News from OSFA

Spring 2012 Updates
OSFA Information
Submit Departmental Spring and Summer Item Type Requests Now
The peak time of year for annual financial aid item type processing is April through August. If your department needs to have new financial aid item types created or existing item types updated, please submit the requests as soon as possible. The processing timeline for new item types can take as long as 8-12 weeks during peak times. Normal processing takes 2-6 weeks.

Incoming Freshman Awarding
Please enter scholarships for 2012-2013 incoming freshmen no later than March 1, 2012 to ensure that your awards are included in notification letters sent by the OSFA and the Office of Scholarships. Meeting this deadline also ensures that federal financial aid will be packaged around the institutional aid you are offering which may minimize student and parent confusion.

Special Expenses Form Contact Reminder
If your department has questions about the Departmental Special Expenses form or process available on the OSFA Scholarship Processing Intranet, please email Wendy Dion at deptsch@indiana.edu.

Intranet Updates
The OSFA Scholarship Processing Intranet has undergone some changes over the last several months. New information is available in the form of an FAQ list and a Common Processing Deadlines section in the contents bar on the left of the screen. Please review this information and let us know if you have any questions.

Upcoming Training
The OSFA will hold a training session for new departmental users on Monday, January 23, 2012. If you are interested in attending, please contact Wendy Dion at deptsch@indiana.edu. If you do not wish to attend a complete new user training session, please let us know in what areas of scholarship/fellowship processing you would most like refresher training.

A web link to the OSFA Scholarship Processing Intranet:
http://www.iub.edu/~sfa/types/scholarships_processing.html.
The Campus Pulse is a newsletter that provides updates and news on student financial aid. The newsletter targets IU employees who are working directly or indirectly with students, and seeks to draw attention to pertinent pieces of information that have an impact on student financial aid.

For questions about this publication, send an email to Rozzie (gerstma@indiana.edu) and T. Michael Ford (tmford@indiana.edu).

An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don't.

~Anatole France