

January 2013

# News To Know

**Happy Holidays from the Florida Department of  
Education Office of Student Financial Assistance**

## **Providing Support to Undocumented or Ineligible Non- Citizens**

Many undocumented or ineligible non-citizens need assistance with finding money to pursue higher education. If you are assisting ineligible noncitizens, we suggest that you encourage them to complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) and submit it for processing. These students may be eligible for state or institutional aid.

Aid is available for undocumented students through a variety of avenues. It will take the students time, hard work, and effort, but if you encourage them to pursue these opportunities, they should find sufficient monies to assist them in pursuing a higher education.

Please visit and share the [Resources for Undocumented Students](#) found on the Navigating Your Financial Future website

## Navigating Your Financial Future (NyFF)

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has released a great free resource, *Money Smart for Young Adults*, promoting financial literacy. It is in a newsletter format and can be downloaded or copied without permission by FDIC. This resource is a great supplement to your current Default Prevention and Financial Literacy efforts and provides valuable information.

Please visit the FDIC's [website](#) for additional information.

*Money Smart for Young Adults* is:

- Free
- Aligned with educational standards for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands, as well as Jump\$tart financial education standards and National Council on Economic Education economic education standards
- Based on the award-winning Money Smart adult financial education curriculum that can bring proven results in the money management practices and financial confidence of graduates
- Offers a completely customizable curriculum comprised of modules that can be taught on a stand-alone basis
- Not protected by copyright restrictions
- A source of unbiased information that is not “branded” with corporate logos or otherwise affiliated with any commercial interest

# State Scholarship & Grant Programs

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- Term 1 semester and quarter refunds of Bright Futures dropped/withdrawn course funds are due within 30 days of the institution's last day of each term.
- Term 2 DERs are due 30 days after the last day of drop/add.

## February

The *Reinstatement/Restoration Application for Students* is available for next academic year funding at [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org).

- Select **State Grants, Scholarships & Applications**
- Select **Apply Here**
- Select **Reinstatement/Restoration Application**

## 2012-13 FSAG Supplemental Allocation

The 2012-13 FSAG Supplemental Allocation memorandum and all numbered memorandums from the Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) are viewable on the OSFA website at [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org).

- Select **State Grants, Scholarships & Applications**
- Select **Postsecondary Institutions**
- Select **Memorandum Directives & Training**

# Important Announcements

## College Goal Sunday

College Goal Sunday is a national program that assists students and their families with understanding the financial aid process for higher education funding. Various locations throughout the state will be available to assist with completion of the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) and the financial aid process. Each location will provide:

- Free, on-site professional assistance in completing the FAFSA.
- Availability to talk with financial aid professionals regarding the application process and resources for obtaining financial aid.

For pertinent information regarding College Goal Sunday for students, families, counselors, volunteers, and site coordinators, please refer to the links available on the College Goal Sunday [website](#).

## Line-By-Line Training for Students and Parents Completing the 2013-14 FAFSA

Students and parents may attend Mapping Your Future's line-by-line training for completing the 2013-14 FAFSA. Students planning on attending college in the fall of 2013 need to complete the 2013-14 FAFSA for federal financial aid and institutional aid. This training will provide an overview on how to complete the FAFSA. The training will allow time to answer specific questions from attendees.

This webinar will be held on Tuesday, February 5 at:

- 8 p.m. Eastern
- 7 p.m. Central
- 6 p.m. Mountain
- 5 p.m. Pacific

Register at [www3.gotomeeting.com/register/670051182](http://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/670051182). Click on "Show in

My Time Zone” at the top of the registration page.

For questions or more information, contact  
[feedback@mappingyourfuture.org](mailto:feedback@mappingyourfuture.org).

## **Important Announcements**

### **National Training for Counselors and Mentors (NT4CM) Webinar**

For those of you who were unable attend the recent NT4CM workshops, the Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) will host each session via webinar on January 23-24. You can register for each session via the website below:

<https://suncom.webe.com/mw0306ld/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=suncom>

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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, better 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.