

NOTICE OF INTENT
Student Financial Assistance Commission
Office of Student Financial Assistance
Scholarship/Grant Programs
Acts of the 2015 Regular Session
(LAC 28:IV.2005, 2007, and 2009)

The Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) announces its intention to amend its Scholarship/Grant rules (LSA-R.S. 17:3021-3025, LSA-R.S. 3041.10-3041.15, LSA-R.S. 17:3042.1, LSA-R.S. 17:3048.1, LSA-R.S. 17:3048.5 and LSA-R.S. 17:3048.6).

This rulemaking amends the administrative rules to provide that applicants for the John R. Justice Loan Repayment Program must sign a program service agreement prior to being considered for an award and decreases the time period by which applicants must provide all supporting documentation to LOSFA. (SG16167NI)

Title 28
EDUCATION

Part IV. Student Financial Assistance—Higher Education
Scholarship and Grant Programs

§2005. Eligibility

A. To establish eligibility, a lawyer must:

1. be employed full time as a public defender or prosecutor for at least one year as of December 31 of the year preceding the award; and
2. not be in default on any educational loan;
3. complete and submit an application by the deadline;
4. have the least ability to pay his student loans;
5. authorize LOSFA to access records held by any third party that will verify information provided on the application.

6. submit a completed John R. Justice Student Loan Program Service Agreement to LOSFA. If an applicant is not selected to receive an award, the agreement will be null and void.

B. Upon notice from LOSFA that he must do so, the applicant must provide:

1. information necessary to substantiate information included on the application, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. paycheck stubs for the two months immediately preceding the application date; and
 - b. federal tax returns for the most recent tax year; and
 - c. statements from all student loan holders evidencing the required monthly payments on his student loans;

2. a letter from his current employer verifying that the employer is an eligible employing entity under the John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act and recommending the applicant for participation in the program;

~~3. a completed John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program Service Agreement to LOSFA by the deadline.~~

C. Qualified lawyers are required to apply for participation each year. Prior year recipients will be given priority for participation in the program in the second and third year of the service obligation, provided the recipient continues to meet the requirements of §2005.A.1-4 and B.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:3021-3036, R.S. 17:3042.1, and R.S. 17:3048.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Student Financial Assistance Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 37:1387 (May 2011).

§2007. Applicable Deadlines

A. Application Deadline

1. Applicants must complete and submit the on-line application each calendar year no later than April 30.
2. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered unless there are insufficient qualifying applications received by the deadline to make awards for all grants.
3. In the event there are insufficient applications to award all grants, a second deadline will be announced.

4. In the event all grants cannot be awarded after a second application deadline has passed, LOSFA shall inform LASFAC and distribute the available remaining funds as directed by LASFAC.

B. Documentation Deadline. An applicant from whom documentation is requested must provide the required documentation within 4520 days from the request.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Student Financial Assistance Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 37:1388 (May 2011), amended LR 38:1585 (July 2012).

§2009. Service Agreement

Repealed.

~~A. An applicant who has been selected for participation must complete a John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program Service Agreement prior to the disbursement of any funds to his student loan holder.~~

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Family Impact Statement: The proposed rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, or autonomy, as described in LSA-R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement: The proposed rulemaking will have no impact on poverty as described in LSA-R.S. 49:973.

Business Impact Statement: The proposed rule will have no adverse impact on small businesses as described in LSA-R.S. 49:965.2 *et seq.*

Provider Impact Statement: The proposed rule will have no adverse impact on providers of services for individuals with developmental disabilities as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed changes (SG16167NI) until 4:30 p.m., November 10, 2015, by email to LOSFA.Comments@la.gov or to Sujuan Williams Boutté, Ed. D., Executive Director, Office of Student Financial Assistance, P.O. Box 91202, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9202.

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