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Summer Break

As schools dismiss for the summer, the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) will be planning fall staff development trainings for the new FAFSA, updating our website, and restocking brochures, bookmarks, and posters for the fall semester. We will resume publications such as the News to Know for Counselors and E-News for Students in August.

Enjoy your summer break — it is well deserved!

We appreciate all that you do to make a difference in the lives of students.



Important Announcements



As a reminder, the 2017-18 FAFSA will be released on October 1 along with the Florida Financial Aid Application, which is the application for state grants and scholarships. As you plan ahead for the fall semester, be sure to reach out to your local OSFA outreach representative (contact information can be found on page 3) or the local postsecondary institution to schedule a speaker for your Financial Aid Night and/or FAFSA lab.



To conduct your own financial aid presentation, visit our Navigating Your Financial Future website to review the [Financial Aid Toolkit](#) and [How To Host a FAFSA Lab Toolkit](#) for helpful resources to help you organize these events from start to finish.

College Goal events are scheduled to commence this fall to assist families with FAFSA completion. We will find out more in August from the National College Access Network regarding new logos, dates, and resources available. You may begin the registration process NOW to be considered for a host site with the Fall 2016 campaign. Please visit www.tinyurl.com/CGS-site to complete your registration.

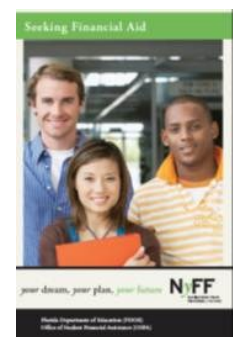
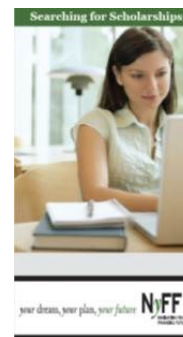
Resources: OSFA provides a resource page just for school counselors. It contains valuable resources such as newsletters, FAFSA updates, and resources for counseling undocumented students as well as homeless/foster youth resources. Check it out [HERE](#).

NyFF products announcement:

For the 2016-17 school year we have merged the Searching for Scholarships brochure with the Seeking Financial Aid brochure. Updates reflecting the new legislative changes and early release of the FAFSA are currently being made and we will be on target to ship out new brochures in late July/early August.

Place your orders now to be first in line for the new brochures.

<http://www.navigatingyourfinancialfuture.org/Orderform.aspx>





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Over the summer, you may have additional questions about:

- Financial aid
- Financial literacy
- Fall scheduling

Please do not hesitate to contact your regional Outreach Representative. Our contact information is located in the gray panel on this page.

We are here for you and will gladly assist in any way possible to ensure your fall semester has a great start.



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.

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