

**OSFA News  
for  
School Counselors**

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**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.

## **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 [website](#).

## **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>.

# Financial Aid Word-Find Puzzle

Have fun and teach financial aid terminology at the same time!

There are 45 financial aid related terms in this puzzle!

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

Thank you Mark Kantrowitz for the awesome puzzle!

U L T N B Z S O O D T F P F P C N A S P A P E  
L O R U O T I P I H S R A L O H C S P P I D D  
C E N P S I A R S N O F S N N T U S V F O E S  
D N O B E W T S A F S T S O F N R E E A D F G  
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C F T A A R O L Z A L T S H S T U D E N T U I  
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## **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.

## The NyFF E-News is available for your students

The NyFF E-News is available for your students.

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

**Sign up here** to receive E-News updates and other important financial aid industry information.

This month's issue addresses important topics like:

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

Please <http://www.navigatingyourfinancialfuture.org/> and select "Current E-News" to access this vital information.

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

You may visit the [archives](#) for prior editions.  
Feel free to share our updates with faculty peers!  
Contact an OSFA Outreach Representative  
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