

SC Prosecutors and Defenders Public Service Incentive Program

Application for
2008 Calendar Year
Reimbursements

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SC Prosecutors and Public Defenders Public Service Incentive Program

The SC Prosecutors and Public Defenders Public Service Incentive Program was established by the State of South Carolina to attract and retain qualified attorneys in specific public service agencies by reimbursing payments made on outstanding law school loans.

Eligibility Requirements:

Attorneys employed continuously, on a full-time basis, by one of the following entities for a period of *three years or more* by February 15, 2009 are eligible to apply:

- SC Attorney General's Office
- SC Commission on Prosecution Coordination
- SC Commission on Indigent Defense
- A Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office
- A County or Circuit Public Defender's Office

Reimbursement:

Up to \$40,000 total can be reimbursed on outstanding law school loans per qualified attorney. After three years of **continuous service*** as a full-time attorney, qualifying attorneys may be reimbursed up to \$1,000 for payments made in the prior calendar year. The annual reimbursement amount may increase by up to an additional \$1,000 for each additional year of service not to exceed a maximum annual reimbursement of \$5,000. Reimbursement may not exceed the amount actually paid on outstanding eligible law school loans during the prior calendar year. Reimbursements may be considered as taxable income. **All repayments are contingent on total funding by the SC General Assembly; therefore, any change in program funding could necessitate a change in the amount reimbursed for payments made on your law school loans.**

* Continuous service is defined as service with one or more participating agencies without a break in service.

Eligible Law School Loans:

Qualified student loans, as defined by the US Internal Revenue Service, which were used for attendance at an accredited law school, are eligible. This includes, but is not limited to, loans made through federal programs such as the Federal Stafford Loan Program and Federal Graduate PLUS program, as well as private educational loans. A private educational loan is defined as a loan provided by a private educational lender that is not made, insured or guaranteed under part B of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and is issued by a private educational lender expressly for postsecondary educational expenses. Loans used for the Bar Exam and for Bar Exam preparation and review are **not** eligible.

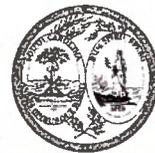
Application Process:

- **February 15, 2009:** Final deadline for applications to be submitted to the eligible administering agency.

Administering agencies are:
 - SC Attorney General's Office
 - SC Commission on Prosecution Coordination
 - SC Commission on Indigent Defense
- **March 15, 2009:** Deadline for administering agency to submit completed applications to SC Student Loan.
- **April 15, 2009:** Approximate date reimbursement checks will be issued to eligible participating attorneys by SC Student Loan.

Please note that participation in this program does not constitute a contract of employment.

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Application for Reimbursement

Section 1: To be completed by the applicant

Social Security Number _____ - ____ - ____		Legal Name _____ <small>(Last) (First) (MI)</small>		
Permanent Mailing Address Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____				Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) ____ / ____ / ____
Home Phone () _____		Work Phone () _____		Email Address _____

\$ _____ Total dollar amount paid on outstanding law school loans during the prior calendar year (2008).

Attach documentation of payments made on your eligible law school loans during the prior calendar year: You should provide a financial statement reflecting all payments made during the prior calendar year from the holder(s) of your law school loans.

Check here if ALL of your loans are held by SC Student Loan. If so, no documentation is required.

Employing Agency - Indicate the employing agency under which you are currently employed:

SC Attorney General's Office SC Commission on Prosecution Coordination SC Commission on Indigent Defense

_____ Name Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office

_____ Name County or _____ Name Circuit Public Defender's Office

I have been employed on a full-time basis by the following agency(ies) for a period of three years or more:

Employment Agency(ies)	Employment Dates (mm/dd/yy) - (mm/dd/yy)

I certify that the information contained on this Application is true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Upon completion of Section 1, return to the appropriate administering agency no later than February 15, 2009.

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Section 2: To be completed by a representative of the indicated administering agency

I certify that the applicant meets all eligibility requirements including being employed continuously on a full-time basis for a period of three years or more by February 15, 2009.

SC Administering Agency: _____

Total Dollar Amount to Reimburse: \$ _____

Date Certified: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

**Upon completion of Section 2, submit application to:
Accounts Payable, PO Box 21487, Columbia, SC 29221-1487.**