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News from SLGFA

[SLGFA Staff Participate in College Goal Sunday Throughout Arkansas](#)

On Sunday, February 21, 2010, members of SLGFA's staff volunteered in Arkansas College Goal Sunday's efforts to assist student and parents in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at several sites throughout the state. To learn more about College Goal Sunday and SLGFA's participation, please click [here](#).

[Register for the 2010 SLGFA Annual Conference on March 10](#)

The drums are beating louder to signal the upcoming SLGFA Annual Conference next week at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas. At least 53 tribes, including lenders and servicers, have registered, totaling more than 170 members combined. Has your tribe [reserved a spot](#) yet?

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. This conference will no doubt offer something for every participant, regardless of loan program. The conference program is designed to provide information on a variety of topics, including topics that are loan related and topics that are more general in nature.

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.

Don't monkey around and miss the opportunity to attend the 2010 SLGFA Annual Conference. To register for the conference and learn more, visit [SLGFA's conference Web page](#).

News from the Financial Aid Community

[Relocation of the Gender Question on the 2010-2011 FAFSA on the Web Has Been Implemented](#)

On February 27, 2010, Federal Student Aid announced the relocation of

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

SLGFA has a new publication, "FFELP Repayment Plan Options Brochure," that is available for [order](#) or [download](#) from our [Web site](#). The brochure includes information about the various repayment options available to borrowers as well as more detailed information about Income-Based Repayment. It is the perfect size to include with your other exit counseling materials.



[Compliance Corner](#)

If a student dies and there is a Title IV credit balance on his or

the "Are you male or female?" question to a more visually-prominent area above the "Your Date of Birth" question on the 2010-2011 [FAFSA on the Web](#). The relocation was implemented in order to ensure that applicants did not miss the question and leave it blank, thus avoiding the FAFSA being processed with a Student Aid Report C flag when the Selective Service is unable to verify registration data. To read more about the details of the relocation, please click [here](#).

Schools Can Use Mapping Your Future's Free Financial Literacy Tools to Adhere to the Recommendations of a New Law

Effective February 22, 2010, the [Credit CARD Act of 2009](#) recommends that schools provide education and counseling as a regular part of orientation programs for new students. Mapping Your Future, of which SLGFA is a proud sponsor, provides financial literacy counseling about credit cards and debt education free of charge to all schools through [Online Student Loan Counseling](#) (OSLC).

Schools with an existing OSLC account can add financial literacy counseling to its participation categories by contacting the Mapping Your Future customer care staff via [e-mail](#). Schools that do not have an OSLC account, must complete the [sign-up form](#) in order to participate. The content available in the counseling session is also available as a [printable guide](#) so anyone can learn more about managing finances.

A Reminder About Entrance and Exit Counseling Requirements for Schools Transitioning to the Direct Loan Program

As with the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP), schools that are transitioning, either in full or in part, to the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program are still required to provide students with entrance counseling for Stafford and Grad PLUS loans before the first disbursement as well as exit counseling for students who are withdrawing, graduating or ceasing half-time attendance at the school. Mapping Your Future's Online Student Loan Counseling (OSLC) can assist schools in meeting these requirements, but schools will still need take some additional steps to fully meet federal regulations like providing school-specific information for entrance counseling or average indebtedness for exit counseling.

Common Manual Revisions

The *Common Manual* Governing Board has approved the most recent revisions, five proposals from Batch 165, to the *Common Manual* on February 18, 2010. These changes will appear in the next annual update and will also be incorporated into the [Integrated Common Manual](#).

Calendar

- 3/10/10 — **2010 SLGFA Annual Conference**

her account, what must a school do to address the credit balance?

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