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CSLF Provides Online College Planning Tools for Families

Rocky Hill, CT –December 23, 2002– The Connecticut Student Loan Foundation (CSLF) is pleased to provide the 2003-2004 Early college-cost Estimator (EccE) and updated College Aid Calculator (CAC) on its website. These user-friendly tools, designed for CSLF by Think Ahead, Inc., help families make informed decisions about college planning and are available by visiting www.cslf.com.

EccE is a college funding planning tool designed to give easy to understand, cost-cutting answers to families with children of all ages. EccE users can:

- Design a saving and borrowing plan for college financing
- Calculate current and future college costs
- Estimate eligibility for financial aid years in advance
- Print a detailed college financial analysis report
- Analyze the effects of saving and borrowing

CAC provides families with a close look at financial aid eligibility at both public and private institutions. CAC users can:

- Estimate Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for public and private colleges
- Calculate an inflation adjusted EFC any number of years into the future
- Obtain before and after “what if” results for changes in income and assets
- Access an educational loan calculator to compare loan types and estimate loan repayment
- Print an EFC estimate (what will college cost) report to save for future reference

“These online tools are part of CSLF’s ongoing efforts to promote early awareness and responsible borrowing,” said Mark Valenti, President of CSLF. “The functionality available through these products, including the built-in repayment calculator, allows families to better prepare for higher education expenses and financing,” said Mr. Valenti.

***ABOUT CSLF** - CSLF is a national, non-profit agency that administers, guarantees, finances and services the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP). CSLF has over 35 years of experience providing assistance to students and parents seeking to finance a higher education. As a guarantor, CSLF assures that low-interest Federal Stafford loans and Federal PLUS loans remain available to eligible students and parents. CSLF also is a lender and provides financing directly to educational institutions on behalf of students and parents. Learn more about CSLF at www.cslf.com*