

WHAT FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATORS DO

Student aid provides billions of dollars nationally for students to pursue postsecondary education in the form of grants, loans, and student employment. Financial aid administrators **help students achieve their educational potential** by helping award and disburse monetary resources. The typical financial aid administrator wears many hats and is a **rich resource for the institution**. What can they do for you?

Know what aid is available, who qualifies for aid, how aid is equitably distributed, and the renewal requirements for subsequent years

Help students file applications accurately and **verify** their eligibility for aid

Assist students on a personal level by **fostering financial literacy and debt management**, and by mitigating unusual circumstances that might otherwise hinder a student's academic progress

Advocate for streamlining and simplifying the aid application process

FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Help enroll and retain students; many students could not attend or remain in school without financial assistance

Facilitate receipt of substantial sums of money to **help students meet institutional costs**

Provide student employment; on-campus jobs help support academic departments, libraries, food service, and other facets of institutional operations

Ensure compliance with voluminous and detailed federal, state, and local regulations, and often coordinate campus-wide compliance and reporting requirement efforts

Maintain membership and participate in professional associations, such as NASFAA, which provides opportunities for advocacy and professional development

FOR THE INSTITUTION

FOR THE COMMUNITY

Provide student employees for community service projects, literacy projects, and local businesses

Act as a resource for high school counselors and community-based college access programs and initiatives

Speak at college nights or other events to **explain budgeting, financial literacy, and financing** an education beyond high school

Serve as a **resource for working adults** who may have an interest in attending or completing college

FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND STAFF:

Offer feedback on student aid legislation and proposals

Provide financial aid success stories of students from your state or district

Explain the financial aid needs and challenges of students in your state or district

Supply statistics detailing the amount of federal aid that benefits students from your state or district

Illustrate how compliance with certain existing and proposed federal regulations **can hinder opportunities** to assist and counsel students

WHAT NASFAA DOES

The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) provides professional development for financial aid administrators; advocates for public policies that increase student access and success; serves as a forum on student financial aid issues; and is committed to diversity throughout all activities. To foster relationships between federal policymakers and the approximately 3,000 postsecondary schools we represent, we offer a number of helpful resources:

RESOURCES WE CAN PROVIDE TO YOU:

- ✓ NASFAA's National Profile: Updated annually, provides detailed information about each of the programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA)
- ✓ NASFAA's National Conference: Provides training and opportunities to hear directly from financial aid administrators
- ✓ NASFAA's Advocacy Pipeline: Connects financial aid administrators with congressional representatives and staff
- ✓ Financial aid information and training resources for students, parents and college counselors
- ✓ Testimony and positions on current higher education funding issues
- ✓ Task forces to explore specific issues of concern to both lawmakers and NASFAA's membership
- ✓ Original research from our open-access, peer-reviewed Journal of Student Financial Aid

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