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CSLF Introduces Alternative Student Loan Product

First Rate Solutions Offers Affordable Education Financing with Convenient Repayment Options

Rocky Hill, CT – October 3, 2005 - The Connecticut Student Loan Foundation (CSLF®) is pleased to announce the release of a new alternative student loan product, *First Rate Solutions*. Available to cover the cost of postsecondary education related expenses, *First Rate Solutions* provides affordable education funding with convenient and flexible repayment options.

This new alternative loan product is currently available to students who reside in Connecticut or students who attend school within the state of Connecticut. *First Rate Solutions* will be released nationally in the near future. Eligible applicants can borrow up to the Cost of Attendance less other financial aid, as certified by the school. Applicants must meet required credit criteria or have a co-borrower who meets the required criteria.

“CSLF is pleased to offer *First Rate Solutions* to students and families in need of additional funding for education,” said Mark W. Valenti, President of CSLF. “*First Rate Solutions* offers competitive rates and fees and is an affordable funding option for families. CSLF is excited to add this new alternative loan product to its existing loan programs, which includes reduced rate Stafford, PLUS, and Consolidation Loans,” said Mr. Valenti.

For more information about *First Rate Solutions* or other CSLF loan products, visit www.cslf.com or call 1(800) 237-9721, extension 442. To request a supply of applications or brochures, contact an Academic Services Manager at extension 328.

***ABOUT CSLF** – The Connecticut Student Loan Foundation (CSLF) is a national, non-profit agency that administers, guarantees, finances, and services loans within the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) and other alternative loan programs. CSLF has over 40 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.*