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Students Learn How to Pay for College from Free Workbook

RANCHO CORDOVA— As families across the nation begin to explore college financial aid opportunities this fall, EDFUND is pleased to announce the release of the latest edition of its annual *Fund Your Future* student financial aid publication series.

EDFUND, one of the nation's leading providers of student loan guarantee services under the Federal Family Education Loan Program, offers a national version and six state-specific versions of the *Fund Your Future Financial Aid Workbook* for school year 2008-09: Arizona, California, Hawaii/Pacific Islands, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. Each publication provides a description of the major types of federal aid—including grants, loans and work-study—while the state publications also include financial aid programs unique to each state.

Both the California and national editions are produced in Spanish as well as English.

“One of the most important things we can do is help families understand that sending their children to college doesn’t have to be financially overwhelming,” said Sam Kipp, president of EDFUND. “The *Fund Your Future Workbook* is a great tool for planning a college financial aid strategy.”

Geared toward high school juniors and seniors and incoming college students, the 32-page workbook offers:

- tips for completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA
- a financial aid checklist
- financial aid options that are not based on financial need
- worksheets for evaluating financial aid offers
- a list of helpful Web sites

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In addition, the workbooks cover federal student and parent loans, and what it means to accept a loan, including important rights and responsibilities.

The state-specific workbooks feature detailed descriptions of grant and scholarship programs for state residents. Also provided are additional online resources for each state.

The workbook's companion piece for high school counselors, the *Fund Your Future Counselors' Guide*, explains the financial aid application process in more detail and offers suggestions for ways counselors can assist their students in applying. Also available is the *Fund Your Future* brochure, providing a condensed overview of the major financial aid programs.

The *Fund Your Future* publications are free. Visit EdFUND's Web site at www.edfund.org or write to the EdFUND Shipping Center at: P.O. Box 419045, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9045. Students and their families should go to their high school counseling center or to a college financial aid office nearby to pick up a copy of the 2008-09 *Fund Your Future Workbook*.

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EdFUND, a nonprofit public benefit corporation, is one of the nation's leading providers of student loan guarantee services under the Federal Family Education Loan Program. EdFUND offers students a wide range of financial aid and debt management information while supporting schools with advanced loan processing solutions and default prevention techniques. Operating as an auxiliary corporation of the California Student Aid Commission and founded in 1997, EdFUND processed more than \$10.1 billion in student loans in 2005-06 (including Consolidation loans) and manages a portfolio of outstanding loans valued at \$27 billion. EdFUND is headquartered in Rancho Cordova, California with regional offices located throughout the nation.

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