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# OSFA News for Counselors

YOU SHOULD KNOW

APRIL THRU JUNE 2013

# Florida Legislative Session 2013

The Florida 2013 Legislature is now in session. The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) will be monitoring a number of proposed bills that may affect currently administered programs. As additional information becomes available and bills are signed into law, OSFA will notify schools of any pertinent changes that may affect the administration and funding of any State Programs award.



# College Goal Weekend 2013 A Huge Success!!!



Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

Over 600 students and parents received assistance applying for financial aid.

#### YOU SHOULD KNOW



## FASTER submission for Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program / Florida Private Schools

The Florida Department of Education announced that Florida private schools submitting student transcript information via the Florida Automated System for Transferring Educational Records (FASTER) must submit a minimum of 200 transcripts per grade level.

The private schools may e-mail <u>FSTR@fldoe.org</u> with their questions regarding the FASTER process.

The FASTER MANUAL updates annually and can be accessed via the following link: <u>http://</u> www.fldoe.org/faster/



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Do Not Transfer



# **Remember to Update the FAFSA!**

During the application process, all 2013-2014 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) applicants, who indicate that they have already filed a federal tax return, will be expected to use the <u>IRS Data Retrieval Tool</u>. Anyone indicating that they "will file" a tax return, will be advised to use the IRS Data Retrieval to update their information after their 2012 federal income tax return has been filed. Applicants who are selected for verification will be required to either use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool or obtain a tax transcript from the IRS and submit it to their financial aid administrator.

| FAFS  | July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014   |
|---|--|
|   | TION for FEDERAL STUDENT AID   |
|   | tudent): For questions 1-31, leave blank any questions that do not apply to you (the student). OMB # 1845-0001   |
|   | tly as it appears on your Social Security card) if your name has a suffer, such as it or ill, include a space between your last name and suffer.   |
| 1. Last   | 2. First name 3. Middle Initial  |
|   |  |
| Your mailing address<br>4. Number and street<br>(include apt.numb |  |
| 5. City (and country if<br>not U.S.)                              | 6. State   |
| 8. Your Social Securit  |  |
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|   | number and driver's license state (if you have one)  |
| 11. Driver's license<br>number                                    | 12. Driver's license<br>state  |
|   |  |
| notified by e-mail 1  | as, throu provide your e-mail address, we will communicate with you alectronicatly. For example, when your FAFSA has been processed, you will be<br>(our e-mail address will also be shared with your state and the colleges listed on your FAFSA to allow them to communicate with you. If you do not<br>ass, leave this field blank. |
|   |  |
| 14. Areyou a U.S.   | Yes Lam a U.S. ditran./U.S. national. Skin to question 16  |
| citizen?  | Yes, Lam a U.S. dtizen (U.S. national). Skip to question 16  |
| Mark only one.<br>See Notes page 2.                               | No, I am not a ditizen or eligible noncitizen. Skip to guestion 15   |
|   |  |
| 16. What is your<br>marital status as                             | Lam single   |
| oftoday?  | Lam manted/temanted () a Lam divorced or widowed () a divorced or widowed.   |
| See Notes page 2.   | See Notes page 2.  |
| 18. What is your  | STATE 19. Did you become a legal Yes O , 20. If the answer to question 19 is MONTH YEAR  |
| state of legal<br>residence?                                      | resident of this state "No," give month and year you<br>before January 1, 20081 No O = became a legal resident.  |
| 21. Ana you make or   | 22. If female, skip to question 23. Most male students must register with Selective  |
| female?   | Service to receive rederal aid. If you are male, age 18-25 and not registered, fill in Begister me O   |
|   | Female 🔘 a the circle and we will register you. See Notes page 2.  |
|   | convicted for the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred while you were receiving  |
| Answer "No" if you  | kl (such as grants, loans or work-study)! No 🔘 1<br>have never received federal student aid or if you have never had a drug conviction while receiving federal student aid.  |
| If you have a drug  | conviction for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid, answer "Yes," but complete and Yes O a dominant we will mail you a worksheet to help you determine if your conviction affects your eligibility for aid, if you are   |
| unsure how to answ  | wer this question, call 1-800-433-3243 for help.   |
|   | eges offer aid based on the level of schooling your parents completed.   |
| 24. Highest school yo   |  |
|   |  |
|   | college in the 2013-2014 school year, what will be your high school completion status?   |
|   | a. Answer question 27  |
|   | e uwaropmank (ec.b.) centricate, sup to question 28  |
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|   | Step One CONTINUED from page 3   |
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### MIRS.gov

Parent <YYYY> Federal Income Tax Information
The informationbelow is your tax information that will help you answer some of the questions on the FAFSA.

|                            | My Tax Information                                 | FAFSA Question Numbers        |  |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Tax Year                   | <2008>   |                               |  |
| Name (s)                   | <joe &="" jane="" smith=""></joe>                  |                               |  |
| Social Security Number     | <***.**. 6789>                                     |                               |  |
| Filing Status              | <married-filed joint="" return=""></married-filed> |                               |  |
| Type of Tax Return Filed   | <1040>   | Question IP on the FAFSA      |  |
| Adjusted Gross Income      | <\$126,721>  | Question IP on the FAFSA      |  |
| Income Tax                 | <\$31,400>   | Question the FAFSA            |  |
| IRSExemptions              | \$   | Question appoint on the FAFSA |  |
| Education Credits          | <\$2,500>  | Question an on the FAFSA      |  |
| IRADeductions and Payments | <\$2,500>  | Question appoint PAFSA        |  |
| Tax-Exempt Interest Income | <\$2,500>  | Question Don the FAFSA        |  |

Print this page for your records before choosing an option below.

#### Transfer My Tax Information into the FAFSA 😨

Untaxed IRADistributions

Untaxed Pensions

The tax information provided above will populate the answers to the appropriate FAFSA questions.
The tax information provided above will populate the answers to the appropriate FAFSA questions.
After the FAFSA is populated your IRS session will end and you will return to your FAFSA.
Check this box if you are choosing to transfer your information.
Transfer Now

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#### Do Not Transfer My Tax Information and Return to the FAFSA 😯

By clicking the "Do Not Transfer" button, you are choosing not to transfer your tax information electronically. Your IRS session will end and you will return to your FAFSA. You may still use this tax information to input the data indo your FAFSA.

### **Upcoming Calendar Dates**

**April 2012** – Financial Literacy Month! Contact an Outreach Representative about money management sessions for graduating seniors.

**May 2012** – Seniors should complete their Florida Financial Aid Applications to be evaluated for Bright Futures awards.

**June 2012** – SAT and ACT test scores are accepted through June 30 for Bright Futures evaluations.

Contact an OSFA Outreach Representative about your high school's needs. We'll be glad to help!

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# The March 2013 NyFF E-News is available for your students.

Just visit <u>March 2013 Financial</u> <u>News for Students</u>!

In this month's E-News issue:

·Student Loan "Help" Scams

• March Money Madness: How to save \$1,378 in 52 weeks!

Please visit <u>www.NavigatingYourFuture.org</u> and select "Current E-News" to access this vital information.

Have you missed an issue of the OSFA News for Counselors? You may visit our <u>archives</u> for prior editions. Feel free to share our updates with faculty peers!

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