

SLM CORP  
Form 424B3  
April 27, 2004

**SLM Corporation**  
**Medium Term Notes, Series B**

**With Maturities of 9 Months or More from Date of Issue**

Registration No. 333-90316  
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**Pricing Supplement No. 259**

(To Prospectus dated January 23, 2003 and  
Prospectus Supplement dated January 23, 2003)  
The date of this Pricing Supplement is 4/26/2004

**Trade Date:** 4/26/2004

**Issue Date:** 4/29/2004

CUSIP	Stated Interest Rate Per Annum(1)	Maturity Date	Price to Public(2)(3)	Discounts & Commissions	Interest Payment			Subject to Redemption		Aggregate Principal Amount	Net Proceeds	OID Status
					Frequency	First Payment	Survivor's Option	Yes/No	Date and terms of redemption			
78490FLV9	*Step	6/15/2024	100%	2.500%	Semi	12/15/04	No	Yes	Callable at 100% on 6/15/2009 and continuously thereafter with 20 days notice.	819,000	798,525.00	N

\*5.00% until but not including 6/15/09, then 6.20% until but not including 6/15/14, then 7.20% until but not including 6/15/19, then 8.00% thereafter

**Effective April 7, 2003 the name of Salomon Smith Barney Inc., an agent of the program, was changed to Citigroup Global Markets Inc.**

- (1) The interest rates on the Ed Notes may be changed by SLM Corporation from time to time, but any such change will not affect the interest rate on any Ed Notes offered prior to the effective date of the change.
- (2) Expressed as a percentage of aggregate principal amount.
- (3) See "Supplemental Plan of Distribution" in the Prospectus supplement for additional information concerning price to public and underwriting compensation.