

Memorandum

TO: Prospective Texas SLRAP Applicants

FROM: Lisa D. Melton, Special Projects Manager

SUBJECT: Texas Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program Application

DATE: February 11, 2022

The 2022-23 application period for the Texas Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program is now open for eligible applicants. The deadline to apply is 11:59 PM on Friday, April 15, 2022. The purpose of the Program is to encourage and enable recent law school graduates to work for Texas legal aid organizations, and to assist legal aid programs in retaining experienced lawyers. The Program is structured as a loan which may be forgiven in the future, rather than a grant.

To be eligible:

You must work full-time for any Texas program that is:

• a recipient of Texas Access to Justice Foundation (TAJF) funds,

Additionally, eligibility is limited to applicants:

• who have been licensed to practice law for fewer than ten (10) years.

BEFORE APPLYING: All loans MUST be in repayment before loan repayment assistance can be provided. If you have any loan(s) in *default, forbearance, grace, and/or deferment*, send an e-mail to Gina Richardson at grichardson@teajf.org with the following information:

- status of each loan you have
- date the status will change to *repayment*.

With this information, we can adequately advise you about the proper timing of making application for the Texas SLRAP.

Please note: The certifications (law school, employer and lender) **MUST** be received by the due date as well. Securing these will be the most difficult part of the process. DO NOT delay in making these requests.

For complete information on eligibility requirements, read the <u>Program Guidelines</u> found embedded as an attachment to this application. You **MUST certify** that you have read the guidelines when applying for the SLRAP.

To apply go to the online application site at https://grants.tajf.org/

- 1. If you do not already have an account in the system, register with the site.
- 2. When you receive the e-mail confirming you as a registrant, you can log in at any time.
- 3. At the main menu, click on Funding Opportunity and you will see the application.
- 4. Review the SLRAP Guidelines and the instructions for each portion of the application carefully.
- **5.** The certifications (law school, employer and lender) <u>MUST</u> be received by the due date.

The online application must be completed including uploading the certifications to your application by **11:59 PM on Friday, April 15, 2022.**

If you have questions, need further information and/or assistance navigating the application process, please contact Gina Richardson at grichardson@teajf.org or call 512-320-0099 ext. 101 or TAJF Special Projects Manager, Lisa Melton, at LDMelton@teajf.org or call 512 320-0099, ext. 330.