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CGS!Florida (College Goal Sunday)

In partnership with the Florida Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (FASFAA), the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) is pleased to announce that we have over 40 host sites in 27 counties for 2016 CGS!Florida events. Many of our host site coordinators are brand new to the cause and we are excited to have them on board! As postsecondary financial aid professionals, you possess a world of financial aid expertise that many of our host sites would love to have available for their students and families. Please consider registering to volunteer at a site near you:

[Locations](#)

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



2016-17 FAFSA Training for Financial Aid Professionals

This webinar will provide line-by-line training for financial aid staff members who will be assisting students and families in completing the FAFSA. To view this webinar on-demand, click [here](#).

Understanding Tax Documents and Educational Tax Benefits

This webinar will provide important information and guidance to financial aid staff members when reviewing tax returns or other tax-related documents. Educational tax benefits will also be discussed. To register for this webinar, click [here](#).

NEW! FSA Coach Module

ANN-16-01 announces the availability of a new 2015-16 FSA Coach module. This NEW intermediate training course provides a self-paced, interactive training opportunity for more experienced financial aid staff members. This module includes packaging awards, Return to Title IV, subsidized loan interest benefits, monitoring Pell Grant lifetime eligibility used and resolving unusual enrollment history flags. To access FSA Coach, click [here](#).

2016 Training Opportunities

SASFAA Annual Conference (Greensboro, NC)	February 7-10
FASFAA Region I Workshop (Panama City, FL)	March 18
FASFAA Region III Workshop (Orlando, FL)	April 1
FASFAA Region IV Workshop (Ft. Myers, FL)	March 3
Florida College Access & Success Summit (Orlando, FL)	May 11-12
FASFAA Annual Conference (Bonita Springs, FL)	May 24-27
NASFAA Annual Conference (Washington, DC)	July 10-13

To learn more about these training opportunities, click [here](#).

OSFA INFORMATION



Calendar Events

- ⇒ The *Reinstatement/Restoration Application* is available for next academic year funding.
- ⇒ Term 2 refunds/reconciliation due to OSFA within 60 days after the last day of drop/add.

For additional information, click [here](#).

NEW! Bright Futures Credit Hour Renewal Requirement Interactive Tool

This new excel-based tool allow students the opportunity to calculate their own renewal eligibility. For more information, visit the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program [website](#).

State Student Financial Aid Database (SSFAD) Security User Accounts

Postsecondary institutions (PSIs) are encouraged to review their institutional contact information and make any changes that are necessary. PSI institutional information can be located on the postsecondary institution [tab](#).

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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.

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your institution's
needs.*