

OSFA News For Guidance Counselors

Florida Department of Education
Fall 2009

Navigating Your Financial Future (NyFF) **Workshops**

The OSFA Default Prevention program, *Navigating Your Financial Future (NyFF)* 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 Representatives](#) are available to present sessions on all of the topics listed below:

NyFF Representatives can present sessions on the following topics:

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

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

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 program, scholarship searches, and financial aid fraud.

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

Presenters for High School Nights

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

Presentation topics include:

- Types of Financial Aid
- Completing the *FAFSA*
- Applying for a Federal Student Aid PIN
- Reviewing the Student Aid Report
- State Scholarship & Grant Programs
- How to Apply for State Scholarships and Grants
- Florida's Academic Counseling and Tracking for Students (FACTS.org)
- Searching for Other Types of College Funding

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

State Scholarship & Grant Programs brochures and posters are available online at <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsq.org/home/sawpubs.asp>.

2009-10 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 these changes summarized below, as well as other Bright Futures information, is available now on the Bright Futures [Web site](#).

Go Green! Send electronic brochures to your students regarding all State of Florida Grants and Scholarships! You may find links to all of our brochures and posters 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* opens for high school seniors.
- December 31, 2009 - Collect materials to complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA)* available January.

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