MARYLAND LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM

(MLARP) FOR FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS

Conditions of Award

Eligibility Requirements:

- o **You may not falsify or conceal a material fact in connection with your application. If you do, you may be subject to criminal prosecution**;

- o You must be a Maryland resident and have been placed in an out-of-home placement by the state or unit of a state government's department of social services for 3 years or more.
- o You must have earned either an undergraduate or graduate degree from a college in Maryland.

- o You must be employed at least part-time (20 hours per week) in State, county or local government.

- o You must have educational loans from a university, government, or commercial source that you used to pay college expenses.

- o You may not be in default on a loan.

If you fail to meet any of these eligibility requirements, your award will be canceled.

As a condition of receiving a Maryland State scholarship or grant, you pledge to remain drug free for the full term of the award. Unlawful use of drugs and alcohol may endanger your enrollment in a Maryland college, as well as your Maryland financial aid award.

NOTE: If you fail to remain eligible for the award, you must still fulfill the obligation of the promissory note.

The Office of Student Financial Assistance must be notified in writing of any address and/or telephone number changes.

Award Amount: MLARP Foster Care award amount is equal to the lesser of 10% of the applicant's total educational loan debt or $5,000.

Service Obligation:

o   Each recipient offered an award must sign and return an employment obligation agreement agreeing to remain employed by the State or a county or municipality of the State for at least 1 year after the expiration of the term of the award.

Renewing an Award:

o   Awards are automatically renewed on an annual basis for up to a maximum of three (3) years, pending the annual employment, lender and tax documentation is received by the deadline for each year that the student is set to receive funding. Failure to submit required documentation by the deadline or failure to report changes in your employment status throughout the service/award years will make you ineligible for the award.