John R. Justice Grant Program Eligibility

To be eligible for the John R. Justice Grant Program, applicants MUST:

1. Be licensed and practicing in the State of Arizona and in good standing with the Arizona Bar Association.

2. Work in a qualified position as follows:
   a. *Prosecutor*—full-time employee of a state or unit of local government (including tribal government) who is continually licensed to practice law and prosecutes criminal or juvenile delinquency cases at the state or unit of local government level (including supervision, education, or training of other persons prosecuting such cases). Prosecutors who are employees of the federal government are not eligible.

   b. *Public Defender*—an attorney who is continually licensed to practice law and is a full-time employee of a state or unit of local government (including tribal government) who provides legal representation to indigent persons in criminal or juvenile delinquency cases including supervision, education, or training of other persons providing such representation; is a full-time employee of a nonprofit organization operating under a contract with a state or unit of 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 including supervision, education, or training of other persons providing such representation; or employed as a full-time federal defender attorney in a defender organization pursuant to Subsection)(g) of section 3006A of Title 18, United States Code, that provides legal representation to indigent persons in criminal or juvenile delinquency cases.

   NOTE: Attorneys who are in private practice and not a full-time employee of a non-profit organization, even if individually or part of a firm that is under contract with a state or court-appointed to provide public defense services, do not qualify as "public defenders" and therefore are not considered to be eligible as beneficiaries under this solicitation.

3. Have qualified student debt as follows:
   a. A loan made, insured, or guaranteed under part B of subchapter IV of chapter 28 of Title 20 (Federal Family Education Loan Program);
   b. A loan made under part C or D of subchapter IV of chapter 28 of Title 20 (William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan and Federal Perkins Loans);
   c. A loan made under section 1078-3 or 1087e(g) of Title 20

The following loans are ineligible for the JRJ Program:

i. A loan made to the parents of a dependent student under section 428B of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078-2).
ii. A Federal Direct PLUS Loan made to the parents of a dependent student.
iii. A loan made under section 428C or 455 (g) of the higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078-3 (Federal consolidation loans) and 1087e(g) (Federal Direct Consolidation loans) to the extent that such loan was used to repay a loan described in clause (i) or (ii).
iv. A private student loan.

4. Not be in default on ANY student loan.

5. Have a minimum of six months experience as a prosecutor or public defender.

6. Not be currently receiving benefits from a similar student loan repayment assistance program.
    a. Examples include county and school-based LRAP programs.

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