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Summer Funding

The 2018 Florida Legislature passed and Governor Rick Scott signed Senate Bill 4, which permanently expands the Bright Futures program to provide for Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) to receive 100% of the cost of tuition and fees, including summer 2018.

This includes not only any FAS eligible for funding for the 2017-18 academic year, but also any 2018 high school graduate who has been officially evaluated as a Florida Academic Scholar.

The Office of Student Financial Assistance is notifying all 2018 high school graduates eligible for FAS about the availability of funding for the 2018 summer term. Students will be informed that funding is only available if their postsecondary institution allows them to enroll as a degree-seeking student during the summer.

Training Opportunities

- ⇒ **2018 NASFAA National Conference**—National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA), June 24 — 27 (Austin, TX). For more information, visit www.nasfaa.org/Training_Events.
- ⇒ **2018 FSA Training Conference**—Federal Student Aid (FSA), November 27 — 30 (Atlanta, GA). For more information, visit fsaconferences.ed.gov.
- ⇒ **Federal Student Aid, IFAP Training**—Information for Financial Aid Professionals (IFAP), Federal Student Aid provides a variety of ways to obtain training. For more information, visit ifap.ed.gov/ifap/training/index.jsp.
- ⇒ **Federal Student Aid's Training for Financial Aid Professionals (TFAP)** website contains information on current and future training activities and learning resources. To help you choose training that's tailored to your needs, the experience level and functional role appropriate for each series is identified. If you're in the first two years on the job (or just want a "refresher"), see the listings for [New Financial Aid Professionals](#). If you need training on a specific financial aid system or in a specialized area of financial aid administration, check out courses in [Training for Specific Functions](#). In addition, check the directions and other helpful information for FSA [Regional Training Facilities](#). If you take training remotely via your computer, see available [materials that you can download](#).

Top Five Compliance Issues and How to Avoid Them

Date: Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Time: 2:00 PM ET

Duration: 90 minutes

Price: \$120 NASFAA member/\$240 nonmembers. Free for webinar package purchasers and Value Plus members, but users must register in advance.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." In this session, there will be a review of the top five compliance issues identified by the U.S. Department of Education, and a discussion on ways to avoid them. A few best practice initiatives will be presented to allow a comparison of how some of these issues are handled in your office.

For more information see [Training and Events](#).



Free Materials and Publications

Order free materials at [Navigating Your Financial Future](#).

Online Webinars

Mapping Your Future also offers a series of online classes, see [Webinars on-demand](#) for financial aid professionals.

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Online Courses and Professional Credentials



NASFAA Online Courses

NASFAA is pleased to introduce online facilitated courses as part of NASFAA U collaborative learning sessions. These sessions bring minds and ideas together despite distances. Online courses can help you become more proficient, more knowledgeable, and more valuable to your organization, to interact with your colleagues through required discussions, and offer you the option to work toward [earning a professional credential](#) from NASFAA.

[Overview of Financial Aid Programs](#)

July 9, 2018 - This course introduces basic financial aid concepts, categories and types of financial aid, the Title IV aid programs, and other federal sources of student assistance.

Earn Professional Credentials

Take your career to the next level with NASFAA Professional Credentials. This exciting program provides a nationally-recognized standard in financial aid training and allows you to earn recognition for your mastery of content. A professional credential benefits you by:

- Expanding your student financial aid knowledge
 - Improving your job performance and service to students
 - Providing tangible evidence of your knowledge for employers
 - Differentiating between you and less-qualified personnel
 - Giving you and your organization a competitive edge
- Federal Pell Grants and Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants
 - Gainful Employment
 - Need Analysis
 - Packaging
 - Professional Judgment
 - Return of Title IV Funds
 - Satisfactory Academic Progress
 - Student Eligibility
 - Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grants
 - Verification

For more information, see [NASFAA Training and Events](#).

What are the Credentials

The [NASFAA Testing Center](#) offers student aid professionals an opportunity to receive credentials on the following topics:

- Administrative Capability
- Application Process
- Campus-Based Programs
- Cash Management
- Consumer Information
- Cost of Attendance
- Direct Loans



Renewal Eligibility Application for Institutional Participation in State Financial Aid Programs for 2018-19

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) is pleased to provide the online *2018-19 Renewal Eligibility Application for Institutional Participation in State Scholarship and Grant Programs*, available **May 1 - June 8, 2018**. Rule 6A-20.002(1)(j), Florida Administrative Code, requires postsecondary institutions to annually complete this application for evaluation to receive state financial aid funds.

You may access this online application via www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org.

- Select **State Grants, Scholarships & Applications**.
- Go to **Postsecondary Institutions** and login.
- Select the **Institution Renewal Application** link, located near the top of the list, to access your institution's Renewal Eligibility Application.

Calendar



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www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org

Upcoming Deadlines

- ⇒ Online 2018-19 Renewal Eligibility Application for Institutional Participation in State Scholarship and Grant Programs is available from May 1 through June 8.
- ⇒ June 6, 2018: Deadline for Bright Futures PSI Certifications. Certify institutional cumulative GPA/hours.
- ⇒ Submit Grade and Hours report, due 30 days of the institution's last day of the term or by June 30th.
- ⇒ July 1, 2018, is the beginning of the new fiscal year for state scholarship and grant programs.