



Questions and Answers

2025 John R. Justice (JRJ) Student Loan Repayment Program

Responses to questions will be posted to this document within 7 calendar days of receipt, through the last Friday before the RFP is closed.

The deadline for receipt of written questions is **Friday, January 17, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

Please submit your questions to mbcc@mt.gov.

Q1: Since the Proof of Employment Form must be submitted within 10 calendar days, should I submit it with my application via the File Transfer Service or email it?

A1: The Proof of Employment Form should be submitted with your application via the File Transfer Service, but you may additionally email it to Hanna Larson at hanna.larson@mt.gov as well. If not included in the application, the Proof of Employment Form must be submitted or emailed to Hanna within 10 calendar days of when your application is submitted.

Q2: I am working fulltime at a Public Defenders Office and am not a licensed attorney yet but could potentially be fully licensed to practice law at the time the grant is awarded. Would I still be eligible for this funding opportunity?

A2: Yes, an applicant must be a “full-time employee” of a state or unit of local government (in the case of “prosecutors) or a “full-time employee” of a state, unit of local government, qualifying non-profit organization (under 42 U.S.C. §3797cc-21(b)(2)(B)(ii)) or qualifying full-time federal defender (under 42 U.S.C. § 3797cc-21(b)(2)(B)(iii)) prior to actual receipt of benefits.

Q3: When I submit my application in file transfer and do not receive a receipt, how do I know my application was received?

A3: Unfortunately, file transfer system does not inform a user when a file is received. When you look in file transfer, you can see if the file was downloaded. You can also reach out to Montana Board of Crime Control at mbcc@mt.gov to verify the application was received.

Q4: The 2025 John R. Justice (JRJ) Student Loan Repayment Program. Is an operations specialist employed by a Public Defenders Office eligible for this grant?

A4: Eligibility for this grant is for full time Public Defenders or Prosecutors. Since an operations specialist is a different position, this would not be eligible for the John R Justice grant funding. However, this position would qualify for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Form (PSLF). Please see the link for further information-[Public Service Loan Forgiveness Form | Federal Student Aid](#).