

# John R. Justice Loan Repayment Assistance Program

This program aims to encourage qualified attorneys to work as public service prosecutors and public defenders in Kentucky.

Three prosecutors and three public defenders will be selected from each Kentucky Supreme Court District, with an additional statewide category for prosecutors and public defenders who have statewide responsibility, for a total of 48 awards. Prior year Kentucky John R. Justice award recipients will be given priority consideration to receive funding during the second and third years of their three-year service agreement. Renewal of the application is not automatic. Prior year recipients must apply during the application period.

The 2011-2012 award amount is up to \$2,375, with a lifetime maximum of \$60,000. Awards are paid to the recipient's lender.



#### Who is eligible:

- **Prosecutor** – A full-time employee of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or a local government who prosecutes criminal or juvenile delinquency cases at the state or unit of local government level. Prosecutors who are employees of the federal government are not eligible.
- **Public Defender** – A full-time employee of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or a local government who provides legal representation to indigent persons in criminal or juvenile delinquency cases; a full-time employee of a nonprofit organization operating under a contract with the state or a local government who devotes substantially all of the employee's full-time employment to providing legal representation to indigent persons in criminal or juvenile delinquency cases; or a federal defender attorney in a defender organization pursuant to subsection (g) of section 3006A of title 18, United States Code, who provides legal representation to indigent persons in criminal or juvenile delinquency cases.
- **Attorneys** - Who provide supervision, education, or training of other persons providing prosecutor or defender representation as outlined above are also eligible.

#### Applicants must:

- Be continually licensed to practice law.
- Have an outstanding balance on an eligible student loan.
- NOT be in default on repayment of ANY federal student loans.
- Receive an annual salary of not more than \$55,000 for initial award applicant
- Have a valid Bar Certificate issued by the Kentucky Bar Association pursuant to Kentucky Supreme Court Rules.
- Obtain certification of employment status from the HR Department or Senior Attorney.
- Submit documentation verifying educational loan debt (loan holder, loan type, and outstanding balance of all educational loans).
- Submit a signed JRJSLRP Service Agreement. Renewal applicants will not be required to sign a new service agreement for the second and third years.
- Work in Kentucky.

*Application and complete details available at [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com) beginning November 1. Application must be completed and submitted to KHEAA with required documentation for consideration on or before January 6, 2012.*



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