

## FASFAA Spring 2013 Region 3 Workshop

Florida Department of Education  
Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA)  
State Scholarships and Grants Update

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## Agenda

- Introduction to OSFA State Programs
- Spring Business Cycle
- Website Tools
- Legislative Update

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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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# OSFA

## Office of Student Financial Assistance

- Visit [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org) for information about State Grants, Scholarships & Applications



The screenshot shows the website for the Office of Student Financial Assistance, Florida Department of Education. The header includes the OSFA logo and the text 'Office of Student Financial Assistance'. Below the header, there is a navigation menu with links to 'Student Loans', 'Information for Students, Parents, Scholars & Lenders', 'State Grants, Scholarships & Applications', and 'Florida Department of Education'. A large blue arrow points to the 'State Grants, Scholarships & Applications' link. The main content area features a 'Welcome to' message with the OSFA logo, a photo of students in graduation caps, and a 'Student Loans' section with contact information for loans, scholarships, and grants. The footer includes the text 'Florida Department of Education Office of Student Financial Assistance'.

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Welcome to **OSFA**  
Office of Student Financial Assistance

**Student Loans:**  
1-800-366-3475 Toll-Free  
E-mail to: [OSFAStudent Loans@fldoe.org](mailto:OSFAStudent Loans@fldoe.org)

**State Scholarships & Grants:**  
1-888-827-2004 Toll-Free  
E-mail to: [OSFAApply07](mailto:OSFAApply07)


**Student Loans**  
**Continuation**

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## Programs Offered

- For information about state scholarships & grants, select **Programs Offered**



The screenshot shows the OSFA website with a navigation bar containing the following links: HOME, ABOUT US, CONTACT US, REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR QUOTATIONS, REQUESTS FOR VENDOR INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR DESIGN SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR SOFTWARE SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR CONSULTING SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR TRAINING SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR RESEARCH SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR EVALUATION SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR ANALYSIS SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR TESTING SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR INSPECTION SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR REPAIR SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR REPLACEMENT SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR RENOVATION SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR RESTORATION SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR DEMOLITION SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR DISPOSAL SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR STORAGE SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR DISTRIBUTION SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR SALE SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR PURCHASE SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR LEASE SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR LICENSE SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR FRANCHISE SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR JOINT VENTURE SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR PARTNERSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR REORGANIZATION SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR RESTRUCTURING SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR TRANSFER SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR ASSIGNMENT SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR DEED SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR MORTGAGE SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR EASEMENT SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR ENCUMBRANCE SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR INTEREST SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR BENEFIT SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR TRUST SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR ESTATE SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR PROBATE SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR GUARDIANSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR CONTESTED MATTERS SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR SETTLEMENT SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR MEDIATION SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR ARBITRATION SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR LITIGATION SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR APPEALS SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR POST JUDICIAL REVIEW SERVICE INFORMATION, REQUESTS FOR OTHER MATTERS SERVICE INFORMATION.

Below the navigation bar, the text reads: "Below is a list of state financial grant and scholarship programs administered by the Office of Student Financial Assistance. Each program is listed with a brief description of the program, eligibility requirements, application procedures, award amounts, and other information."

The "Programs Offered" link in the navigation bar is highlighted with a red circle.

The list of programs includes:

- Access to Better Learning and Education Grant Program
- Grant of Assistance and Adult Basic Education and Literacy Training
- First Generation Building Grant Program
- Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
- Florida Fund for Minority Teacher Program
- Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant Program
- Florida Student Access Grant Program
- Florida Student Assistance Grant Program
- Florida Student Expenses Grant
- Grant Work Scholarship (Challenge Grant Fund)
- Grant Work and Distance Scholarship Program
- Government of Florida Scholarship Program
- Scholarships for Children and Successes of Deceased or Disabled Veterans
- Student Travel Program

