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Arizona Students Learn How to Pay for College from Free Workbook

RANCHO CORDOVA— As Arizona families begin to explore college financial aid opportunities for their high school students, EDFUND, the nation's second largest provider of loan guarantee services, is pleased to announce the latest edition of its annual *Fund Your Future* financial aid publication series.

The Arizona edition of the *Fund Your Future Financial Aid Workbook* for school year 2008-09 provides a comprehensive overview of the major state and federal opportunities for funding a college education or vocational training. It covers grants, scholarships and financial aid that doesn't have to be repaid, as well as loans, work-study and additional options.

Students will also find information on need-and merit-based financial aid opportunities for Arizona residents, including the new High Honors Tuition Waiver and Postsecondary Education Grant.

"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, as well as incoming college students, the 36-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 and creating a spending plan
- a list of helpful Web sites
- a telephone directory of Arizona tribal offices for information on financial aid for Native Americans
- a directory of Arizona's colleges

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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 and are available. 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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