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OSFA News for Counselors

YOU SHOULD KNOW

JANUARY THRU MARCH 2013

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The *2013-14 Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) is now available. Students and parents may complete the FAFSA for consideration of Federal and State financial aid for the 2013-14 academic year. This user-friendly application provides built-in edits which help prevent costly errors and implements skip logic to prevent the applicant from answering unnecessary questions. Applicants also have the

ability to link information from students' and parents' most recent tax return to the FAFSA beginning February 1st.

Remember the FAFSA may be completed using estimated data with the expectation that it will be updated upon completion of the 2012 income tax form. Visit the [website](#) for answers to questions about the FAFSA or call toll-free at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or 1-319-337-5665.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA website interface. At the top, it says 'Federal Student Aid' and 'PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND'. Below that is the 'Free Application for Federal Student Aid' logo. The main heading is 'Get help paying for college' with a sub-heading 'Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)'. There are navigation links for Home, About Us, PIR Site, Student Aid on the Web, and Help. A search bar is on the right. Below the heading, there are two main sections: 'New to the FAFSA?' with a 'Start A New FAFSA' button, and 'Returning User?' with a 'Login' button and a list of actions: 'Make a correction', 'Add a school', and 'View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...'. At the bottom, there are sections for 'Deadlines' and 'Announcements'.

College Goal Sunday

Florida's **College Goal Sunday** is February 23-24, 2013. During this weekend, high school seniors and families in your area will be able to receive FREE expert assistance completing the *Free Application for Financial Aid* (FAFSA). For more information on College Goal Sunday Florida, or alternative dates for assistance with completing the FAFSA, please call the Florida Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (FASFAA) at 1-813-974-3897 or visit the [web-site](#).



Get help applying for college aid!



Fall NT4CM Update

OSFA is in the process of completing the annual National Training for Counselors and Mentors (NT4CM). We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following institutions for hosting this important training event:

- ◆ Panhandle Area Education Consortium (PAEC)
- ◆ Ave Maria University
- ◆ Aparicio-Levy Technical Center

- ◆ Keiser University
- ◆ Valencia College
- ◆ Professional Training Centers

NT4CM materials may be downloaded online at:

<http://www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov/clcf/NT4CMELibrary.html>.

**OSFA trained
over 236
Counselors and Mentors
during the 2012-13
Fall NT4CM**



Financial Aid Word-Find Puzzle

- amortization
- asset
- award
- award letter
- bankruptcy
- borrower
- budget
- bursar
- consolidation
- credit
- default
- deferment
- degree
- delinquency
- dependent
- disbursement
- enroll
- FAFSA
- Fastweb
- fellowship
- financial aid
- forbearance
- forgiveness
- grace period
- graduation
- grants
- income
- independent
- interest
- late
- loan
- need
- package
- Pell Grant
- Perkins
- plus
- principle
- scholarship
- sign
- Stafford
- student
- tuition
- unsubsidized
- verification
- work study

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 TUITIONAIANOITAZITROMAD
 CFTAAROLZALTSHESTUDENTUI
 FIALATEPRIAOTAZIRSTRPLN
 ENUATNNGDCLBANKRUPTCYTC
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 SATNEMESRUBSIDWAGYAARNE
 HONVECSPLEACPIERCWWGEAG
 INDEPENDENTTRRENAEAMFRD
 PRINCIPALCINCEEREPLPEGU
 TNEMYAPERNAOEUDWPLNCDLB
 ETPTCEIATASRQDTIOEUNELO
 UEDKRTSERIENGINEINRTRENREN
 DIAKNRRGGTIBRGNEEARFAPV
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Have fun and teach financial aid terminology at the same time!

There are 45 financial aid related terms in this puzzle!

Thank you Mark Kantrowitz for the awesome puzzle!

Upcoming Calendar Dates

- January 2013 – The *2013-14 Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) is now available.
- Remind students of approaching ACT & SAT testing dates and locations.
- Initial review of Bright Futures Eligibility.
- February 2013 – College Goal Sunday workshops are available in your area.

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

The December 2012 NyFF E-News is available for your students.

Just visit [December 2012 Financial News for Students!](#)



In this month's E-News issue:

- * December Graduates—
Managing Your Student Loan Debt
- * Selecting a Repayment Plan
- * Current Students: Maintaining Your Bright Futures Scholarship

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

Have you missed an issue of the OSFA News for Guidance Counselors?

You may visit our [archives](#) for prior editions.

Feel free to share our updates with faculty peers!

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