

STAYING CONNECTED WITH NT4CM – AUGUST 2009

Who We Are

The National Training for Counselors and Mentors (NT4CM) is a collaboration that provides free training and support for counselors and mentors who assist students and their families in preparing financially for college. As part of our ongoing support, from August to May, we will e-mail you reminders and resources relevant to the student financial aid lifecycle.

To find out more about NT4CM in your state, visit www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov/NT4CM.

This Month's Features

- Sign up for the Federal Student Aid mailing list to order publications and materials in bulk for your school or organization from FSAPubs at www.FSAPubs.org. To sign up, contact a customer service representative at 1-800-394-7084 or e-mail your request to orders@FSAPubs.org.

At the site, you can order items such as the *College Preparation Checklist*, *Funding Education Beyond High School*; the *Counselors and Mentors Handbook on Federal Student Aid*; and publications on everything from loans and loan forgiveness to avoiding scholarship scams to middle school college awareness.

- Educational benefits may be available for veterans or the dependents of veterans under the *Post-9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2008*. Under this act, many post-9/11 veterans and service members will be eligible for a new comprehensive education benefits package that includes full tuition and fees, a monthly housing stipend, and a stipend for books and supplies. More information is available at www.gibill.va.gov and www.studentaid.ed.gov.

Contact Us

For more information about federal student aid, counselors and mentors may submit questions at www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov/clcf/contactus.html or call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). Your students and their parents may e-mail studentaid@ed.gov or call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

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