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State Scholarships and Grants

Florida Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

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Florida Department of Education Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA)

- Mission:
 - **Administers** postsecondary educational state-funded grants, scholarships, and scholarship loans
 - **Provides** information to students, parents, and high school & postsecondary professionals

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2012 Legislative Update

HB7059 – Included Changes to:

Bright Futures

- Students who graduate from high school mid-year may submit a Florida Financial Aid Application no later than August 31 prior to the student's graduation, be evaluated for Bright Futures, and, if eligible, receive funding in the spring term following the student's high school graduation

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2012 Legislative Update

HB5201 – Conforming Bill Included Changes to:

Bright Futures

- Initial and renewal students required to file the FAFSA to be awarded funds
 - No federal verification required for state programs
 - DER will prefill with ISIR transaction # on file with state or
 - Institutions to add transaction # or edit will prohibit disbursement
- Provides 2 terms of funding for students enrolled in the University of Florida Innovation Academy

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2012 Legislative Update

Bright Futures

- Students graduating high school in 2012-13 are eligible to accept an initial Bright Futures award for two years (rather than the current 3 years for reinstatement) following high school graduation and to accept a renewal award for five years following high school graduation

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2012 Legislative Update

Bright Futures

- Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars graduating in 2011-12 may receive an award for 100% of the number of hours required to complete one of the following programs at a Florida public or eligible Florida private postsecondary institution:
 - Applied Technology Diploma, up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours
 - Technical Degree Education Program, not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours
 - Career Certificate Program, not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours

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2012 Legislative Update

HB5201 – Conforming Bill Included Changes to:

- Amends matching programs (José Martí, Mary McLeod Bethune, Florida Education Fund) to require a 1:1 funding match
- Requires certified annual financial audits for the Florida Education Fund and allows in-kind contributions to count toward matches
- Requires reporting requirements for Florida Fund for Minority Teachers

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2012 Legislative Update

HB1263 – Included Changes to:

- Transferred administration of the Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness and Nursing Scholarship Program from the Department of Health to the Department of Education

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2012 Legislative Update

HB5001 General Appropriations Act (GAA)

Bright Futures

- \$329,408,935 appropriations

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2012 Legislative Update

HB5001 General Appropriations Act (GAA)

FRAG

- \$78,958,706 appropriations
 - 2010-11 eligible institutions (30) to fund 34,009 students at \$2,150
 - Institutions eligible after 2010-11 (1) to fund 3,956 students at \$1,476
- Students required to file the FAFSA to receive funding

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2012 Legislative Update

HB5001 General Appropriations Act (GAA)

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- \$2,310,231 appropriations
 - To fund 2,877 students at \$803
- Students required to file the FAFSA to receive funding

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2012 Legislative Update

HB5001 General Appropriations Act (GAA)

FSAG

- \$179,658,739 appropriations
- Institutions receiving any state financial aid funds in 2011-12 were required to report by 9/1/12
 - Total loan amounts disbursed
 - Total number of students receiving loan funds
 - See easy online report

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2012 Legislative Update

HB5001 General Appropriations Act (GAA)

Program Title	2012-13 Annual Appropriations
Children & Spouses of Deceased/Disabled Veterans	\$2,895,907
Florida Work Experience Program	\$1,569,922
Rosewood Family Scholarship	\$60,000
Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund	\$99,000
Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship	\$321,674

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2012-13 FSAG Awards

Sector	EFC Cutoff	Annual Maximum Award
Public	5,273	\$2,534
Private	6,080	\$2,534
Postsecondary	5,542	\$2,534
Career Education	Award not to exceed unmet need	\$2,534

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Fall Business Cycle

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Fall Business Cycle

- Fall allocations sent for term 1 in mid-August
 - Check your online View Payment Summary for warrant information per program
- Summer Grade & Hours for Bright Futures fall restoration were due by September 30
- Report Disbursements** by 30 days from last day of drop/add
- Reconciliation/Refunds by 60 days from the last day of drop/add
- Bright Futures Refunds for D04 due 30 days after term end date
- Term 2 allocations sent in December

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Fall Business Cycle

State Programs Annual Calendar

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POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

OSFA/State Programs Annual Calendar

Student Information - Financial Aid Recipient History

Program Contacts

Defaulted State Scholarship and Loan Recipients

Disbursement Reporting

- Report Disbursements
- View Batch Log

Federal Loan Disbursement Report

- Submit Disbursement Report

Reconciliation

- Reconciliation - View Reconciliation Report
- Reconciliation - View Payment Summary

Reconciliation Annual Financial Summary

- PDF


Eligibility Determination Lists

- View Master Eligibility Lists
- View Bright Futures Master Eligibility List
- View Eligibility Determination
- View FRAG Waiting List

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<u>OSFA State Programs Annual Calendar</u>	
July 1	New academic fiscal year begins for state scholarship and grant programs. Programs Appropriations memo sent to all eligible postsecondary institutions (PSIs).
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FSAG annual program/postsecondary institution (PSI) allocation notice First Generation Matching Grant Program Allocation notice
August	Program funds sent to eligible PSIs for Term 1.
August 31	The current year <i>Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application</i> closes.
September 30	Grade and Hours Report deadline for current summer term for Bright Futures restoration eligibility.
September/October	Term 1 Disbursement Eligibility Report (DER) is due to OSFA 30 days after the last day of drop/add.
November/December	Term 1 refunds/reconciliation due to OSFA within 60 days after the last day of drop/add.



Updates & Training

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Updating SSFAD Security Access

- Maintain security access to the State Student Financial Aid Database (SSFAD). Security Designees:
 - Delete users who have left your office
 - Add users who need access
 - Assign appropriate level of security access
 - See the *SSFAD Guide for Postsecondary Institutions* for step-by-step instructions

Publications

- SSFAD Guide for Postsecondary Institutions
- State Programs Policy Manual
- Memorandum Directives & Training
- Memorandum Directives & Training Archives

Award Amounts for

- Bright Futures
 - Scholarships for Children/Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans
 - Governor
 - Legislature
 - Quartermaster

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Training Opportunities

- 2013-14 National Training for Counselors & Mentors (NT4CM)
 - Register online at <https://www.osfaffelp.org/osfatraining/Home.aspx>
 - September 28 Chipley
 - October 19 Naples
 - November 2 Tampa
 - November 9 Pembroke Pines
 - December 4 Orlando
 - December 6 Miami
- SSFAD Training upon request by contacting OSFATraining@fldoe.org

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Questions and Assistance

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