



OSFA News for Guidance Counselors

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Navigating Your Financial Future (NyFF) Workshops

The OSFA Default Prevention program, *Navigating Your Financial Future* was created to assist schools, students, lenders, and parents with the resources needed to increase their knowledge of default prevention and debt management practices.

Navigating Your Financial Future can be incorporated on a middle and high school level so that students are well equipped as they begin their college career.

Navigating Your Financial Future is available on the [web](#) and in print (see a breakdown of the brochures that are available below).

Also, our [OSFA Outreach Repre-](#)

[sentatives](#) are available to present sessions on all of the topics listed below:

- Career Planning
- Financial Aid
- Financial Literacy
- School and Life Management
- Managing Your Credit
- Managing Your Budget
- Repayment of your Student Loans

For more information, contact your local [Representative!](#)

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National Training for Counselors and Mentors (NT4CM)

NT4CM is a joint partnership of the U.S. Department of Education's office of Federal Student Aid, the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA), and the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs (NCHELP).

NT4CM works with the State of Florida to help provide free training and support for counselors and mentors who assist students and their families in preparing financially for college. The NT4CM program curriculum provides comprehensive up-to-date information, materials, and resources regarding federal student aid programs, scholarship searches, and financial aid fraud.

Additional information will be distributed soon regarding the Fall 2009 workshop schedule.



2008 NT4CM

Workshop

Chipley, Florida

Presenters For High School Nights

OSFA is excited to inform you about our High School Financial Aid presentation! We are available to assist with your upcoming high school events.

Presentation Includes:

- Types of Financial Aid
- Completing the FAFSA
- Applying for PIN
- Student Aid Report Review
- Review State Grants & Scholarship Program
- How to apply for State Grants

and Scholarships

- Florida Academic Counseling and Tracking for Students (FACTS.org)

- Searching for Other Types of Funding for College

We look forward to assisting you with preparing students on funding their college education.

State Grant and Scholarship brochures and posters are now available online!



2009-2010 Bright Futures Updates

The 2009 Florida Legislative Session resulted in several changes to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program effective July 1, 2009, for the 2009-10 academic year.

Additional information regarding the changes summarized below, as well as other Bright Futures information, is available now on the Bright Futures [Web site](#).

Go Green! Send out electronic brochures to your students regarding all State of Florida Grants & Scholarships! You may find links to all of our brochures and poster by clicking [here](#).





Upcoming Calendar Dates

- September 2009– Book an OSFA Outreach Representative for your High School Nights.
- November 2009 - Begin announcing College Goal Sunday Events coming soon to your area. This event provides assistance with completing the FAFSA.
- December 1, 2009 - Florida Financial Aid Application is open for high school seniors.
- December 31, 2009- Collect materials to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) available January 1.

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Representative about
your high school's
needs.*