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News from SLGFA

[Register for the 2010 SLGFA Annual Conference in March](#)

Come learn how to 'Survive, Adapt, and Thrive' at the 2010 SLGFA Annual Conference, 'It's a Jungle Out There!' scheduled for Wednesday, March 10.

At this year's conference, you will discover how to cut through the vines of financial aid processing and avoid getting mired in the quick sand. Participants are guaranteed a wild experience as we untangle the mysteries of survival and how to adapt and thrive in an ever-changing environment.

The jungle drums are beating, so don't monkey around and miss the opportunity to attend the 2010 SLGFA Annual Conference. The deadline to [reserve your room](#) at the conference rate is **Monday, February 15, 2010**.

To register for the conference, make hotel reservations, and learn more, visit [SLGFA's conference Web page](#). Check this page often for updates in the coming weeks.

News from the Financial Aid Community

[Error in the 2009-10 FSA Handbook in Volume 3](#)

On Thursday, January 14, 2010, Federal Student Aid posted an [Electronic Announcement](#) highlighting an error in the *2009-2010 Federal Student Aid Handbook*, Volume 3, pages 3-144, regarding the inaccurate general statement that AmeriCorps awards or benefits are no longer estimated financial assistance. AmeriCorps awards are generally estimated financial assistance for purposes of Federal Title IV assistance programs; however, AmeriCorps awards or benefits are not to be included as estimated financial assistance when determining eligibility for subsidized Stafford loans but are included for unsubsidized Stafford loans.

[ECASLA Announcement](#)

The Department of Education has posted Electronic Announcements [#78](#) and [#79](#) on the Federal Student Aid Web site. Announcement [#78](#)

[Did You Know ... ?](#)

SLGFA's [Web site](#) features a number of tools designed to help students and parents make the best choices regarding financial aid, debt management, and planning for the future.



[Compliance Corner](#)

What must a school do if it discovers that a student has not picked up a check that resulted from a credit balance of excess loan proceeds on the student's account within the 14-day time frame prescribed by regulation?

concerns the records that need to be retained in order to establish eligibility of loans pledged to the conduit lender. Announcement #79 includes the participant yield rate for the quarter ending March 31, 2010.

Webinar: Final Regulations on School Loan Issues

Tomorrow, January 21, 2010, from 12-2 p.m. CST, NCHelp will be hosting a webinar on the final regulations package issued in late October 2009. The webinar will focus on school loan issues that were included in the negotiated rulemaking sessions that took place earlier in 2009. Registration information is available [here](#).

Calendar

- 1/21/10 — **Webinar: Final Regulations on School Loan Issues**
- 2/15/10 — Offices closed for President's Day
- 2/15/10 — Deadline to **reserve a hotel room** at the conference rate for the 2010 SLGFA Annual Conference
- 2/21/10 — **Arkansas College Goal Sunday**

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