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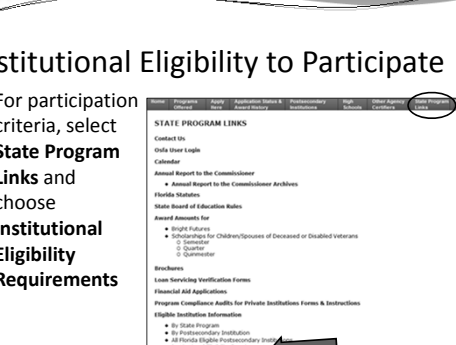
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## Institutional Eligibility to Participate

- For participation criteria, select **State Program Links** and choose **Institutional Eligibility Requirements**



The screenshot shows the OSFA website with a navigation menu at the top. The 'State Program Links' tab is highlighted with a red circle. Below the menu, the 'STATE PROGRAM LINKS' section is visible, containing links for 'Contact Us', 'Onfa User Login', 'Calendar', 'Annual Report to the Commissioner', 'Florida Statutes', 'State Board of Education Rules', 'Award Amounts for', 'Bright Futures', 'Scholarships for Children/Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans', 'Semester', 'Quarter', 'Commencer', 'Brochures', 'Loan Servicing Verification Forms', 'Financial Aid Applications', 'Program Completion Audit for Private Institutions Forms & Instructions', 'Eligible Institution Information', and a list of eligible institutions: 'By State Program', 'By Postsecondary Institution', 'All Florida Eligible Postsecondary Institutions', 'Institutional Eligibility Requirements', and 'Contact OSFA'. A red arrow points to the 'Institutional Eligibility Requirements' link.

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The screenshot shows the OSFA website with a navigation bar containing links: Home, Programs, Apply Here, Institutional Status & Award History, Postsecondary Institutions, High School, Other Agency, Contact Us, State Programs, Education, and Frequently Asked Questions. The 'APPLY HERE' button is highlighted with a red circle. Below the navigation bar, a message from the website states: 'You may call customer service toll free at 1-888-827-2004 for an Initial Eligibility Application for Institutional Participation in State Programs. Please note, the deadline for institutional evaluation for all state-funded financial aid program participation for the next academic year is June 1.' An 'OK' button is at the bottom of the message. To the right, the 'POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS' section lists 'Institutional application', 'Initial', and 'Renewal', with a red arrow pointing to 'Initial'.

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## Institutional Eligibility to Participate

- Current participants, submit **Renewal Institutional Application** by June 7 for participation in the next academic year

The screenshot shows the OSFA application portal. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home, Programs, Apply Here, Institution Status & Renewal, High Schools, Other Agencies, Data Programs, Education Links, and Frequently Asked Questions. The 'Apply Here' link is circled in red. Below the navigation bar, the page is divided into two main sections: 'STUDENTS' and 'POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS'. Under 'STUDENTS', there are links for 'Research Your Future', 'Initial State Student Application', 'Renewal Students', and 'Renewal/Resurrection Application'. At the bottom of this section is a link for 'FAST-Track Application for Federal Student Aid'. Under 'POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS', there is a link for 'Institution Applications' which includes a sub-list for 'Initial' and 'Renewal'. A large black arrow points from the 'Renewal' link to the 'Renewal Institutional Application' text in the main bullet point above the screenshot.

**APPLY HERE**


**STUDENTS**

- Research Your Future
- Initial State Student Application
- Renewal Students
- Renewal/Resurrection Application
- FAST-Track Application for Federal Student Aid

**POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS**

Institution Applications

- Initial
- Renewal



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Spring Business Cycle Calendar

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February/ March	Term 2 refunds/reconciliation due to OSFA within 60 days after the last day of drop/add.
March	Program compliance audits due from participating private institutions.
March 15	Program funds sent to eligible PSIs for Term 3.
March/April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Term 2 quarter refunds of Bright Futures dropped/withdrawn course funds are due within 30 days of the institution's last day of each term.</li><li>Term 3 DERs are due 30 days after the last day of drop/add.</li></ul>
April 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>FSAG uncommitted funds due to OSFA for reallocation.</li><li>Application deadlines for JM, RFS, and CSDDV for next year funding.</li></ul>
April 15	FSAG reallocation of uncommitted funds to participating PSIs reporting Otherwise Eligible (OE).

