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2017-18 Federal Pell Grant Payment and Disbursement Schedules

Federal Student Aid issued [DCL ID: GEN-16-19](#) on October 18 which includes the 2017-18 Federal Pell Grant Payment and Disbursement schedules. The announcement also includes the maximum Pell Grant award for 2017-18 is \$5,920 and the minimum is \$596.

IMPORTANT: When using the Payment and Disbursement schedules, the student's full nine-month expected family contribution (EFC) must be used regardless of the actual period of attendance. Furthermore, the cost of attendance is based on a full-time student for a full academic year regardless of enrollment or attendance status.

The maximum Pell Grant eligible EFC is \$5,328.

Federal Student Aid Resources

2017-18 Counselors and Mentors Handbook

This [guide](#) is directed to new counselors or mentors responsible for advising students about financial aid for higher education and covers a variety of topics including: federal student aid programs overview, eligibility requirements, financial need, packaging and MORE!

NOTE: Due to the changes in the 2017-18 FAFSA, this guide may be updated with frequently asked questions or important tips now that the new FAFSA has launched.

Completing the FAFSA® 2017-18

This [guide](#) is directed to counselors and mentors responsible for assisting students in completing the FAFSA and contains line-by-line instructions.

FAFSA® Webinars

Through our partnership with Mapping Your Future, FAFSA line-by-line training is available via [webinar](#) for both financial aid professionals and students and families.

Bookmark and share these valuable resource today!



A variety of financial aid and financial literacy resources are available for FREE online at: www.navigatingyourfuture.org.

Topics include:

- *Career Planning*
- *Financial Aid Overview*
- *Financial Literacy*
- *Managing Your Budget*
- *Managing Your Credit*
- *Mapping Your Future: FAFSA*
- *Money Management ID Theft*
- *Repayment of Your Student Loan Debt:*
 - * *Chapter 1*
 - * *Chapter 2*
 - * *Chapter 3*
- *Searching for Scholarships*
- *Show Me the Money! Financial Planning for College*
- *Stay, Stop or Drop?*



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



2016-17 FASFAA Training

- ⇒ Region II Workshop November 2 (Palatka)
- ⇒ Region V Workshop November 4 (Pembroke Pines)
- ⇒ FASFAA @ 50 Annual Conference May 30 — June 2 (Orlando)

For more information, visit www.fasfaa.org.

2016-17 SASFAA Training

- ⇒ SASFAA Annual Conference February 12 — 15 (Biloxi)

For more information, visit www.sasfaa.org.

2016-17 NASFAA Training

- ⇒ NASFAA Annual Conference June 26 — 29 (San Diego)

For more information, visit www.nasfaa.org.

2016-17 FSA Training

- ⇒ FSA Training Conference Nov 29 — Dec 2 (Atlanta)

For more information, visit www.fsa-atl.org.

Mapping Your Future Financial Solutions

Mapping Your Future Financial Solutions, powered by Money Management International, is designed to help employers, credit unions, banks, and other organizations address the financial needs of their employees, members and customers. Through one-on-one counseling and a variety of online tools and resources, Mapping Your Future Financial Solutions assists users in overcoming current financial issues and preventing future setbacks. For more [information](#) or to schedule a demonstration, contact Cathy Mueller at 940-497-0741 or Cathy@MappingYourFuture.org.



OSFA INFO

November/December

- ⇒ Term 1 refunds/reconciliations due to OSFA within 60 days after the last day of drop/add

December

- ⇒ Program funds sent to eligible PSIs for Term 2

Online Resources*

- ⇒ State Scholarship & Grant Programs [Policy Manual](#)
- ⇒ Postsecondary Institutions [Resources](#)
- ⇒ Program [Contacts](#)

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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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Email: OSFA@fldoe.org

Federal Loans: 1-800-366-3475

Locally: 1-850-410-5200

Email: OSFAStudentLoans@fldoe.org

Visit our website at

www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org

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