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Two important financial aid applications are now OPEN:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)

Please make plans to assist your students and families with completing these applications by hosting a financial aid night or FAFSA lab in the weeks ahead.

For families who are not able to attend your events, please feel free to refer them to our CGS!Florida FAFSA completion events located at 22 host sites across our state. Details for locations are on the next page.

The Office of Student Financial Assistance also provides help through the Outreach Team. To locate the representative near you, please visit:

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

Important Announcements



CGS!FL Fall 2016 dates and locations for FREE assistance with FAFSA completion are listed below. For a complete listing by county with sites, dates, times and room locations please visit this link: [CGS!FL-LOCATIONS](#)

October 8	Golden Gate High School
October 15	State College of Florida
October 16	Suncoast Community High School
October 20	Flagler County Public Schools
October 20	Leesburg High School
October 20	Sarasota High School
October 22	Daytona State College
October 23	Gulf Coast State College
October 23	St Johns River State College-St Augustine
October 27	Haines City High School
October 30	Florida Southwestern State College
November 1	Baker County High School
November 2	Miami Dade College
November 6	FSCJ—Nassau
November 6	Florida State College at Jacksonville
November 6	Santa Fe College
November 6	St Johns River State College—Orange Park Campus
November 13	St Johns River State College—Palatka Campus
November 19	University of West Florida
TBA	FSU/TCC Tallahassee
TBA	College of Central Florida
TBA	Lyman High School



Resources for your financial aid season are available:

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 a step by step guide to plan an event from start to finish.

The **FSA ID** video has been added to each of the toolkits listed above along with an instruction sheet.

Supplies for your financial aid events can be ordered via the [NyFF Order Form](#):

- Financial Aid brochures
- FAFSA bookmarks
- Bright Futures Scholarship Program brochures

State Grants and Scholarships Update:

Now that the application is officially open, encourage your graduating seniors to apply as soon as possible. Myths surrounding this application include:

“I don’t qualify for Bright Futures so I’m not applying.”

Truth: The Florida Financial Aid Application provides access to MORE than just the Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Other grants and scholarships administered through this application are the Rosewood Family Scholarship, the Jose Marti Scholarship and the Scholarship for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans.

“I’m going to an out-of-state school.”

Truth: According to the Bright Futures Student Handbook, Chapter 3, if a student did not receive award funding in the academic year immediately following his/her graduation from high school, the student must apply within two or three years of high school graduation to reinstate the award (depending on the student’s year of high school graduation). *(See ‘Program Length’ in Chapter 2 for specific information related to the student’s high school graduation year.)*



Student Info

Each month your regional outreach representative sends you a copy of the E-News for Students that you can use in the following ways:

- Post to your school's website
- Forward to student e-mail addresses
- Print copies and place in your media center or counseling office for students to take with them

The E-News for Students contains useful money management information and important grant/scholarship information along with other reminders to keep students on track in preparation for education beyond high school.

October's issue discusses "scary topics" such as identity theft and scholarship scams.

It also reminds seniors to complete the FAFSA and FFAA applications which open October 1.



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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.

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