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TOPICS:	Changes to the Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship Program Effective with the 2010-2011 Academic Year

On May 4, 2010, the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission approved administrative rules which change the Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship Program from a loan forgiveness program to a scholarship program, increases award amounts, and changes the eligibility requirements for initial awardees.

Beginning with awards made during the 2010-11 academic year, the award will become a pure scholarship for students majoring in forestry, wildlife, or marine science as it pertains to wildlife. Other changes include the following:

- Limit awards to undergraduates who have earned at least 60 hours of college credit;
- Allow students who received Rockefeller awards during the 2009-2010 academic year with less than 60 credit hours, and who meet the requirements to maintain the award to receive the Rockefeller award as a scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year;
- Increase the award amount for undergraduates to \$1,000 per semester (\$2,000 per year);
- Increase the award amount for graduate students to \$1,500 per semester (\$3,000 per year);
- Increase the cumulative maximum award to \$12,000 for three years of undergraduate study and two years of graduate study;
- Allow disbursement of unexpended academic year funds to recipients who enroll full-time during the summer semester, and
- Maintain repayment requirement for funds received by students prior to the 2010-2011 academic year in cases where those students do not graduate in one of the specified majors

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