employed with federal, state, or local governments, prosecutors and public defenders, will be considered as a second preference. Qualifying employment will not include working for an organization whose mission is directly contrary to the mission of the School of Law. Final determination of qualifying employment will be made by the LRAP governing committee. Eligible loans are defined as all loans taken to cover the annual law school cost of attendance (cost of tuition, books, living expenses, etc.) as determined each year by the Regent University Financial Aid Office. Loans taken out for the bar exam or for undergrad education are not eligible.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW LRAP?

You can get a full description of the program and all of the program requirements by contacting the Office of Career and Alumni Service at lawcareerservices@regent.edu or 757-226-4915. The creation of LRAP and the existence of the program should in no way be construed as a promise to loan money to students working in public interest fields. Only those students who apply for LRAP and who meet specific criteria will be eligible. Likewise, students should not consider LRAP as a reason to incur more law school debt than necessary.