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## **LOSFA Accepting Applications for John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program**

BATON ROUGE, La. -- The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance is accepting applications for the John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program until April 30, 2014, for eligible prosecutors and public defenders across the state.

The John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program in Louisiana provides for the repayment of eligible educational loans (both Federal Family Education Loan Program [FFELP] and William D. Ford Federal Direct Loans) for state and federal public defenders and state prosecutors employed in Louisiana who agree to remain employed as public defenders and prosecutors for at least three years.

Under the program, 12 eligible prosecutors will be awarded \$2,450.00 each, and six eligible public defenders will be awarded \$4,900.00 each. Two prosecutors and one public defender will be selected from each of the Louisiana Circuit Courts of Appeal Districts with the exception of the Fourth Circuit where four prosecutors and two public defenders will be selected.

Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to apply:

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens.
- Applicants must have been employed full time (working at least 30 hours per week) as public defenders or assistant district attorneys for at least one year as of December 31, 2013.
- Applicants must not be in default on any federal student loans.
- Applicants must have at least \$20,000 of remaining eligible loan debt.

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Eligible applicants who are interested in applying for the award or who would like more information are encouraged to visit the LOSFA website, <http://www.osfa.la.gov>. LOSFA highly encourages all interested, eligible applicants to apply.

The mission of the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance is to promote and provide college access. For more information on LOSFA or any of its programs, please visit <http://www.osfa.la.gov> or call the office at 800-259-5626.

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