

SLGFA E-Updates

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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. CSI Training – **Don't Forget to Sign-up. The Deadline is Approaching!**

For those who plan to attend SLGFA 's Compliance Scene Investigators *Life of the Loan* training, sign up **NOW**. The deadline is near. Click on the provided link to register for CSI training:

<http://www.slgfa.org/slga/training/index.asp>

2. Federal Student Aid Updates Two Resource Guides

The Department of Education recently released updated versions of the FSA COACH and the FSA Handbook. Follow this link to learn about accessing these guides:

<http://www.slgfa.org/slga/pubs/updates/FSAGuides.asp>

3. E-Legislation

The U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce has begun hearings on the **Reauthorization of Higher Education Act**. How will these hearings affect the future of higher education financial aid? What will become of Subcommittee Chairman Senator Buck McKeon's proposal for tuition accountability? On May 6, House bill **H.R. 1955, *Fairness For America's Servicemen and Women in Higher Education Act of 2003***, was introduced to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965. Read about the General Accounting Office recently released report to the Department of Education about student debt; then download the report, **GAO-03-508, *Monitoring Aid Greater than Federally Defined Need Could Help Address Student Loan Indebtedness***. Click this link to learn more about those education legislation issues and more:

<http://www.slgfa.org/slga/pubs/updates/E-Legislation/E-Legislation5-21-03.asp>

4. SLGFA Announces ELM Resources Membership

SLGFA's greatest mission has always been to provide outstanding customer service for Arkansas' schools and lenders. With that in mind, SLGFA has recently made the decision to become an ELM affiliate member. Read more about SLGFA's customer service commitment by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.slgfa.org/slga/pubs/updates/ELMmember.asp>

5. SLGFA Converts Paper *Common Manual* to Total Electronic Version This Summer

SLGFA will cease the printed version of the *Common Manual* and will replace it with an electronic version later this summer. SLGFA Policy & Compliance Division Manager, Becky Collins, provides answers to questions that readers may have. Follow the provided link to read more about the upcoming electronic *Common Manual*:

<http://www.slgfa.org/slga/pubs/CommonManual/E-CommonManual.asp>

6. Revisions to the *Common Manual*

SLGFA is pleased to provide the *Revisions to the Common Manual* that were approved April 2003 (Batches 103-104) by the *Common Manual* Governing Board. These revisions have also been included in the integrated version of the *Common Manual*. Questions regarding the *Common Manual* should be directed to the SLGFA Policy & Compliance Division at 800-622-3446. For more information, click on the provided link:

<http://www.slgfa.org/slga/pubs/cm-revisions/Aprilrevisions/April2003/Batches103-104.asp>

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