# **NEWS TO KNOW for Counselors**





### 5 Things to Note

- Existing student transcripts, files or records If a counselor corrects an SSN, Student ID Number, name, date of birth, or gender in their district/ school database, OSFA will not receive that transcript the next time it is uploaded unless the counselor calls OSFA first. The transcript, file, or record will be rejected because the demographic data on the incoming transcript is not the same as the demographic data currently in our database.
- 2. When analyzing OTEES, (Online Transcript and Evaluation System) via the transcript screen the FFAA Status column indicating an "N" does not indicate the student has not applied, it designates that we do not have a matching application. For Example: Jonathon Smith submits an application as John Smith, he will appear on the Transcript Report with an "N" in the FFAA Status column. If the counselor were to check the All Applicants report, they would see the student listed as an applicant with the name John Smith.
- 3. On OTEES, when a counselor sees in the Potential Award column an award such as FAS/FMS, the student themselves cannot see that same award on their online account until the final evaluation.
- 4. Florida's Bright Futures Scholarship foreign language requirement the term "consecutive" does not signify that the student must take a language in successive years, the requirement is that a student must have earned the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of the same foreign language.
- 5. High school graduates seeking immediate summer funding for postsecondary education should try to gain eligibility during their first evaluation by turning in service hours and auditing all requirements. This will ensure that a student is determined eligible before the start of the semester facilitating a smooth transition of their summer financial aid. Students awarded a scholarship later in the summer may be required to pay out of pocket for summer classes and be refunded later in the term.

Contact your dedicated OSFA staff: 888-827-2004 (Option 4) FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org

## **Highlight Counselor Resources**

Navigating Your Financial Future(NyFF): www.Navigatingyourfuture.org

Mapping your Future: www.mappingyourfuture.org

### **FEB-MAR 2022**



#### **Dates to Note:**

2022-2023 FAFSA Deadlines

FAFSA notes the following State of Florida deadline: May 15, 2022 (Date Processed) for the following:

- Rosewood Family
  Scholarship
- <u>Jose Marti Challenge</u> <u>Grant Fund</u>
- <u>Florida Farmworker</u> <u>Student Scholarship</u>
- Randolph Bracy Ocoee
  Scholarship Program
- Submit a completed, error-free Florida Financial Aid Application by April 1,
   2022. Applicants will be ranked by their application submission date, if necessary.