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Undocumented Students

Many counselors work with students who are undocumented. While federal funding is not available at this time, we are fortunate to live in a state that recognizes the talent and reward that comes from providing college access for undocumented students. The following resources help answer questions you may have when serving this population:

Immigrant Youth: In-State Tuition

<http://floridaimmigrant.org/our-work/education-immigrant-youth/in-state-tuition/>

Out-of-State Fee Waiver for Select Florida High School Graduates

<http://www.floridacollegeaccess.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/JA-Memo-HB851-Out-of-state-Fee-Waiver-HS-Students-070314-2.pdf>

Counseling Undocumented Students

<http://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/resources/nt4cm/NT4CM-counseling-undocumented-students-presentation.pdf>

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) NOW OPEN

High School seniors may now submit the FAFSA! Many high schools will be hosting a FAFSA lab or College Goal (CGS!FL) event to help families complete this important financial aid form.

Consider updating your school's website by posting a list of documents needed to complete the FAFSA along with the dates of FAFSA labs or CGS!FL events in your county.

The E-News for High School Students is also a great resource for students. January's issue is dedicated to financial aid applications.

Order FAFSA bookmarks and posters to display around your school.

The FAFSA Lab Toolkit is located at www.NavigatingYourFuture.org/Resources.

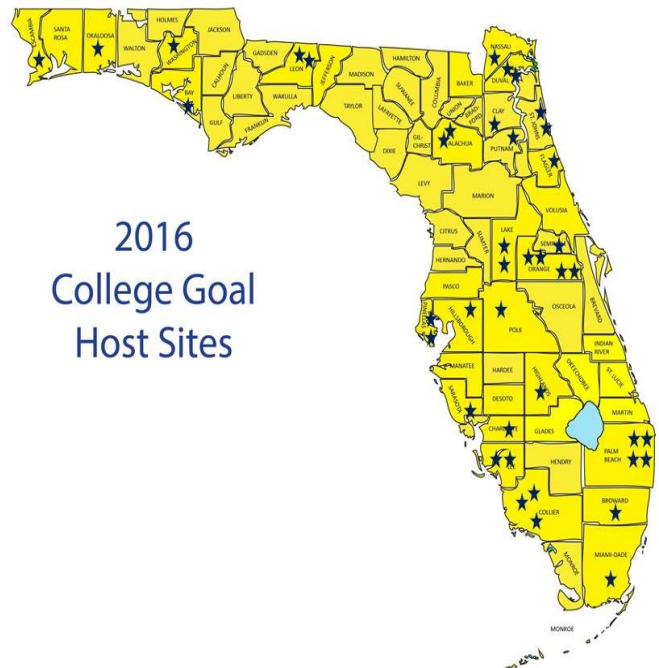
College Goal Sunday—Free FAFSA Assistance

Dates and locations have been set and marketing has begun.

To view all locations in Florida, please visit www.tinyurl.com/CGSFL-Locations.

You can help by:

- Advertising sites near your school to students and families for free assistance in completing this important financial aid form.
- Offering to volunteer at a site near you — they will certainly appreciate having your smiling face helping families who attend this event.



Upcoming Training Opportunities



Mapping Your Future is offering FAFSA Line-by-Line Training for professionals and others who help students and families complete the FAFSA. There is no charge for the training.

This webinar will be offered on two dates in January. The January 14 session will be at 11 a.m. Eastern, 10 a.m. and January 20 will be at 2 p.m. Eastern.

Click the appropriate link below to register:

[Thursday, January 14](#)

[Wednesday, January 20](#)

A separate [FAFSA training for students and parents](#) will be held on January 26 at 7 p.m. Eastern. Advertise this training opportunity for students and parents at your school.

NT4CM—by the numbers

OSFA's Outreach Team presented the annual National Training for Counselors and Mentors (NT4CM) at several locations across the state. It was so nice to see everyone who attended and we hope that you were able to network with other professionals from your area as well as take new information home with you.

There were over 500 participants this year. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend this interactive training.



Thank you to all of the schools that participated this year and thank you to the postsecondary institutions and community organizations that opened their campuses as sites for this important training.

