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2011-12 National Training for Counselors & Mentors (NT4CM)

The Office of Student Financial Assistance is pleased to announce the upcoming 2011-12 National Training for Counselors & Mentors (NT4CM).

Launched in the fall of 2007, National Training for Counselors and Mentors (NT4CM) provides **free** training and support for counselors and mentors who assist students and their families in preparing financially for college. Professional trainers provide comprehensive up-to-date information regarding federal and state student aid programs, scholarship searches, and financial aid fraud. Participants learn how to access **free** resources such as fact sheets, brochures, and PowerPoint presentations to help them educate their students about the financial challenges associated with pursuing a postsecondary education. After the initial training, participants will continue to receive ongoing information and support.

NT4CM is available for any individual who advises students and their families on how to fund education beyond high school.

Registration in open for the following confirmed locations:

Fort Pierce, Miami, Naples, Ocala, Orlando, Panama City, Pensacola, Tallahassee, Tampa, West Palm Beach, and Weston. Please visit our training [website](#) to register.*

*Jacksonville date and location to be announced.

Navigating Your Financial Future (NyFF)

The John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program (JRJ)

The Florida Office of the Attorney General, in conjunction with the Office of Student

Financial Assistance (OSFA), will begin administering the JRJ Student Loan Repayment Program later this year. Student loan debt is consistently cited as the overwhelming reason why attorneys decline or leave positions as prosecutors and public defenders. The JRJ provides loan repayment assistance for state and federal public defenders and state prosecutors who agree to remain employed as public defenders and prosecutors for at least three years.

For additional information on this program, please visit the Florida Office of the Attorney General's [website](#) or OSFA's [website](#).

Note: The Florida Office of the Attorney General, Department of Legal Affairs, anticipates the federal monies for this program will reach Florida in December 2010. Application information for qualified beneficiaries in Florida is being developed at this time. Notification will be extended to all applicable groups once information is available.

OSFA & NyFF Websites

OSFA also encourages you to check out our websites www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org and www.navigatingyourfuture.org. Each website has helpful information for students, parents, schools, and guidance counselors. At www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org viewers can learn about state scholarship and grant programs and their eligibility requirements. Students will gain insight into pursuing a postsecondary education by visiting www.navigatingyourfuture.org.

State Scholarship & Grant Programs

September— October Calendar

- Grade and Hours Report deadline is September 30 for current summer term Bright Futures re-evaluation of renewal eligibility.
- Term 1 Disbursement Eligibility Report (DER) is due to OSFA 30 days after the last day of drop/add.

November Calendar

- Bright Futures Academic Top Scholars awardees are notified of initial eligibility.

Important Announcements

Rapid Guide to Youth Services

Rapid Guide recently launched another book in their series of best selling guide books. Their new Rapid Guide to Youth Services is a great tool that provides at-risk youth with helpful information for getting on track for success. Learn more at www.rapidguide.net or call 972-535-4169. Rapid Guide to Youth Services' special features include:

- Easy-to-read and handy guide
- Tips and referrals for personal issues, continuing education, and finding a job
- Customized program logos, colors, and services
- Access to programs and services in the community

Rapid Guide to Youth Services may be beneficial for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) participants as well as those involved in other youth programs.

Scholarship of the Day

Free "Scholarship of the Day" – Because scholarships are becoming more difficult to find, follow this handy 'scholarship of the day' posting that provides a quick overview of one specific scholarship each day. Students/parents may access this service by clicking on www.scholarships.financialaidtips.com, or by tracking the link each day on Facebook. The scholarships featured are unique and many are less competitive than scholarships found on other sites.

Loan Servicing Information - New NSLDS Delinquent Borrower Report

In a March 26, 2010 [Electronic Announcement](#) posted on the Information for Financial Aid Professionals (IFAP) Website, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) informed schools that they were developing a National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) report that would provide delinquency information reported to the NSLDS by the four federal loan servicers—FedLoan Servicing (PHEAA), Great Lakes Educational Loan Services, Inc., Nelnet, and Sallie Mae. This new “Delinquent Borrower Report” (DELQ01) and a Delinquent Borrowers Web page for online access to the data are now available on the [NSLDS Professional Access Website](#).

The enhancements to the [NSLDS Professional Access Website](#) consolidate information for borrowers with loans reported as delinquent in payments to one of the four federal loan servicers listed above. The delinquent information is in relation to borrowers’ Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) loans purchased by ED (commonly referred to as FFELP Purchased Loans) and William D. Ford Federal Direct Loans (Direct Loans), serviced by these servicers as well.

Note: The new functionality does not currently include borrowers’ delinquent loans held by guaranty agencies or serviced by the Direct Loan Servicing Center.

Florida Wins Race to the Top!

Florida has been named a winner in Phase 2 of the Federal Race to the Top competition and will receive the full \$700 million requested to implement bold, innovative strategies proposed in the application. Congratulations to all who worked so hard to make this opportunity possible for the benefit of our Florida students.

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