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Spring Loan Repayment Campaign

[Federal Student Aid](#) is the largest provider of student financial aid in the country, including federal student loans. Federal Student Aid has launched a [student loan repayment campaign](#) to educate borrowers about affordable repayment options and to provide them with the tools and resources they need to make informed decisions. When it's time for borrowers to repay their loans, Federal Student Aid provides free tools and resources to help make the repayment process easier.

As financial aid counselors, you can help spread the campaign's important messages by:

- Directing student loan borrowers to StudentAid.gov/repay to learn more about the affordable repayment options offered.
- Visiting FinancialAidToolkit.ed.gov/repayment to explore plug-and-play resources you can use to educate borrowers about student loan repayment. Resources include social media content, fact sheets, infographics, videos, and repayment calculators.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



The following announcements have been posted to the IFAP website:

[2015-06-15](#): Gainful Employment Electronic Announcement #55 - Initial Chapters of Updated Gainful Employment Operations Manual Now Available. This initial posting includes the table of contents, an overview of the manual, and chapters on reporting and disclosures. In the coming months, IFAP will post the remaining chapters of the manual, as they are finalized.

[Electronic Announcement #53 \(What is a Gainful Employment Program?\)](#), dated May 20, 2015, provides institutions with guidance on how to determine if an educational program offered is a Gainful Employment (GE) Program. The Electronic Announcement sent on June 11, 2015, provides institutions with information on two important regulatory requirements related to their GE programs and is found on <http://ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/061115GECertificationsFinalJune9.html>.

Upgrade Your Document Collection Process

If your students are still mailing, emailing, faxing, or bringing documents into your office, it's time to upgrade your process. The demand for documentation has increased in recent years, along with the need to prevent identity theft and financial aid fraud. In the meantime, colleges and universities have found themselves trying to get more done with less.

To help schools manage the increased need for documentation on a tight budget, *Mapping Your Future*[®] now offers [MappingXpress](#)[®] free to postsecondary schools in Florida. [MappingXpress](#)[®] is sponsored by the Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance.

[MappingXpress](#)[®] is a secure document transfer service that allows students to quickly and easily upload documents for retrieval by school professionals. Schools and other organizations using [MappingXpress](#)[®] have reported the service has saved them time and money as they securely collect documents needed for financial aid verification, scholarship forms, loan applications, and other academic processes.

With [MappingXpress](#)[®], students are able to upload the documents electronically and provide an electronic signature. School financial aid offices or business professionals can retrieve the documents securely from their **Access Area** on *Mapping Your Future*[®]. With the free [MappingXpress](#)[®] service, schools will have certain customization options and the ability to transfer up to 4,000 documents annually. For schools that want to transfer more than 4,000 documents, [contact us](#) for more information.

[MappingXpress](#)[®] helps fulfill *Mapping Your Future*'s mission to assist students (and their schools) with the information and resources needed to lead successful lives. Schools interested in the service should contact *Mapping Your Future*[®] at feedback@mappingyourfuture.org or 800-374-4072 for more information and a demonstration of the service.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- ♦ July 1 — New academic fiscal year begins for state scholarship and grant programs.
- ♦ July 1 — Summer Grade and Hours (G&H) Report opens for Bright Futures and Spring/Summer cohort students enrolled at the University of Florida’s Innovation Academy (for 2014-15).
- ♦ Program appropriations memos will be sent to all eligible postsecondary institutions.

Remember To Place Your NyFF Orders

In preparation for the fall semester, schools are encouraged to place orders early for their default prevention/financial literacy supplies. We offer the following:

- Repayment of Your Student Loan Debt
- Managing Your Budget
- Managing Your Credit
- Searching for Scholarships
- Seeking Financial Aid
- School & Life Management
- Career Planning

The online order form can be found at this link:
<http://www.navigatingyourfinancialfuture.org/orderform.aspx>.

Any questions regarding our products can be directed to Jan Smith at 850-245-1822 or Jan.Smith@fldoe.org.

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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 is now available on the [Policy, Regulations, and Guidance](#) page of our website. Previous editions may be viewed on our [Archives](#) page.

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**[Click here](#) to contact
an OSFA Outreach
Representative about
your institution's needs.**