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## Spring Business Cycle Calendar

- **March** – Institutional Program Compliance Audits due
- **April** – FSAG uncommitted funds due to OSFA
- **April 15** – Reallocation of FSAG uncommitted funds
- **May 1** – Grade & Hours Report opens
- **June 1** – Annual Reconciliation Due
- **June 7** – Institutional Renewal Application Due
- **June 30** – Deadline for updating student disbursement records
- **June 30** – Grade & Hours Report deadline

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## Spring Business Cycle Calendar

- Term 2 & 3 disbursements due **30 days from last day of drop/add** for each term
- Reconciliation due **60 days from last day of drop/add**
- Bright Futures refunds for dropped/withdrawn hours due **30 days from the end of each term**
- Grade & Hours report due **after the spring terms ends and by June 30** (whichever comes first)
- Dates in our system are from the Institutional Application

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## Spring Business Cycle Calendar

- **Student Calendar**
  - **February 1** – *Reinstatement/Restoration Application* opens for student reinstatement/restoration for next academic year
  - **April 1** – Initial Application deadline for José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund (JM), Rosewood Family Scholarship (RF), and Scholarships for Children/Spouse of Deceased or Disabled Veterans (CSDDV)
  - **High school graduation** is deadline for Bright Futures applications

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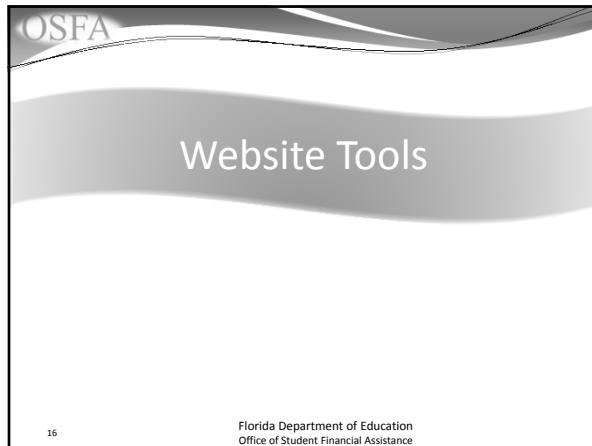
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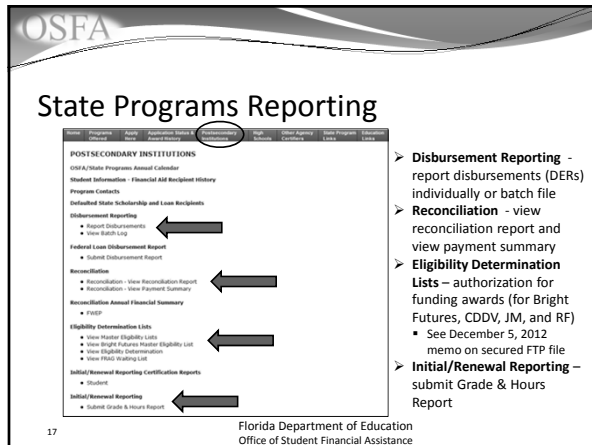
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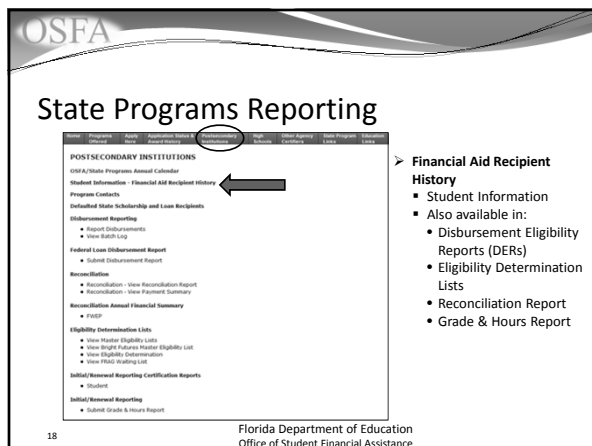
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## State Programs Reporting

