

OASFAA

“Your Connection to the Financial Aid Community”

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Name – What is OASFAA?

OASFAA = Oregon Association of Student Financial Aid Administration

Each state has its own association. Different states then join various regional organizations. OASFAA is a member of WASFAA the Western Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. WASFAA is made up of organizations from Oregon, California, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, Hawaii, Arizona, and Nevada. All states are also members of NASFAA, which is the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Membership in OASFAA – Who can be a member?

Voting membership is open to any person actively working as an administrator and/or professional staff in student financial aid at post-secondary institutions in Oregon. Affiliate membership is open to all other individuals such as vendors.

Purpose of OASFAA – Why is OASFAA here?

OASFAA is the professional organization for financial aid administrators, support staff, agencies, and associations related to student aid in the state of Oregon. Together we work to provide support and training for members of the financial aid community within the state as well as communicate among the various agencies and organizations that work with financial aid programs. OASFAA provides an excellent way for you to keep updated on current regulations, issues, training events, and related student aid concerns.

OASFAA is committed to outreach programs designed to reach students, parents, high schools and other constituents in the state. This is done to promote financial aid issues and concerns, to assist with training and to educate constituents.

OASFAA also exists to provide leadership in educational public policy and legislative issues relevant to education and financial aid in Oregon and the Nation.

What is OASFAA doing and what is it continuing to do?

1. Work with Oregon Public Broadcasting to produce “Financial Aid for College” broadcast. A televised presentation of what financial aid is and how to apply for it, broadcast throughout the state and Southwest Washington. A phone bank staffed by financial aid professionals fields phone calls from students and parents who can call an 800-number with any questions they have on the process or the application.
2. Summer Drive-In Workshop: A one-day training workshop to update professionals on current issues in financial aid on a state and federal level.
3. Support-Staff Workshop: A one-day training workshop, designed for persons working in a support-staff position in a financial aid office.
4. Financial Aid 101 Workshop: A one-day training workshop for professionals new to the financial aid field, or anyone with more experience wanting a review of basic needs-analysis procedures, and regulations.
5. Annual Conference: A three-day training conference for staff and professionals to get updated on current issues and regulations in financial aid. The conference also provides sessions for professional development and growth, as well as serving as a time to renew contacts and prepare for the spring application processing season.
6. Bi-annual Leadership training.

See the OASFAA website and official documents for more detail about OASFAA activities. Additional information on OASFAA and different events or projects is available at the OASFAA website at: www.oasfaaonline.org

How can I get involved with OASFAA?

VOLUNTEER TO RUN FOR OFFICE!

OASFAA has an Executive Committee that is made up of elected financial aid professionals in Oregon. The committee is made up of the following positions with the current person holding the position listed:

Past- President: Tracy Reisinger, University of Portland
President: Mary Jo Jackson, Clackamas Community College
President-Elect: Tracey Lehman, Oregon Institute of Technology
Treasurer: Julia Reisinger, Portland Community College
Treasurer-Elect: Donna Fulton, Klamath Community College (need in 2006)
Secretary: Judy Saling, University of Oregon
Vice-President for Proprietary Schools: Teresa Robinson, Western Business College
Vice-President for 2-year Public Schools: Anna Manley, Rouge Community College
Vice-President for 4-year Public Schools: Patty Winder, Oregon State University

Vice-president for Private Institutions: Dick Heath, Linfield College, Portland Campus

You can volunteer for most events and project committees by completing the Volunteer Opportunity Form (next page) and returning it to the contact person on the form, or by contacting any of your elected board members.

VOLUNTEER TO BE ON A COMMITTEE!

This is an excellent way to get your feet wet in the OASFAA organization. Being a committee member is a great way to meet, get to know, and work with others in the financial aid community. As you can see, from the descriptions there are many ways to volunteer and get involved. Committee Chairs are usually chosen before or at the Annual Conference in February. Members are selected by the Committee Chairs at a later date, depending on the date of activity, workshop or conference.

Committee Chairs agree to supervise the responsibility for supervision of the overall planning and successful accomplishment of the various events and projects.

Committee members agree to help the Committee Chair(s) plan and put on the various events or projects. Typically committee members will volunteer to handle or take care of one aspect/portion/session of an event or project (i.e. one person volunteers to arrange facilities & meals for a workshop, while another volunteers to plan one session at the workshop).

In addition to the activities and projects previously described, the other active committees you could volunteer to help are: Electronic Services/Technology, Fund Development, Federal Issues, and Membership. (See OASFAA Volunteer Opportunity Form 0506)