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NSLP Awards Cash for Class[®] to Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Students

(December 14, 2001) -- Students at Northeastern Oklahoma A & M in Miami, Oklahoma, were selected to receive NSLP's *Cash for Class* award at the Southwestern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (SWASFAA) conference in November. NSLP's *Cash for Class* is a scholarship program that provides money to schools to help their students pay for college expenses and allows the school to decide how to award the funds.

"We're very pleased to be associated with NSLP," said Tammy Higgins, Director of Financial Aid, after her school was selected as this year's SWASFAA recipient. "The *Cash for Class* award will be very beneficial to our students. Thank you NSLP!"

Cash for Class is available to schools in each of the six financial aid regions – MASFAA, RMASFAA, SWASFAA, SASFAA, EASFAA and WASFAA – from October through next April. Schools receive *Cash for Class* registration forms just prior to each regional conference and can also register at NSLP's booth during the conference.

Cash for Class is just one way NSLP helps students access higher education. Last year, NSLP began a five-year, annual donation to the *Reaching Your Potential* scholarship program for Nebraska students. The program is unique because it provides funds to students until they complete their higher education program, rather than a single, lump-sum payment. *Reaching Your Potential* is a program of the Foundation for Educational Funding in Lincoln, Nebraska.



NSLP's Julie Esau (left) presents the *Cash for Class* award to Tammy Higgins Northeastern Oklahoma A&M.

In addition to donating money for scholarships, NSLP helps to sponsor *Educational Planning Centers[®]*, a program of the Foundation for Educational Funding, Inc. The centers provide free college planning services to students and families and debt counseling to student loan borrowers. NSLP also provides educational planning and student loan repayment assistance on its website at 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 over \$830 million, NSLP is ranked 7th among 36 guaranty agencies in the country, and continues to serve as the designated guaranty agency for Nebraska.