Bright Futures Update

The *Florida Financial Aid Application* is now officially open.

Be sure to remind students to check their Financial Aid Recipient History (FARH) accounts often for communication regarding their status.

For seniors, the spring semester is the final opportunity to earn remaining service hours and raise their grade point average before final evaluations take place in the summer.

Students attempting to raise test scores to meet scholarship requirements have until June 30 to take ACT/SAT exams.



Monthly E-News for Students

The January issue of the monthly E-News for Students is now available.

Print, download or e-mail this financial well-being newsletter monthly as an additional resource for your students.

The E-News provides important information pertaining to preparing for college access:

- Scholarship Searches
- State Scholarships and Grants
- Money Management Tips

Visit www.NavigatingYourFuture.org and select the **RESOURCES** tab to locate online publications available for you.

52 Week Challenge

With the new year comes a time of unrealistic resolutions that are easily broken by mid-month. We've all been there! How about promoting a financial resolution for you, your students and families to tackle?

52 WEEK MONEY CHALLENGE CHART

*Use the columns with a checkmark to keep track of your deposits.

WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	✓	ACCOUNT BALANCE	WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	✓	ACCOUNT BALANCE
1	\$1		\$1	27	\$27		\$378
2	\$2		\$3	28	\$28		\$406
3	\$3		\$6	29	\$29		\$435
4	\$4		\$10	30	\$30		\$465
5	\$5		\$15	31	\$31		\$496
6	\$6		\$21	32	\$32		\$528
7	\$7		\$28	33	\$33		\$561
8	\$8		\$36	34	\$34		\$595
9	\$9		\$45	35	\$35		\$630
10	\$10		\$55	36	\$36		\$666
11	\$11		\$66	37	\$37		\$703
12	\$12		\$78	38	\$38		\$741
13	\$13		\$91	39	\$39		\$780
14	\$14		\$105	40	\$40		\$820
15	\$15		\$120	41	\$41		\$861
16	\$16		\$136	42	\$42		\$903
17	\$17		\$153	43	\$43		\$946
18	\$18		\$171	44	\$44		\$990
19	\$19		\$190	45	\$45		\$1,035
20	\$20		\$210	46	\$46		\$1,081
21	\$21		\$231	47	\$47		\$1,128
22	\$22		\$253	48	\$48		\$1,176
23	\$23		\$276	49	\$49		\$1,225
24	\$24		\$300	50	\$50		\$1,275
25	\$25		\$325	51	\$51		\$1,326
26	\$26		\$351	52	\$52		\$1,378

The 52 Week Money Challenge offers a great way for saving money. Each week represents the dollar amount to be saved. For example, week 1 = \$1, week 20 = \$20, and so forth. At the end of week 52, a person will have saved \$1,378.

A counselor recently shared that their school used the chart backwards so the 52nd week would be \$1. It worked with great success!

Brought to you by <http://www.52weekmoneychallenge.net>
Join our newsletter community. It's free.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

College Goal (FAFSA assistance) sites:

- 01/10/16 PK Yonge HS — Gainesville
- 01/21/16 Vernon HS — Vernon
- 01/31/16 St Johns River State College —
St Augustine

Official School Closures:

- 01/01/16 New Year's day
- 01/18/16 Martin Luther King day

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THE OSFA PHILOSOPHY



The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) has the ability to offer its partners and customers something few public agencies can, the ability to shape OSFA programs and services based on their specific needs and concerns. OSFA provides financial aid workshops, publications, prompt services for participants, and helps fund scholarship and grant programs. If a participant has a problem or suggestion, the OSFA management team listens and makes every effort to implement a solution that meets their needs. Public dollars deserve the kind of accountability OSFA provides in financing education.

The News to Know for Counselors is now available on the Counselors page of the website www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org. Previous editions may be viewed on the [Archives](#) page.

Contact OSFA

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Toll-free State Programs: **1-888-827-2004**

E-mail: OSFA@fldoe.org

Toll-free Federal Loans: **1-800-366-3475**

Locally: **850-410-5200**

E-mail: OSFAStudentLoans@fldoe.org

Visit our website at

www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org

[Click here](#) to contact an OSFA Outreach Representative about your school's needs.