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Florida Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

2013

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

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Agenda

- Introduction to OSFA State Programs
- Spring Business Cycle
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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

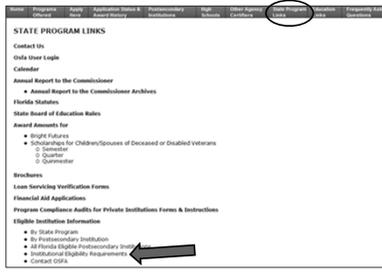
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Institutional Eligibility to Participate

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

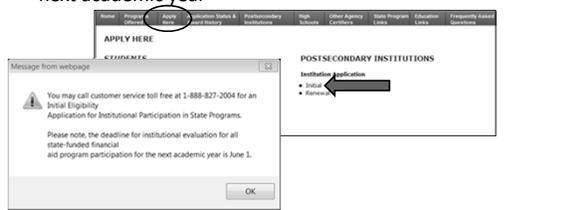


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Institutional Eligibility to Participate

- New applicants, contact OSFA to submit **Initial Institutional Application** by June 1 for participation in the next academic year



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



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Spring Business Cycle

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Spring Business Cycle Calendar

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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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Website Tools

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Institution Information

Institution Information

- View Fee Details
- View Institution Eligibility
- Update Contact Information
- Manage Security User Accounts
- Reset PIN
- View Institutions for Program Compliance Audits for Private Institutions

Institution Application

- Initial
- Renewal

Publications

- OSFA Guide for Postsecondary Institutions
- State Programs Policy Manual
- Memorandum Directives & Training
- Memorandum Directives & Training Notices

Award Amounts for

- Bright Futures
- Scholarships for Children/Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans
- Summer
- Quarter
- Quarterly

- **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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- **OSFA 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

Welcome to the
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Updated Loans Information for Students, Parents, Schools & Lenders

State Grants, Scholarships & Applications

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Welcome to **OSFA**





Student Loans

State Scholarships & Grants

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The Federal Family Education Loan Program

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The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) is your designated guaranty agency for the state of Florida. As the guaranty agency, OSFA has guaranteed Federal Family Education Loans for more than 30 years. As the Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010 (H.R. 4872) becomes law, OSFA wants to reassure our clients that we will continue to guarantee all loans with five disbursements prior to July 1, 2010. OSFA is committed to continuing to provide the on-line loan support for loans remaining in our portfolio.

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Completing the Current Year FAFSA
Forms - Forms Request
Mapping Your Future
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OSFA Training
PELL Grant Award Schedule
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Conferences, Training and Events
Default Prevention
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Policy, Regulations, and Guidance

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State Programs Scholarships & Grants
What to do if you have a Defaulted Loan

Budget Calculator - Debt/Salary Calculator
Consequences of Default
Credit Bureau Borrower Complaint Form
FLOE/FFELP Loans Online and Telephone Payment Systems
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2012 Legislative Updates & History

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Florida Legislative Session 2012 Updates and Legislative History

HS0091 General Appropriations Act (GAA)

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

HB5201

- 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 those 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 Technical 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 Programs, up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours
 - Technical Degree Education Program, up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours
 - Career Certificate Programs, up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours

HB7559

- Students who graduate from high school each year may submit a Florida Financial Aid Application no later than August 21 prior to the student's graduation. The evaluation for Bright Futures, and, if eligible, renewal 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

SB2009 General Appropriations Act (GAA)

- Students Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program award amounts per credit hour in the 2011-12 academic year. See Award Amounts page for specifics.

SB2010

- 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 initial and renewal eligibility any time prior to disbursement. No FAFSA = No \$
- Increases in community service requirement for three Bright Futures award levels: Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholars (FAS), Florida Academic Scholars (FAS), 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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