

NEWS TO KNOW



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FREE WEBINARS & FINANCIAL AID COUNSELING

Often students and families arrive on your campus with little knowledge of the financial aid application process for federal and state aid applications.



Sometimes families are simply too busy to come to an event but have time to listen to a pre-recorded presentation with a live Q&A to address any issues they may have with the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** or State Grants and Scholarships.

The Office of Student Financial Assistance's Outreach Team is available to help ease the burden by offering **individual counseling and/or group based webinars for families** to participate at their convenience from the comfort of home.

Students and families may request a session by e-mailing:
NyFF-Info@fldoe.org



Training Opportunities

2017 Florida College Access and Success Summit

- ◆ Florida College Access Network (FCAN)
Annual FCAN Summit May 10-11 (Orlando)
For more information, please visit www.FloridaCollegeAccess.org

2017 FASFAA Training

- ◆ Florida Association of Financial Aid Administrators
FASFAA Annual Conference May 30-June 2 (Orlando)
For more information, please visit www.FASFAA.org

2016-17 NASFAA

- ◆ National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA)
NASFAA Annual Conference June 26-29 (San Diego, CA)
For more information, please visit www.NASFAA.org

2017 FSA Training Conference for Financial Aid Professionals

- ◆ Federal Student Aid (FSA)
FSA Annual Conference November 28-December 1 (Lake Buena Vista, FL)
For more information, please visit fsaconferences.ed.gov/

Ongoing:

- ◆ Mapping Your Future also offers a series of on-demand webinars that are available online for training at your convenience.
For more information, please visit MappingYourFuture.org/serviceswebinararchive.cfm



IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Bright Futures Drop/Withdrawal Funds

- ◆ Students are required to repay the Bright Futures portion of the cost of any courses dropped or withdrawn after the last day of drop/add
- ◆ Students repay the institution
- ◆ Whether the student has paid the institution, the institution is required to remit funds to OSFA within 30 days of the institution's last day of each term

Grade and Hour Report

- ◆ Populated with same students you submitted on your DERs at the beginning of each term
- ◆ Submit institutional undergraduate cumulative GPA and earned hours for all disbursed students for the fall and spring of the academic year
- ◆ Due 30 days after the end of spring term, **or by June 30 whichever is earlier**

Reconciliation

- ◆ Reconciliation of all monies for the academic year due by **June 1**.
- ◆ Due 60 days after the institution's last day of drop/add
- ◆ All monies for the academic year are reconciled
- ◆ Carry-over of funds to next academic year not permitted

Institutional Renewal

- ◆ Institutions required to apply for renewal to participate in state financial aid annually
- ◆ **Online application opens May 1 – Due June 6**
- ◆ Most data prefilled
- ◆ Update any changes
- ◆ Private institutions provide term dates, cost of attendance and tuition/fees for 2017-18
- ◆ Look for memo to be sent end of April



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
- **NEW!** National Training for Counselors and Mentors
- Repayment of Your Student Loan Debt:
 - * Chapter 1
 - * Chapter 2
 - * Chapter 3
- Searching for Scholarships
- Show Me the Money! Planning for College
- Stay, Stop or Drop?



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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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Customer Service: 1-888-827-2004

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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an OSFA Outreach
Representative about
your institution's needs.**