

PRELIMINARY APPLICATION: 2021

**Federal Loan Repayment Assistance
For Public Defenders and Prosecutors
Under the John R. Justice Prosecutor and Defender Incentive Act**

Designated Agency: Rhode Island Public Defender, 160 Pine Street, Providence, RI 02903

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1. **Application:** Complete and sign the *2021 RI JRJ Loan Repayment Preliminary Application* form, sections A, B & C.
2. **Proof of Current Employment:** Complete the top portion of the *Employment Verification* form and have your employer complete the lower portion of the form.
3. **Proof of Loans:** Submit an NSLDS (NSLDS.ed.gov) statement; the summary page and detail page for each outstanding loan is required. The summary page lists all federal student loans you have had, and the history of any consolidations. The detail page indicates your repayment status for each outstanding loan. If you do not currently have an online NSLDS account, create one. At this point, you do not have to submit any information regarding private (non-qualifying) loans.
4. **Proof of Non-default Status.** The detail pages of the NSLDS statement show your status for each loan (e.g., "in repayment," "in forbearance," "in default," etc). Only a "default" status will make you ineligible for a JRJ award. If you are in default currently, but are in a position to get out of default, you can apply for a JRJ award and will receive a disbursement IF you are able to remedy your default status within the JRJ cycle.
5. Submit the appropriate signed Term of Service Agreement.

Section A - Applicant Information

Name (print) _____ DOB: _____

Office (actual worksite)

Home

Address: _____

Office Phone: _____ Home or cell phone: _____

Work email: _____ Personal email: _____

Licensure

Are you licensed to practice law? ___ Yes ___ No Bar number: _____

Law degree from: _____ Year of degree: _____

Section B – Qualifying Loans

_____ I have attached the required NSLDS statements – summary page *and* detail pages – attesting to my qualified loans and my qualifying status.

Section C - Employment Verification

Section 1 – Release (to be completed by applicant)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

I authorize my employer to provide the employment information requested by the Rhode Island JRJ Loan Repayment Assistance Program.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Section II – Employment (to be completed by employer)

The above named employee has applied for benefits from the Rhode Island JRJ Loan Repayment Assistance Program. Please complete the following section and return the form to the applicant.

Name of Organization: _____:

Job Title of Employee: _____

Date of Hire *as an attorney*: _____

Does the employee spend at least thirty (30) hours per week engaged in adult or juvenile prosecution or defense activities? ___Yes ___No

Office location (city) of employee: _____

I certify that the information provided above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and that the applicant meets the Rhode Island JRJ Program's eligibility definition of prosecutor or public defender.

(Printed Name of Authorized Official)

Date

Signature of Authorized Official

Title

Email address

Section C – Certification

I understand this is a Preliminary Application, determining my eligibility for John R. Justice Loan Repayment assistance and that of my outstanding loans. All the information on this application, including proof of employment and loans, is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further attest that all my outstanding federal student loans are listed above and that I am not in default of any federal student loan. If asked by the Rhode Island JRJ Loan Repayment Assistance Program, I will provide further proof of the information I have given on this application.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Checklist of attached documents:

NLSDS Summary & Detail

Verification Current Employment

Signed Appropriate Terms of Service Agreement