

OSFA News for School Counselors

October thru December
2013

National Training for Counselors and Mentors (NT4CM) Workshops Registration Available

[National Training for Counselors and Mentors](#) (NT4CM) is a collaboration that provides free training and support for counselors and mentors who assist students and their families in preparing financially for college.

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance [Outreach Representatives](#) are a team of professional trainers who provide comprehensive, up-to-date information regarding federal and state student-aid programs, scholarship searches, and financial aid fraud. Participants learn to access free resources, such as fact sheets, brochures, and PowerPoint presentations to help them assist their students.

NT4CM is available for any individual who advises students and their families on how to fund education beyond high school.

NT4CM is sponsored by Federal Student Aid ([FSA](#)), National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators ([NASFAA](#)), National Council of Higher Education Resources ([NCHER](#)), National Association for College Admission Counseling ([NACAC](#)), American School Counselor Association ([ASCA](#)), National College Access Network ([NCAN](#)), Florida Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators ([FASFAA](#)) and Council for Opportunity in Education ([COE](#)).

Click here to [register](#).

National Training for Counselors and Mentors (NT4CM) Workshops

Locations and Dates

October 25, 2013

Ave Maria University
5050 Ave Maria Blvd
Building 3 - Paul M. Henkels Academic Building
Auditorium
Ave Maria, FL 34142
239-280-1669

Start Time: 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided by Ave Maria University

[Driving Directions](#)

November 8, 2013

University of West Florida
11000 University Parkway
University Commons Conference Center, Building 22
Rooms B & C
Pensacola, FL 32514
850-474-2607

Start Time: 8:30 a.m., onsite registration opens at 8:00 a.m.

Coffee and water provided by University of West Florida

[Driving Directions](#)

November 15, 2013

Keiser University

1640 SW 145th Avenue

Pembroke Pines, FL 33027

954-431-4300

Start Time: 8:30 a.m., onsite registration opens at 8:00 a.m.

No refreshments provided

[Driving Directions](#)

November 19, 2013

Valencia Community College - West Campus

1800 S. Kirkman Road

Building 8-111

Orlando, FL 32811

407-299-5000

Start Time: 8:30 a.m.

No refreshments provided

[Driving Directions](#)

December 6, 2013

Keiser University - Doral

2101 NW 117th Avenue

Miami, FL 33172

305-596-2226

Start Time: 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast and lunch provided by Keiser University

[Driving Directions](#)

FAFSA Completion Tool

This month the Florida College Access Network (FCAN) released a helpful tool that allows individuals to see the graduation rates, the percentage of students receiving free or reduced lunches, and [FAFSA completion rates](#) for graduating seniors in a specific school.

Counselors are encouraged to use this tool to see the percentage of students who actually complete the FAFSA for consideration of Financial Aid. Upon review of your school's data, make a commitment to increase the number of completed applications at your school. Contact your OSFA [Outreach Representative](#) for assistance with achieving this goal.

CGS! Florida

Become a volunteer!

College Goal Sunday is February 22-23, 2014.

Volunteer positions include:

- Set-Up Support
- Registration Clerk
- Answer FAFSA Questions
- Translation
- Site Greeters and Guides
- Clean Up Support

Visit navigatingyourfuture.org for more details.

New NyFF Products

The Office of Student Financial Assistance Outreach Team announces three new Navigating Your Financial Future (NyFF) products.

- ◆ FAFSA.gov Poster
- ◆ Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Tri-fold Pamphlet
- ◆ Florida Virtual Campus Bookmark

Visit Navigating Your Financial Future (NyFF) to place your [order](#) or contact your regionally assigned [Outreach Representative](#) for more information about using these products.

Upcoming State Holidays

The Office of Student Financial Assistance observes the following state holidays for the remainder of the year. Please keep these dates in mind when scheduling your high school events.

- ◆ Veterans Day, Monday, 11/11/13
- ◆ Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday and Friday, 11/21/13 - 11/22/13
- ◆ Christmas Day, Wednesday, 12/25/13

Upcoming Calendar Dates

- October 2013 – College Fairs, Senior Nights, and Financial Aid Nights are being conducted throughout the State of Florida. Schedule yours now!
- November 2013 – Encourage your students to participate in volunteer opportunities and earn community services hours that can be used toward Florida Bright Futures Scholarship initial eligibility.
- **December 1, 2013 - 2014-15 Florida Financial Aid Application will be available to high school seniors.**

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

Just visit [September 2013 Financial Aid Focus for Students!](#)

In this month's E-News issue:

- School and Life Management
- Ways to Save Money on Campus

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 Counselors?

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

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