➤ **Program Contacts** – contact OSFA Program Contacts for State Programs assistance

**Note:** Training is available upon request by contacting Information & Training Director:  
[Barbara.Dombrowski@fldoe.org](mailto:Barbara.Dombrowski@fldoe.org)  
or call 850-410-5191

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## Institution Information

➤ **View Fee Details** provides information from the Institutional Application for terms and Cost of Attendance

➤ **View Institution Eligibility** shows approved programs for participation

➤ **Update Contact Information** allows you to keep OSFA up-to-date with staff changes

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## Publications

➤ **SSFAD Guide for Postsecondary Institutions** provides step-by-step assistance for reporting and information for administration of State Programs

➤ **State Programs Policy Manual** provides administrative policy

➤ **Memorandum Directives & Training** access to important memos

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## Student Loan Resources

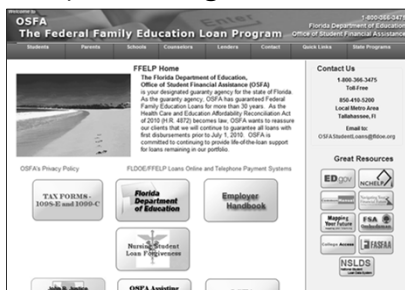
- [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org)



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Federal Family Education Program  
(FFELP) Home Page



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## Resources for Schools



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The screenshot shows the OSFA website with a header banner featuring the OSFA logo and the text "Florida Department of Education Office of Student Financial Assistance". Below the banner is a navigation menu with tabs for "Home", "Students", "Parents", "Schools", "Counselors", "Lenders", "Contact", "Quick Links", and "State Programs". The "Students" and "Parents" tabs are highlighted. The main content area is titled "Resources for Students & Parents" and is divided into two columns. The left column, under the "Students" tab, lists resources such as "Borrower Authorization To Release Information Form", "Completing the Current Year FAFSA", "Contacts", "Default Prevention", "Good Money Management", "Mapping Your Future", "MyFF Searching For Scholarships", "Pull Grant Award Schedule", "State Programs Scholarships & Grants", and "What to do if you have a Defaulted Loan". The right column, under the "Parents" tab, lists resources such as "Budget Calculator - Debt/Salary Calculator", "Consequences of Default", "Credit Bureaus Borrower Complaint Form", "FIDOC/FFELP Loans Online and Telephone Payment Systems", "How to Apply for a Student Loan", "NASFAA's Cash for College", "Online Counseling", "Possible Loan Discharges", and "Student Log On for Loan Summary and History". The right sidebar contains a "Contact Us" section with a phone number (1.800.366.3475), a toll-free number (1.800.445.0360), and a local metro area toll number (760.445.0360). It also includes a "Great Resources" section with logos for ED.gov, NACFSF, Florida Department of Education, Mapping Your Future, FSA, and College Access.

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## Resources for Students & Parents

Home Students Parents Schools Counselors Lenders Contact Quick Links State Programs

### Students

Borrower Authorization To Release Information Form  
Completing the Current Year FAFSA  
Contacts  
Default Prevention  
Good Money Management  
Mapping Your Future  
MyFF Searching For Scholarships  
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Online Counseling  
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### Contact Us


1.800.366.3475  
Toll Free  
1.800.445.0360  
Local Metro Area  
Toll Number  
760.445.0360  
OSFA.Student.care@fldoe.org

### Great Resources

ED.gov NACFSF  
Florida Department of Education  
Mapping Your Future  
FSA  
College Access

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# Legislative Update

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## 2012 Legislative Updates & History

**Florida Student Scholarship Grant Programs**

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1-889-627-2004

Home | Grant Programs | Application Information & Requirements | High School | Other Grants | State Projects | Education | Frequently Asked Questions

**What's New**  
Information Security Branch & Policy Center  
Links: Academic Records, Information Security, and more...

