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## MEMORANDUM

OSFA-STATE: # 06-07:22

**TO:** Financial Aid Directors at Community Colleges  
Superintendents of District School Board Career Centers

**FROM:** Theresa Antworth

**DATE:** June 28, 2007

**SUBJECT:** 2007-08 Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant (FSAG-CE) from the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA)

The 2007 Legislation passed House Bill 343, which created Section 1009.505, Florida Statutes, FSAG-CE. This bill was signed by Governor Crist on June 12, 2007 effective July 1, 2007. Beginning fall 2007, this new state-funded financial aid program provides need-based assistance to Florida residents **enrolled in eligible career education certificate programs.**

### **New program information:**

#### **Student Eligibility:**

- Attend a community college or a career center operated by a district school board in Florida.
- Enroll at least half-time in a certificate program of study of 450 or more clock hours.
- Meet general eligibility requirements as specified in Section 1009.40, Florida Statutes.
- Apply for the Pell Grant; however, the student is not required to receive a Pell Grant.
- Demonstrate unmet financial need of at least \$200 per academic year.
- Be funded for no longer than a program length of 110% of the number of clock hours required to complete the program in which enrolled. Students may be funded in more than one certificate program.

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**Administrative Responsibilities:**

- Determine initial and renewal student eligibility.
- Determine award amounts.
- Notify students of eligibility and awards.
- Report to OSFA disbursements within 30 days as of the end of the institution's regular registration period, inclusive of drop-add.
- Complete and report to OSFA reconciliation within 60 days as of the end of the institution's regular registration period, inclusive of drop-add.
- Remit any undisbursed advances by June 1 each year.

**Institutional Annual Allocations:**

The 2007 Florida Legislature appropriated \$2.2 million for this program.

- The 2007-08 institutional allocation notification will be available in August with funding being sent to participating institutions prior to the beginning of the fall term.
- Funds appropriated for this program will be distributed to eligible community colleges and district school boards in accordance with a formula approved by the Department.

**Award Amount:**

The maximum annual award for demonstrated unmet need is \$1,808.

Should you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Williams, Need Unit Director, toll-free at 1-888-827-2004.

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