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Mapping Your Future Releases 2016-17 Verification Worksheets

Mapping Your Future (MYF) recently released the 2016-17 verification worksheets provided to assist member schools and schools in sponsored states in collecting information they need from students to complete the verification process. The verification worksheets were modeled after the 2015-16 worksheets with the necessary changes made, such as updating the text to the revised verbiage supplied by the U.S. Department of Education in the [Electronic Announcement](#) dated November 18, 2015 and removing the V3 verification tracking group.

The worksheets are available in the Member resources section of the secure [Access Area](#). The worksheets are available in PDF and fillable PDF format.

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) proudly sponsors MYF so that Florida schools can take advantage of the many benefits that MYF has to offer. To learn more about MYF's benefits, click [here](#).

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



National College Access Network (NCAN) Blog

The National College Access Network (NCAN) recently published a [blog](#), “Urgent Guidance on FAFSA Filing for College Advisors.” In the blog, NCAN members have reported students and parents having difficulty establishing an FSA ID. To help students and families create an FSA ID, Federal Student Aid has created a “How to Create an FSA ID” [guide](#) and “FSA ID Frequently Asked Questions” [website](#). Please ensure these resources are available to assist your students and families complete this important step of the federal student aid process.

2016 FASFAA or NASFAA Training Opportunities

- ⇒ FASFAA Region III Workshop (Orlando, FL) April 1
- ⇒ FASFAA Region V Workshop (Pembroke Pines, FL) April 15
- ⇒ FASFAA Cash Management/Business Office Workshop May 23-24
(Bonita Springs, FL)
- ⇒ NASFAA Credential Workshop (Bonita Springs, FL) May 23-24
- ⇒ FASFAA Annual Conference (Bonita Springs, FL) May 24-27
- ⇒ NASFAA Annual Conference (Washington, DC) July 10-13

To learn more about these training opportunities, visit www.fasfaa.org.

2016 Other Training Opportunities

- ⇒ Florida College Access & Success [Summit](#) (Orlando, FL) May 11-12
- ⇒ Florida Prosperity Partnership Eight Annual Statewide Training [Conference](#) (Orlando, FL) June 1-3

OSFA INFORMATION



Calendar Events

- ⇒ Term 2 quarter refunds of Bright Futures dropped/withdrawn course funds are due within 30 days of the institution's last day of the term.
- ⇒ Term 3 DERs are due 30 days after the last day of drop/add.
- ⇒ FSAG uncommitted funds due to OSFA for reallocation.
- ⇒ FSAG reallocation of uncommitted funds to participating PSIs reporting Otherwise Eligible (OE).

2015 Florida Legislative Financial Aid - Expanded Reporting Requirements

In order to fulfill the expanded reporting requirements, the Florida Department of Education is requiring institutions (except Florida college system institutions — data was reported by the Division of Florida Colleges) participating in state scholarship and grant programs to provide all grant, scholarship and award information on a student-level basis for any student who received state aid during the 2014-15 academic year. This report is due **APRIL 29, 2016**.

Resources for Undocumented Students

Many undocumented students are unsure of how to find free money for college. For a list of valuable resources to share with students and families, click [here](#).

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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.

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your institution's
needs.*