# NEWS TO KNOW



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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#### DATES to NOTE:

October 1 through November 30: Form Your Future Florida campaign November 5: TIME CHANGE November 10: OSFA office closed. Veterans Day Observance November 23-24: OSFA office closed. Thanksgiving Holiday December 1: Federal Loan Disbursement Report due

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# Federal Loan Disbursement Reporting (FLDR)

The deadline for reporting this important information is December 1. Memorandum OSFA-STATE: #17-18:02 was sent to institutions on July 5, 2017.

## What is the FLDR?

It is a requirement of the 2017 General Appropriations Act (GAA) proviso language.

#### Who needs to complete this report?

Institutions that disburse state scholarship and/or grant funds during the 2016-17 academic year.

When is it due? December 1

Who can I contact if I need assistance? Pete Hernandez: 850-245-1821 <u>Pedro.Hernandez@fldoe.org</u> Jan Smith: 850-245-1822 <u>Jan.Smith@fldoe.org</u>



free FAFSA Completion events in Florida.

*Form Your Future Florida* events will be held October 1 through November 30, 2017.

Every student needs access to free assistance in FAFSA completion.



Thank you to everyone who registered. We are excited to see many new schools participating this year. Form Your Future Florida will have a total of 48 sites of which 20 are postsecondary institutions. This is exciting!

As postsecondary partners, please remember to offer your expertise and support to local high schools in your community that are hosting Form Your Future events and FAFSA Labs for their students and families. Many counselors may be hesitant or shy about asking for your help. Proactively contact them and offer your assistance during this financial aid season. It will simply "make their day" knowing that your office notices their efforts to promote financial aid awareness.

For a current map and detailed listing of Form Your Future dates, times, and locations please visit: <u>www.NavigatingYourFuture.org</u> and select the FYF Florida tab.



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## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



If you have never attended the FSA Conference before, this is your chance to attend while it's in our great state of Florida. This national conference allows one to mingle with other financial aid professionals from across the nation, hear speakers from the federal student aid office in DC, as well as learn more about best practices in financial aid from other parts of our country.

Registration is FREE. Additional information can be found here.

Do you have new staff members who need to be trained on state grants and scholarships? Are there other financial aid topics for which you or your team need refreshers?

Contact our OSFA Training Unit to schedule a webinar for your team. Hortensia Campbell is our OSFA trainer. She may be reached by calling 850-245-1890 or by email at <u>Hortensia.Campbell@fldoe.org</u>.

#### **Train-the-Trainer Sessions**

We will be glad to provide a train-the-trainer session for your staff to review the Financial Aid Overview presentation and answer any questions you may have.





Be on the lookout for upcoming FASFAA Regional Workshops!

www.FASFAA.org



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.

#### Contact OSFA

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