

June 2013

News To Know

2013 Florida Legislative Session State Scholarships and Grants

The 2013 Florida Legislative Session ended May 3, 2013. Legislators passed seven bills that affect state-funded financial aid programs administered by the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

These bills were either approved by the Governor or are waiting for his action. Governor Scott has 15 days from receipt of these bills to sign them into law, veto, or let the bills become law without his signature. You may access bills from any legislative session via the website at www.leg.state.fl.us/Welcome.

Bills related to OSFA were summarized in the memorandum sent from OSFA to all participating institutions on May 10, 2013. If you did not receive this memo or have additional questions or concerns related to the 2013 Florida Legislative Session, please [contact](#) your local OSFA Outreach Representative for assistance.

Navigating Your Financial Future (NyFF)

Navigating Your Financial Future (NyFF) Brochures

Stock up early on the FREE NyFF brochures! Our one-page, tri-fold brochures were created to provide busy students the most important information regarding financial aid options and planning in a quick-read style with a step-by-step format.

To view the full selection of the brochures offered free to you and your students, please visit the NyFF [website](#). [Contact](#) your local OSFA Outreach Representative for additional information.

Jump\$tart's Reality Check

<http://www.jumpstart.org/reality-check.html>

This “Reality Check” calculator will provide your students with a general snapshot of their financial futures.

While local salaries, wages and lifestyle costs vary throughout the United States, the internal data used in this calculator is based on national averages. The results will indicate a ballpark relationship between students’ expenses and the incomes they will need to support their lifestyles.

The internal data in this calculator is adapted from several sources, including the annual Consumer Expenditure Survey from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

State Scholarship & Grant Programs

June

State scholarship and grant applicant notifications of initial and renewal eligibility are viewable on students' financial aid recipient history screens for:

- Rosewood Family Scholarship Fund
- José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant
- Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans

Students check the status of their financial aid programs and correspondence received from OSFA on the website via www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org

- Select **State Grants, Scholarships & Applications**
- Select **Application Status & Award History**

The upcoming deadline for renewal application for all postsecondary institutions to participate in state programs for the next academic year is June 7th.

June 30 – or 30 days after the last day of classes (whichever comes first) - Grade and Hours Report deadline

June 30 – State of Florida fiscal year ends for state scholarship and grant programs.

July

July 1 – State of Florida fiscal year begins for state scholarship and grant programs.

Important Announcements

MappingXpress, a new online service on Mapping Your Future, provides schools and other organizations a better way to collect documents from students. MappingXpress enables schools to streamline document (mainly relating to verification) collection and provides students a convenient and secure way to quickly respond to the request.

School financial aid office or business professionals can retrieve those documents securely from their access area on Mapping Your Future.

MappingXpress can help schools with document collection for different business processes, including:

- Verification
- C-code resolutions
- Enrollment and admission applications
- Scholarship applications
- Grant applications
- Work-study paperwork/applications
- Employment applications
- Any process requiring the collection of documentation

Mapping Your Future developed MappingXpress in response to requests and feedback received from schools. This service will help decrease the burden on busy financial aid offices as requirements to collect documentation from students continues to increase. Recent federal regulations have mandated more substantiation, which requires schools to obtain more documents from students and parents

Schools may review the ME [webinar](#) or sign up for a free 15-day trial at <http://mappingyourfuture.org/services/schoolserviceform.cfm?serviceID=1>

Member schools or schools in a sponsored state, who wish to utilize Mapping Xpress, may sign up and then participate by submitting the required \$750.00 annual fee.

Florida is a sponsored state, compliments of the Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA).

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**E-mail Communication to
State Program Award**

Recipients

During the second week in May, OSFA began sending State Program award recipients e-mails reminding them to update their postsecondary institutions on their online financial aid recipient history screens (FARHS). The notification will be generated once a month through August and is also posted to the students' online FARHS. It is our hope that this reminder will help train students to review and update their online FARHSs so the postsecondary institutions appear correctly on OSFA's Master Eligibility Lists.

Your suggestions and feedback are always welcomed. Please [contact](#) your local OSFA Outreach Representative today!

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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.