# **NEWS TO KNOW** for Counselors







### **REMINDERS for Senior Students**

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Time is running out to complete the **Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)**. Please encourage all seniors to apply by the August 31 deadline.

After completing the FFAA students receive login credentials to track and monitor their award status online via their Financial Aid Recipient History (FARH) screen. Please encourage students to check their status and to call Customer Service at 888-827-2004 for assistance

#### **REMINDERS for Junior Students**

Now is the time to help junior year students complete their FSA ID in preparation for the early FAFSA season which begins October 1, 2018. A great tutorial from Federal Student Aid can be found on YouTube. Consider sending these links to students and families in the junior class and help them have a head start on next year's financial aid applications:

- How to Create an FSA ID YouTube
- FAFSA and FSA ID Tips for Parents YouTube

## **DID YOU KNOW?**



The goal of the Florida College System (FCS) is to ensure all Floridians have seamless articulation and maximum access to higher education. FCS partners with the K-12 Public Schools and State University System to connect and navigate homeless students through the college-going process. The 28 FCS public colleges admit students who have earned a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma. The colleges offer certificates, associate and bachelor's degree programs.

Advisors work with homeless students to assist with enrollment, completion of college financial aid applications and exploration of career opportunities. Advisors also assist homeless students by providing the necessary tools for their success in college and beyond, connecting students with academic resources, scholarship opportunities, community resources and other support while pursuing their educational goals.

Help homeless students connect with advisors by visiting <a href="https://www.floridacollegesystem.com/students/">https://www.floridacollegesystem.com/students/</a> homeless students.aspx.

### **Free Materials and Publications**

Order Financial Aid brochures for juniors to prepare for next year at Materials Order Form.

www.navigatingyourfinancialfuture.org/ Resources.aspx.



# Calendar



#### **Upcoming Deadlines**

- ⇒ August 31, 2018, Deadline for students to fill out the FFAA to be eligible for Bright Futures Funding.
- ⇒ November 2-3, 2018, Florida School Counselor
  Association Convention, Orlando, FL

### **Contact OSFA**

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