

News from SLGFA

[Register for the SLGFA Annual Conference, March 10, 2009](#)

During the last couple of years, the student loan industry has seen enough turmoil, turbulence, and drama to make a good soap opera. Come join SLGFA at its annual conference for "As the FFELP Turns," on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. We are confident that the "Guiding Light" will help us see that the FFELP has more than "One Life to Live."

This year, SLGFA is hosting a one-day conference with no exhibit area, so lenders will have the opportunity to participate in training. Registration is available [online](#). Simply complete the form and click Submit.

You can also reserve your room [online](#). Or, if you prefer, call 888-233-9527 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. CST, Monday through Friday. Don't forget to request the conference room rate of \$88, plus tax. In order to receive the conference rate, you must reserve your room by Tuesday, February 10, 2009.

The first session will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the conference will conclude by 4:30 p.m.

A few of the topics at this year's conference will include:

- ◆ HEOA highlights
- ◆ PLUS loan auction
- ◆ Summer loan processing
- ◆ DOE PUT/Participation programs
- ◆ Income-based repayment
- ◆ Default prevention

News from the Financial Aid Community

[Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines](#)

The Department of Health and Human Services issued their annual update notice on poverty guidelines on January 23, 2009. The Federal Register may be found [here](#).

Lenders must use the new poverty guidelines when determining eligibility for an Economic Hardship Deferment on or after January 23, 2009. When the HRD Information Sheet used for processing the Economic Hardship Deferment Request is updated by NCHelp, it will be posted to the NCHelp e-library as well as SLGFA's Web site.

[Common Manual Revisions](#)

The *Common Manual* Governing Board approved the most recent revisions, seven proposal from Batch 155, to the *Common Manual* on January 15, 2009. Each is currently available.

Calendar

- ◆ 2/10/09 — Last day to receive the conference room rate for the SLGFA Annual Conference
- ◆ 2/16/09 — SLGFA offices closed for President's Day
- ◆ 2/22/09 — College Goal Sunday
- ◆ 3/10/09 — [SLGFA Annual Conference](#)

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Did You Know ... ?

- To assist students with submitting the FAFSA, SLGFA has "Applying for Financial Aid" leaflets available for [download or order](#) online.
- SLGFA distributed approximately 2,100 printed publications to students, parents, and schools in 2008.



Compliance Corner

If a student does not register for the payment period for which a loan is made or if a registered student withdraws, is expelled prior to the first day of classes, or fails to maintain at least half-time enrollment, when must the institution return the undelivered loan proceeds to the lender?