**Applicant Quick Links**  
Student Application  
New Student Financial Aid Application  
Links to Demographics  
Check for Status

**Administrator Quick Links**  
Program Compliance Audit  
OSFA Guide for Postsecondary Institutions  
OSFA Guide for High School

**What Bright Futures?**  
Learn about a Florida program not open to all high school graduates

**Who We Are**  
The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) State Programs, within the Florida Department of Education, administer a variety of scholarship and educational state funded grants and scholarships, and provides information to students, parents, and high schools and postsecondary professionals.

**Contact Us**  
1-889-627-2004  
Toll-Free  
stateinfo@fldoe.org

**Great Resources**  
FAFSA  
ED.gov  
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## 2012 Legislative Updates & History

Florida Legislative Session 2012 Updates and Legislative History

**HB0091 General Appropriations Act (GAA)**

- Standard Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program award amounts per credit hour in the 2012-13 academic year. See Award Amounts page for specifics.

**HB0291**

- Eligible Bright Futures students enrolled in the pilot program at the University of Florida may receive an award for no more than two semesters in a fiscal year.
- Summer funding is available for these students.
- Students graduating from high school in 2012-13 are eligible to accept an initial Bright Futures award for two years following high school graduation and to accept a renewal award for two years following high school graduation.
- Initial and renewal Bright Futures students must submit a complete and error-free Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year, prior to disbursement of their award.
- Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars graduating in 2011-12 may receive an award for 100% of the number of hours required to complete only one of the following programs at a Florida public or eligible Florida private postsecondary institution:
  - Applied Technology Program, up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours
  - Technical Degree Education Program, up to 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours
  - Career Certificate Program, up to 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours

**HB0709**

- Students who graduate from high school each 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. These students will be evaluated for renewal of their scholarships at the end of their first full year (fall through spring) of funding.

Florida Legislative Session 2011 Updates and Legislative History

**SB0090 General Appropriations Act (GAA)**

- Standard Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program award amounts per credit hour in the 2011-12 academic year. See [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/OSFAAwardAmounts.htm](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/OSFAAwardAmounts.htm) 2011-12 for Bright Futures award amounts.

**SB0130**

- Students are now required to submit a complete, error-free FAFSA for Bright Futures, Florida Resident Access Grant, and Access to Better Learning and Education Grant and renewal eligibility also time prior to disbursement. See FAFSA-1018.
- Increase in community service requirement for all three Bright Futures award levels: Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholars (FAS), Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS), and Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV). During the 2011-12 academic year, and thereafter, the required community service hours to be completed for the following awards are:

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## Legislative

- Look for memos during the session
  - One at the beginning of session showing overview of tracking
  - One at middle showing progress
  - One at end with final information
- Sent to FAD....be sure your email is up to date

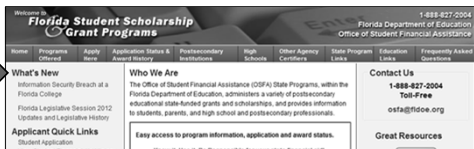
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## 2013 Legislative Updates

- Final legislative action posted July 1 on website under What's New



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### Questions and Assistance

#### OSFA Contacts

- Theresa Antworth – Director, State Scholarships & Grants
  - [Theresa.antworth@fldoe.org](mailto:Theresa.antworth@fldoe.org)
  - 850-410-5185
  - Toll-free State Programs: 1-888-827-2004
- Lori Auxier – Director of Outreach Services
  - [Lori.auxier@fldoe.org](mailto:Lori.auxier@fldoe.org)
  - 561-357-6340
- Levis Hughes – Bureau Chief OSFA
  - [Levis.hughes@fldoe.org](mailto:Levis.hughes@fldoe.org)
  - 850-410-6810
  - Toll-free Federal Loans: 1-800-366-3475

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