

NEWS TO KNOW

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Mapping Your Future Introduces EX\$EL

As a proud sponsor of “Mapping Your Future (MYF),” the Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) is pleased to offer a low cost option for your campus-based default prevention and management services. EX\$EL provides:

- ⇒ *Financial Basics and Repayment Success* — provides modular, comprehensive online financial education courses for your students.
- ⇒ Regular text and email communications — includes links to timely articles and tips on basic money management skills, indebtedness, and the benefits and responsibilities of borrowing.
- ⇒ Outreach phone calls to delinquent borrowers.
- ⇒ A student dashboard — shows progress and provides links to additional resources. Helps students measure their learning and understand their options.
- ⇒ A school dashboard — provides progress and financial stress reports, assisting schools identify which students might need additional support.

To learn more about EX\$EL, please complete a short online form [here](#). If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Cathy Mueller at Services@MappingYourFuture.org or 800-374-4072.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



[FAFSA News](#)

Beginning in 2016, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the 2017-18 academic year, will be available in October rather than January. Applicants will be able to use income information from two-year-old completed tax returns rather than sometimes incomplete information from the previous year. For additional information, click [here](#).

[FSA Coach Web-based Training 2015-16](#)

FSA Coach has been redesigned as a suite of interactive courses to train both new and experienced financial aid administrators in the essential knowledge and skills needed to successfully administer the federal student aid programs. The Basic Training courses, now updated for the 2015–2016 award year, are comprehensive and self-paced online courses that are written at an introductory level. Users are required to create an account in order to access the training material. To access this training, click [here](#).

[CGS!Florida Host Site Applications NOW OPEN!](#)

College Goal Sunday is a national initiative to help students and families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). OSFA will continue to serve as the State Coordinators for the state of Florida along with the Florida Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (FASFAA) which will continue to serve as the fiscal agent. We encourage our postsecondary partners to consider hosting a CGS!Florida event during the month of February 2016. To learn more about CGS!Florida and to apply as a site coordinator, click [here](#).

[NyFF Resources](#)

OSFA's financial literacy program, "Navigating Your Future," offers a wide variety of tools and resources to assist our postsecondary partners with their on campus financial literacy efforts. NyFF can also be the perfect complement to MYF's EX\$EL Services! For additional information, click [here](#).

[FASFAA Training Opportunities](#)

FASFAA New Aid Officers' Workshop

Vero Beach, FL

October 21-23

[Registration](#)

[Hotel](#)

[Agenda](#)

FASFAA will also be hosting a series of regional workshops. For additional information, click [here](#).



Calendar Events

- ⇒ Term I Disbursement Eligibility Report is due to OSFA 30 days after the last day of drop/add
- ⇒ Term I refunds/reconciliation due to OSFA within 60 days after the last day of drop/add

National Training for Counselors and Mentors

OSFA is pleased to announce the Outreach Team will be hosting a series of NT4CM workshops throughout the state of Florida. This FREE one-day workshop is ideal for new staff members.

To find a location near you, click [here](#).

To register, click [here](#).

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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 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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