



## SALLIE MAE LAUNCHES FREE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH TOOL FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

## Company's Graduate School Scholarship Search Home to More than 850,000 Scholarships Exclusively for Graduate Students, Worth More than \$1 Billion

**NEWARK, Del., March 12, 2018** — Sallie Mae, the nation's saving, planning, and paying for college company, today launched the new go-to destination for graduate school scholarships. Sallie Mae's free <u>Graduate School Scholarship Search</u> is now available to current and prospective graduate school and professional students and is home to more than 850,000 graduate school scholarships worth more than \$1 billion.

Getting started is easy; students register free of charge, fill out a profile that can be updated at any time, and start searching. The tool responds with matches that identify relevant scholarships and their award amounts, application requirements, and deadlines. In addition, Graduate School Scholarship Search automatically will send updates when it identifies new matches.

Available scholarships and fellowships run the gamut of graduate school disciplines, including business, law, medical, health care and nursing, engineering, and education, and range from a few thousand to tens of thousands of dollars. Those who register for Sallie Mae's Graduate School Scholarship Search are also automatically registered for the Sallie Mae \$1,000 Sweepstakes, which awards \$1,000 each month to a winner selected at random. For official sweepstakes rules, visit <u>Sallie Mae \$1,000 Sweepstakes</u>. No purchase necessary. Void where prohibited.

The Graduate School Scholarship Search tool is especially relevant given recent research from Sallie Mae and Ipsos on how students are paying for graduate school. According to "How America Pays for Graduate School," two-thirds of grad students (64 percent) believe an advanced degree is the new minimum standard level of education for any professional occupation, and nearly all (95 percent) say an advanced degree is necessary to enter, advance, accelerate, or remain competitive in their chosen career.

"Today's students see graduate school as a critical component to a successful career, and although most have a plan to pay for it, many are unaware of the availability of scholarships and where to find them," said Martha Holler, senior vice president, Sallie Mae. "Our free and easy-to-use Graduate School Scholarship Search is the one-stop shop for graduate school scholarships that simplifies and automates the search for free money for grad school."

To register for and access Sallie Mae's Graduate School Scholarship Search and for additional information about saving, planning, and paying for graduate school, visit <u>SallieMae.com</u>.

\*\*\*

**Sallie Mae** (Nasdaq: SLM) is the nation's saving, planning, and paying for college company. Whether college is a long way off or just around the corner, Sallie Mae offers products that promote responsible personal finance, including private education loans, Upromise rewards, scholarship search, college financial planning tools, and online

retail banking. Learn more at <u>SallieMae.com</u>. Commonly known as Sallie Mae, SLM Corporation and its subsidiaries are not sponsored by or agencies of the United States of America.

###

Contact: Rick Castellano 302-451-2541 rick.castellano@salliemae.com