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Free Workbooks Provide One-Stop Resource for College Financial Aid

RANCHO CORDOVA— The California Student Aid Commission and EDFUND, its auxiliary, are pleased to announce publication of the latest edition of our annual *Fund Your Future* student financial aid workbook series.

The *Fund Your Future Financial Aid Workbook 2005-2006* for students provides basic, comprehensive information on major state and federal opportunities for funding a college education. This year's Workbook provides detailed information on the many programs California offers college-bound students – Cal Grant Entitlement and Competitive programs, the Chafee Grant Program for foster youth and former foster youth, Governor's scholarships, Child Development Teacher Grants, Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents Grants, Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarships, Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE), student loan programs and work-study.

"The *Fund Your Future Workbook* is an excellent resource for students and their families to learn about federal and state-funded financial aid programs, their requirements and how to apply for them," said Commission Executive Director Diana Fuentes-Michel.

"*The Fund Your Future Workbook* covers all different kinds of aid, including grants, scholarships, work-study and loan programs," said EDFUND President Becky Stilling. "We hope the workbook helps students and families become more aware of the many available sources of funding for college."

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Geared toward high school juniors and seniors and incoming college students, the 36-page workbook offers:

- 12 tips for completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA
- an at-a-glance schedule of important dates in the financial aid process
- a month-by-month financial aid checklist
- an expanded list of “Web sites that click”
- a worksheet for evaluating financial aid offers
- steps to becoming money-wise

California high schools and colleges will be receiving sample copies of both the workbook and the associated counselors’ guide by mail this fall. Also available is the *Fund Your Future* brochure, providing a condensed overview of college financial aid programs. The workbook and brochure are each produced in Spanish as well as English.

The California *Fund Your Future* publications can be ordered free now. Simply visit EDFUND’s Web site at www.edfund.org; e-mail orders to publications@edfund.org; fax an order form to 916.526.8838; write to EDFUND Shipping Center at: P.O. Box 419045, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9045; or call the telephone hotline at 916.526.7282 for personal service.

For further information on the many California financial aid programs available to students, visit the Commission’s Web site at www.csac.ca.gov and the new Cal Grant Web site at www.CalGrants.org

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The California Student Aid Commission is the state’s principal provider of intersegmental statewide grant aid to postsecondary students. Founded in 1955 as the California State Scholarship Commission, the Commission’s primary programmatic responsibilities include operation of the Cal Grant program, which will distribute nearly \$760 million to California’s college students during the 2004-2005 school year, and several multi-million dollar targeted state scholarship and loan forgiveness programs. The 15-member Commission oversees the activities of its nonprofit student loan services auxiliary, EDFUND. The Commission is headquartered in Rancho Cordova, California.

EDFUND, a nonprofit public benefit corporation, is the nation’s second largest provider 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, EDFUND processes more than \$7.1 billion in student loans annually (including consolidation loans) and manages a portfolio of outstanding loans valued at \$21 billion. EDFUND is headquartered in Rancho Cordova, California with regional offices located throughout the nation.

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