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Time Saving Links

Do you have new staff members in your financial aid office? If the answer is yes, be sure to inform them of these links for quick access to important events taking place in our state and regional area:

State:

Florida Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators FASFAA.org

Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA)

FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org

Free resources for students and financial aid offices

NavigatingYourFinancialFuture.org

Florida College Access Network (FCAN)

FloridaCollegeAccess.org

Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators SASFAA.org

National:

National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

NASFAA.org

National Council of Higher Education Resources

NCHER.org

US Department of Education Student Portal StudentAid.ed.gov

National College Access Network NCAN.org

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



SASFAA Leadership Symposium October 26-28, 2016 Embassy Suites Orlando—Lake Buena Vista Resort

Registration: \$200

Mark your calendars! SASFAA is in the planning phases of developing a management institute. Tentative topics include:

- Trust
- Conflict
- Commitment
- Accountability
- Politics
- Ethics
- Team Building
- "The Five Dysfunctions of a Team"

You may find more information here:

http://www.sasfaa.org/LeadershipSymposium2016/

College Goal Sunday Update

Host sites have been selected for the 2016 Fall Campaign. Thank you to everyone who applied. You may view the locations at www.tinyurl.com/CGS-locations.

Because of the early release of the FAFSA this year and the discontinuance of grant funding from the national organization, we had to make tough decisions regarding strategic placement of host sites. For sites that were not selected this fall semester of 2016, we highly encourage you to consider hosting your own FAFSA completion event using resources available from our Navigating Your Financial Future website: http://www.navigatingyourfinancialfuture.org/FAFSALabToolkit.aspx



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State Grants and Scholarships Update:

For postsecondary students with questions about restoration or reinstatement of their Bright Futures Scholarship please refer to the newly updated Student Handbook Chapter 3.

The following legislative updates (and more) are included in the Student Handbook Chapter 1:

Career And Professional Education (CAPE)

CAPE award for 2016-17 students who:

- earn 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications
- complete at least 30 hours of volunteer service work

CAPE students initially eligible in the 2017-18 academic year may receive an award for:

- specific applied technology diplomas
- technical degree programs
- career certificate programs

Once CAPE students complete a technical degree program that articulates into a higher degree, expanded funding will be available for an eligible:

- Bachelor of Science degree
- Bachelor of Applied Science degree

Reinstatement Timeframe for Service Obligations

For 2012-13 high school graduates and thereafter, the student who has a full-time religious/service obligation lasting at least 18 months is eligible for an extended reinstatement/renewal timeframe.



Take advantage of our NyFF online audio presentations located 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?





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 1

Loan Volume Report due

September 13

Mapping Your Future FAFSA webinar REGISTER HERE

September 14

OSFA's Webinar: Overview of Financial Aid (for staff with less than 3 years' experience) REGISTER HERE

September 21

OSFA's Webinar: FAFSA—Overview and Upcoming Changes

REGISTER HERE

September 22

Mapping Your Future FAFSA webinar REGISTER HERE

September 28

OSFA's Webinar: FAFSA: Dependency, Who is My Parent,

Professional Judgment REGISTER HERE



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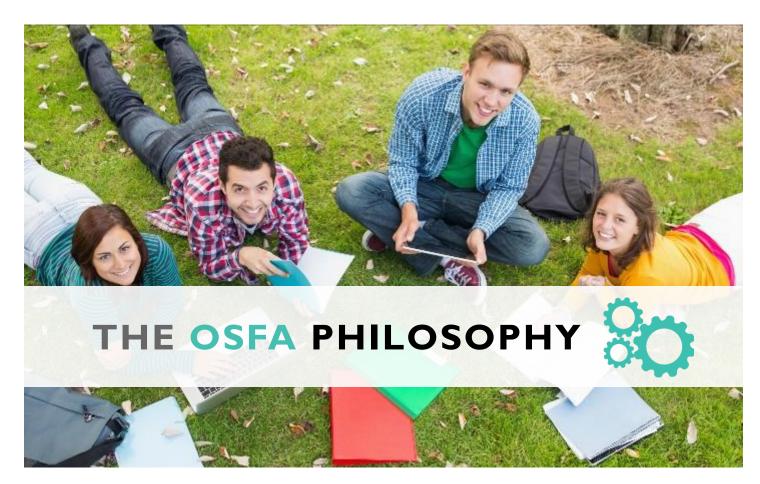
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The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) has the ability to offer its partners and customers something few public agencies can, the ability to shape OSFA programs and services based on their specific needs and concerns. OSFA provides financial 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.

The News to Know is now available on the <u>Policy, Regulations, and</u> <u>Guidance</u> page of our website. Previous editions may be viewed on our <u>Archives</u> page.

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Toll Free Federal Loans: 1-800-366-3475

Locally: 1-850-410-5200

Email: OSFAStudentLoans@fldoe.org

Visit our website at

www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org

Click here to contact an OSFA Outreach

Representative about your institution's needs.