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## **LOSFA Plans to Begin TOPS Processing for 2015 High School Graduates on June 11.**

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) plans to begin TOPS initial eligibility processing for 2015 high school graduates on June 11, 2015.

TOPS evaluation and eligibility determination can only be made for those students whose parents granted consent for LOSFA to receive their academic data. Parents who initially denied such consent, or failed to turn in their consent forms last fall and now wish to grant consent should:

- go to [www.osfa.la.gov](http://www.osfa.la.gov)
- click the red “Forms” button on the menu to the left side of the homepage
- click “Scholarships/Grants (TOPS) Forms”
- download and print the “Consent Form”
- sign and return the form to the student’s high school

If consent was initially denied and the student is now over 18, the student may download the “18-Year-Old Consent Form”, sign and return it to their high school.

Students with an active “Louisiana Award System” account on the LOSFA Website will be notified of their TOPS eligibility or ineligibility by Email upon determination of their status. To register and create an account on the “Louisiana Award System”:

- Go to [www.osfa.la.gov](http://www.osfa.la.gov)
- Click on the blue “Louisiana Award System” button on the menu to the left side of the homepage
- Click “Register” and follow the instructions.

Once signed into the Louisiana Award System, the student should immediately enter, or update, their contact information as all future updates to their award status will be sent to the Email address provided. LOSFA will no longer notify TOPS applicants of their eligibility status by mail.

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