

News from SLGFA

[Mapping Your Future® Premieres Newsrooms](#)

As a sponsor of Mapping Your Future, SLGFA readily shares information about new Mapping Your Future products and services. Recently, Mapping Your Future announced the availability of newsrooms on their Web site. Students, parents, and supporters are able to keep up to date on career, college, financial aid, financial literacy, and other services using Mapping Your Future's newsrooms. More information is available in this [press release](#) from Mapping Your Future.

[SLGFA Closing for Christmas Holiday](#)

SLGFA offices will be closed on Thursday, December 23, and Friday, December 24, 2010, for the Christmas holiday. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, December 27, 2010.

News from the Financial Aid Community

[G5 Phase 3 Implementation Postponed](#)

The Department of Education (Department) previously informed the financial aid community about the G5 Phase 3 Implementation that was scheduled for December 10-20, 2010. On December 6, 2010, the Department [announced](#) that the implementation has been postponed. The new date will be posted in a future Electronic Announcement. .

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

SLGFA wants your input. Let us know what you need. Do you want more training? If so, what areas should be covered? Do you need a printed publication that SLGFA does not offer? If so, let us know what it is. Send us an [E-mail](#) and tell us what we can do for you.....



Outage Planned for December 12

On December 12, 2010, Federal Student Aid plans to implement annual system updates. As a result, FAA Access to CPS Online and the Student Aid Internet Gateway (SAIG) Enrollment Web site will be unavailable from 4:00 a.m. (CST) until 6:00 p.m. (CST) on Sunday, December 12, 2010.

FSA Conference Session Videos Now Available

The Department of Education has made available video recordings of each of the sessions from the 2010 Federal Student Aid Conference held November 30 through December 3, 2010. The full archive of [recorded sessions](#) is located on the FSA Conference Web site.

Active Confirmation of TG Numbers Required by December 17

Every organization enrolled for a Student Aid Internet Gateway (SAIG) account is required to review and validate its assigned TG numbers. The Department of Education posted an [announcement](#) reminding users of the deadline to complete the validation process. Failure to do so by **December 17, 2010**, will result in loss of access to Federal Student Aid data systems, including services such as ISIR deliveries, ISIR requests, FAFSA corrections, and NSLDS enrollment reporting and updates.

Direct Loan Transfer Initiative Planned

On November 23, 2010, the Department of Education posted information about their Direct Loan initiative planned for November and December 2010. The goal is to have one servicer servicing all of a borrower's federally-owned loans. An [Electronic Announcement](#) details plans for the initiative in a question and answer format.

New Deferment Request Form is Approved

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved a new Deferment Request form: Military Service Deferment/Post-Active Duty Student Deferment. [The new form](#), expiring 07/31/2013, replaces the previous Military Deferment Request form with an expiration date of 04/30/2010. [SLGFA's Deferment Forms Page](#) has also been updated with the new form.

Compliance Corner

If a credit balance results from applying Title IV funds to a student's account, can an institution hold the credit balance if additional funds are anticipated so that only one refund is issued?

Direct Loan Reconciliation Training Recording Available

Federal Student Aid's recorded training session that provides a review of monthly Direct Loan reconciliation in an interactive format is now available. No registration is required to [view the session](#). The [Participant's Guide](#) is also available to download and print. More information is available in Dear Colleague Letter [ANN-10-41](#).

2011-2012 COD School Testing to Begin in January

The Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) School Relations Center will conduct Common Record Manual Verification and Structured Application Testing for 2011-2012 from January 3, 2011, through October 31, 2011. Optional Unstructured Testing will be available April 1, 2011, through December 2, 2011.

COD School Testing provides schools, third party servicers, and software vendors an opportunity to test Pell Grant, TEACH Grant, and Direct Loan business processes and system software with the COD System prior to the transmission and processing of actual production data. It also provides an opportunity to make corrections or enhancements to applications and processes prior to sending data to the "live" production environment.

An [Electronic Announcement](#) posted on November 18, 2010, contains more detailed information about the testing phases, participation, and the sign-up process.

2011-2012 Federal Student Aid Application Comments Due by December 17

A [request for comments](#) regarding the 2011-2012 Federal Student Aid Application was posted in the *Federal Register* on November 17, 2010. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 17, 2010.

Calendar

- 12/23/10 and 12/24/10 - SLGFA Closed for Christmas Holiday
- 12/31/10 - SLGFA Closed for New Year's Day (observed)

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