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American College Application Campaign

Higher education will determine the future of our nation. Often, income inequalities are driven by a lack of access to college. Not only are college graduates half as likely to be unemployed as those with only a high school degree, they are also more likely to vote and be leaders in their communities. The economic health and social viability of a democratic society is determined by the education of its citizens. We must remove the barriers to postsecondary education access.

The American College Application Campaign (ACAC) is a national effort to increase the number of first-generation students and students from low-income families pursuing a college degree or other higher education credential. The primary purpose of this effort is to help high school seniors navigate the complex college admissions process and ensure they apply to at least one postsecondary institution. The effort occurs during the school day, with a focus on students who might not otherwise apply to college. See [American College Application Campaign](#) for more information on resources and events.

Training Opportunities

2018 FASFAA Annual Conference

Florida Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (FASFAA)

⇒ May 29 — June 1 (Naples, FL)

For more info, visit fasfaa.memberclicks.net/annual-conference.

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.



Navigating Your Financial Future (NyFF)

Financial Literacy

A variety of financial aid and financial literacy resources are available for FREE online at NyFF.

Free Materials and Publications

Order free materials: brochures, posters and bookmarks at NyFF.

Online Webinars

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

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Security Designee

The financial aid director or appointed security designee is the contact for your institution. Please note that all User IDs and passwords are deactivated after 150 days of inactivity. If you forgot your password or your access has been deactivated, please contact the security designee at your institution to reset your password or reactivate your User ID.



Postsecondary Certifications for State Student Financial Aid Programs

Postsecondary institutions (PSI) are asked to provide academic information for their students who apply for state-funded financial aid programs. Please review below for programs, deadlines and data required for PSI certification of restoration applicants, as well as initial José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant graduate student applicants.

Certification Instructions

- Go to <http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/home/uamain.htm>;
- Select Postsecondary Institutions from the blue menu bar;
- Select Login Here; and
- Select Initial/Renewal Reporting.

Program Deadlines for PSI Certification

May 15, 2018: Deadline to submit institutional cumulative grade point average (GPA) certification (as of the end of the spring 2018 term) for the three programs below.

- José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant (JM)
- Rosewood Family Scholarship (RFS)
- Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans (CSDDV)

Please note there are two years of certification available for Bright Futures students with the deadlines listed below.

June 6, 2018: Deadline for 2017-18 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program PSI Certifications.

The 2017-18 Bright Futures Student Reinstatement/Restoration (BF-RR) Application remains open through May 30, 2018. Please certify the institutional cumulative GPA and/or hours for these students by June 6, 2018.

June 6, 2019: Deadline for 2018-19 BF-RR PSI Certifications. The 2018-19 BF-RR Application remains open through May 30, 2019.

Please certify the institutional cumulative GPA and/or hours for these students by June 6, 2019.

The 2018-19 Bright Futures restoration applicants will be evaluated after PSIs have certified:

- Institutional cumulative GPA and hours as of the end of the spring 2018 term; and/or
- Institutional cumulative GPA and hours through summer 2018, if it benefits the student.

Should a student's reported grade and hours lead to an eligible status, this will count as the student's one-time restoration opportunity.

FSA Releases New Reports on Student Loan Repayment

Federal Student Aid (FSA) released six [new reports](#) highlighting the characteristics of Direct Loan borrowers. The new reports were posted to the [FSA Data Center](#), along with a series of updates to the quarterly application, disbursement, and portfolio reports to include data through December 31, 2017.

The new reports segment Direct Loan borrowers by repayment status who are current on their payments and those who are delinquent, and highlight the following attributes of these borrowers: age, debt size, location, repayment plan, school type, and enrollment status.

Calendar



Contact OSFA

Customer Service: [888-827-2004](tel:888-827-2004)

Email: OSFA@fldoe.org

Federal Loans: [800-366-3475](tel:800-366-3475)

Email: OSFAStudentLoans@fldoe.org

Visit our website at

www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org

Upcoming Deadlines

- ⇒ May 15, 2018: Deadline to submit GPA for: José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant, Rosewood Family Scholarship, Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans
- ⇒ June 6, 2018: Deadline for Bright Futures PSI Certifications. Certify institutional cumulative GPA/hours.
- ⇒ Refunds of Bright Futures dropped/withdrawn course funds are due within 30 days of the institution's last day of the term.