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NSLP Expands On-Campus Student Financial Literacy Offerings

Two-tier approach educates students and financial aid staff

(November 15, 2005) – NSLP is expanding its financial literacy programs to address the ever-growing need for money management skills among college students. Financial aid offices are in the forefront helping students pay for college, and are often called on to help students manage their college debts and finances.

“We recognize that financial aid offices have limited resources to counsel students about their finances,” says Tom Melecki, NSLP Vice President for Policy, Research, and Education. “Our expanded, two-tiered approach gives our school clients hands-on, on-campus training for both their staff and their students.”

NSLP’s highly-trained financial educators provide a series of on-campus presentations and workshops that teach financial aid staff how to:

- identify financially-distressed students
- teach money management skills to students
- find financial literacy resources

In addition, financial aid staff can become certified financial counselors through NSLP’s unique, 9-month program with a major national financial counseling association.

Expert financial educators also provide on-campus presentations for students on budgeting, choosing and using credit cards, understanding credit reports and scores, protecting themselves from identity theft, and managing repayment of their student loans.

NSLP also offers *Money Management Counseling*, a free, online, interactive financial management course that includes lessons on credit and debt, understanding banking and bank accounts, and the fundamentals of renting or owning a home. It’s available in the “Students and Borrowers” section of NSLP’s website under “Preventing Default and Managing Money.”

For more information about NSLP visit <http://www.nslp.org>.

Headquartered in Lincoln, Nebraska, the National Student Loan Program is a private, nonprofit corporation in its second decade as a student loan guaranty agency. NSLP works with lenders and post-secondary schools across the nation to help students gain access to low-cost student loans. With annual loan guarantees of \$3.1 billion, NSLP is one of the nation’s major guaranty agencies and continues to serve as the designated guaranty agency for Nebraska.