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Dear Counselor or Mentor:

The office of Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education, would like to share some important updates about our publications.

Key Points

- Our publications about federal student aid are available online, in hard copy, or both.
- Several publications will be updated this fall.
- We have shortened and renamed one of our primary student publications and are transitioning a few publications to online-only versions.

Where to Access Our Publications

All of our Federal Student Aid publications are available online. Some are available to order in hard copy (i.e., the print version). Here are the sites where you can download and/or order publications:

- **www.FSAPubs.gov** allows financial aid administrators, school counselors, and college access professionals to order our hard copy publications in bulk. See **www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov** for details on ordering at FSAPubs.

- **www.edpubs.gov** is the ordering site that students and parents should visit to order single copies of our hard copy publications.

- **www.studentaid.ed.gov/pubs** offers our student- and parent-oriented publications in PDF. Note that we have a number of items in PDF that are not available in hard copy from FSAPubs or ED Pubs, so be sure to visit this page to find a variety of useful fact sheets and other items that you can print out, e-mail to students, or post on your website.

- **www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov** has publications specifically for you, the counselor or mentor. Take a look in the "Counselor Resources" and "Getting the Word Out" sections, as well as the "Materials and Resources" page of the "National Training for Counselors and Mentors" area of the site.

Publications Being Updated This Fall

- *Funding Your Education: The Guide to Federal Student Aid* (previously *Funding Education Beyond High School: The Guide to Federal Student Aid*). Being updated for 2012–13 and renamed based on customer feedback, this publication has been shortened to be more appealing to students. The book presents a solid introduction to the federal student aid programs and

application process and directs students to our comprehensive website, **www.studentaid.ed.gov**, for more details.

- *Do You Need Money for College? Federal Student Aid at a Glance*. This flyer, which introduces federal student aid at the most basic overview level, will be updated for 2012–13.

- *Counselors and Mentors Handbook.* The handbook is being updated in PDF for 2012–13.

Publications Transitioning to Online-Only Versions

Due to limited resources, we have decided to transition the following publications from print and Web versions to Web-only. As of late August, we still had hard copies of these publications in stock; you can order them at **www.FSAPubs.gov** until supplies run out.

- *Counselors and Mentors Handbook.* The 2011–12 handbook is available in PDF at **www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov**. We expect to post the 2012–13 PDF on the site by early October.

- *Save Your Money, Save Your Identity*. Our brochure warning students about financial aid fraud and identity theft is available in PDF at **www.studentaid.ed.gov/LSA** as well as at **www.studentaid.ed.gov/pubs**.

- *Stafford Loan Forgiveness for Teachers.* This brochure, which explains how a Stafford Loan can be forgiven for service as a teacher, is at **www.studentaid.ed.gov/tc** (click on "Stafford Loan Forgiveness for Teachers") and at **www.studentaid.ed.gov/pubs**.

Summary of Fall 2011 Publication Plans

Publication	Update for 2012-13	Shorter Content	Moving to Online-Only Format	Estimated Availability Online
Funding Your Education	✓	✓		**November**
Do You Need Money for College	✓			**November**
Counselors and Mentors Handbook	✓		✓	**October**
Save Your Money, Save Your Identity			✓	**Now**
Stafford Loan Forgiveness for Teachers			✓	**Now**

Watch your mailbox for another update this fall, with more news about our informational Web content and publications. Thank you and have a successful school year.

Sincerely,

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