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FSA Quick Takes

The FSA Quick Takes series offers short recordings designed to fit into your busy work schedule. Current topics include: Finding FSA Training, Conflicting Information, Paper Secondary Confirmation Part I and II and Professional Judgment. This series is available on the Federal Student Aid E-Training [website](#). Additional topics are coming soon!

Early FAFSA

The 2017-18 Early FAFSA Frequently Asked Questions ([FAQs](#)) are now available and all institutions are encouraged to review all requirements and guidance to ensure they are in compliance with applicable FAFSA and verification requirements. This list will be updated frequently and new items will be marked NEW and appear in red font.

2016-17 ISIR Guide

The 2016-17 ISIR Guide has been updated (effective April 14, 2016) and is now available [online](#). This guide assists financial aid administrators in interpreting student information on the Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR).

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



Florida College Access Week

Florida College Application Week, part of the American College Application Campaign, aspires to assist all graduating seniors in completing at least one postsecondary application. Postsecondary institutions can assist their local high schools in conducting school-wide activities that promote a college-going culture for younger students. For more information, including access to the Florida College Application Week Toolkit, [click here](#). Note: Registration for the 2016 Florida College Application Week opens May 2, 2016.

2016 FASFAA or NASFAA Training Opportunities

- ⇒ FASFAA Cash Management/Business Office Workshop (Bonita Springs, FL) May 23-24
- ⇒ 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

- ⇒ Refunds of Bright Futures dropped/withdrawn course funds are due within 30 days of the institution's last day of the term.
- ⇒ Reconciliation due to OSFA within 60 days after the last day of drop/add.
- ⇒ Begin G&H reporting for students receiving funding for 2015-16 terms. Reporting due to OSFA 30 days after the last day of classes or June 30, whichever comes first.

Heads-Up: The initial and renewal 2016-17 Institutional Application for Participation in State Scholarship and Grant Programs opens May 1 **and is due June 8.**

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**. Please contact Shawn Haskin by email Shawn.Haskin@fldoe.org or by telephone 850-245-1915 if you have questions.

2016-17 FSAG FAQ Technical Assistance Paper

The FSAG FAQ was emailed to all financial aid directors on April 11. You may access this online in the Memorandum section of the Postsecondary Institution tab on the [website](#). The FAQ is intended to provide technical assistance to institutions in administering the FSAG during the 2016-17 academic year. Please contact Brian Underhill by email Bran.Underhill@fldoe.org or by telephone 850-410-5185 if you have questions.

Florida Incentive Scholarship

Effective July 1, the Florida Incentive Scholarship has been renamed the Benacquisto Scholarship Program. All eligible Florida public or independent postsecondary institutions are encouraged to become, and all eligible state universities shall become, college sponsors of the National Merit Scholarship Program.

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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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