

Memorandum

TO: Prospective Texas SLRAP Applicants

FROM: Lisa D. Melton, Special Projects Manager

SUBJECT: Texas Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program Application

DATE: July 7, 2020

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.

The **2020-21** application period for the **Texas Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program** will open quarterly as follows:

2nd Quarter Application:

July 13, 2020 (for Q 2,3,4) **2020-21** SLRAP Application Available on <u>TAJF Grants System</u>
August 13, 2020 Deadline for SUBMITTING **2020-21** SLRAP Application

3rd Quarter Application:

October 13, 2020 (for Q 3,4) **2020-21** SLRAP Application Available on <u>TAJF Grants System</u>
November 13, 2020 Deadline for SUBMITTING **2020-21** SLRAP Application

4th Quarter Application:

January 13, 2021 (for Q 4) **2020-21** SLRAP Application Available on <u>TAJF Grants System</u>
February 12, 2021 Deadline for SUBMITTING **2020-21** SLRAP Application

To be eligible:

- You must work full-time for any Texas program that is a <u>recipient</u> of Texas Access to Justice Foundation (TAJF) funds,
- You must have been licensed to practice law for fewer than ten (10) years.

BEFORE APPLYING: Make sure all loans are in repayment. If you have loan(s) in *default, forbearance, grace, and/or deferment*, send an e-mail to grichardson@teajf.org with the following information:

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

With this information, we can adequately advise you about the proper timing of your 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> which can also be found as an attachment to the application. You **MUST certify** that you have read the guidelines when applying for the SLRAP. To see a webinar that answers frequently asked questions, please go to: <u>Texas SLRAP Application Process</u>

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 the appropriate date listed above for the quarter in which you are applying.

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