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E-UPDATES is an electronic newsletter sponsored and operated by the Student Loan Guarantee Foundation of Arkansas (SLGFA) to provide program information to schools and lenders participating in the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP).

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- 1. Hear Yea, Hear Yea Knights, Lords and Ladies: Come Register for SLGFA's 2005 Conference**
SLGFA - Knights of the Loan Table is the 2005 SLGFA conference theme that suggests a period of royalty, romance, chivalry, castles and knights. [Register NOW](#) for the Thursday and Friday, March 10-11, 2005, event. SLGFA and the DoubleTree Hotel have provided an added benefit this year for hotel registration. **Hotel reservations can now be made online.** After conference registration is complete, return to the [conference page](#) to reserve a hotel room at the DoubleTree. To begin the quest for the SLGFA 2005 Conference, click on the provided link:
<http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/conference/2005/index.asp>
- 2. SLGFA Offers Enrollment Reporting Service**
SLGFA recently mailed a letter announcing our participation in the Total Enrollment Reporting Process (TERP) to all lenders/servicers identified as being participants of the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC). This change will give SLGFA the opportunity to provide improved service to its lender and servicer clients. For more information about registering for this service, click on the following link:
<http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/updates/TERP.asp>
- 3. SLGFA Compliance Corner**
Can schools set lower annual loan limits for (1) student's with a less-than-full-time enrollment status; (2) a period of enrollment less than the full academic year; (3) coverage of institutional charges only? To read the response to this query, click on the provided link:
<http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/updates/ComplianceCorner/CC012105.asp>
- 4. Processing Guarantee Amount Changes**
SLGFA would like to share information with schools processing multiple FFELP certifications for borrowers. When schools have a borrower who becomes eligible for additional funds during a loan period for which a loan (of the same type) has already been certified, additional funds should be requested as an increase to the original loan certification, not processed as a "new" loan certification. Click on the following link to read more about processing multiple FFELP certifications:
<http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/updates/ProcessingGuaranteeChanges.asp>
- 5. Ronald McDonald House Recipient of SLGFA Giving Heart**
Arkansas Children's Hospital patients and their families, who are Ronald McDonald House guests, received some unexpected Christmas gifts donated by SLGFA staff. Each year SLGFA staff pull together their resources to provide donations to needy families for the holiday, and families and patients of the Ronald McDonald House in Little Rock were the 2004 recipients of the staff's generous heart. To read the complete story and to view photos, click on the provided link:
<http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/updates/RMcDHouse.asp>
- 6. Fourth Quarter Special Allowance Rates Are Available**
The Treasury Department has published the average of the bond equivalent rates of the 91-day Treasury bills auctioned during the quarter ending **December 31, 2004**, as **2.06 percent**. The average of the bond equivalent rates of the quotes of the 3-month commercial paper rates in effect for the quarter ending **December 31, 2004**, is **2.23 percent**. For more information, please click on the following link:
http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/special_rates/2004-4thQtr.asp

7. **Common Manual & Training Brief**

The most recent revisions to the *Common Manual*, approved **December 16, 2004, (Batch 117)** by the *Common Manual* Governing Board are currently available. The *Common Manual* Policy Committee has released **Common Manual Training Brief #16**. More information about the Training Brief and Revisions to the *Common Manual* can be found by clicking the provided link: http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/cm-revisions/December_revisions/Dec2004revisions/Batch117-TrainBrief16.asp

8. **E-Legislation**

The 109th Congress is now in session. Margaret Spellings is going through confirmation hearings to fill the Secretary of Education position. Higher education committee members are going through revolving doors with members leaving and new ones being added. New higher education bills are being introduced. To read more about the federal impact on higher education, click on the following link: <http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/updates/E-Legislation/E-Legislation01-14-05.asp>

9. **SLGFA Holds Focus Group Meeting**

SLGFA held its third Focus Group Meeting on November 16, 2004, for lender/servicer members. The next Focus Group Meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2005, and is for both school and lender/servicer members. Minutes from the meetings are available on the SLGFA website and can be accessed by clicking on the following links: [Lenders/Servicers](#) or [Schools](#)

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