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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida School District Guidance Counselors
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FROM: Catherine Hall, Program Director, Special Interest Unit

DATE: March 17, 2009

SUBJECT: Reminder *2009-10 Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application* **April 1, 2009** deadline and *2009-10 Scholarships for Military Families* Brochure

The *2009-10 Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application* online application for State of Florida scholarships and grants, including **The Scholarships for Children & Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans & Servicemembers (CSDDV)**, became available December 1, 2008. **April 1, 2009** is the **deadline to apply for CSDDV for priority funding**; however, late applications may be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis as long as funds remain available.

CSDDV provides scholarships for dependent children or unremarried spouses of Florida veterans or servicemembers who have died as a result of service-connected injuries, diseases, or disabilities sustained while on active duty or have been verified by the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs as having service-connected 100% permanent and total disabilities.

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Steps Students Should Take to Complete the Application Process:

- Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org.
- Select **State Grants, Scholarships & Applications** to enter the state programs Web page.
- Select **Programs Offered** to view detailed state programs information.
- Select **Apply Here** to complete and submit an online application.

The annual CSDDV brochure is available on the state programs Web page:

- Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org.
- Select **State Grants, Scholarships & Applications** to enter the state programs Web page.
- Select **State Program Links** from the blue menu bar across the top of the page.
- Select **Brochures/Posters**.
- Select **State Scholarship for Military Families/Florida Scholarships for Children & Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans & Servicemembers (pdf)** to view or print the 2009-10 brochure.

If you have any questions, please contact Customer Service toll-free at 1-888-827-2004.

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