

OASFAA is “Your Connection to the Financial Aid Community”

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What is OASFAA?

OASFAA = Oregon Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

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 associations from the 8 western states—Oregon, California, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands, Arizona, and Nevada. All states are also members of NASFAA which is the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and is located in Washington, D.C.

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 the state of Oregon. Affiliate membership is open to other individuals such as vendors.

Why does OASFAA exist?

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 does OASFAA do and what are plans for the future?

- ❖ **Summer Drive-In Workshop** is a one-day training to update professionals on current issues in financial aid on a state and federal level.
- ❖ **Support Staff Workshop** is a one day training designed for persons working on the front lines of financial aid and/or in a supportive role.
- ❖ **Financial Aid 101** is a one day training for professionals new to the financial aid field or anyone with more experience wanting a review of basic needs analysis procedures and regulations.
- ❖ **Annual Conference** is a three day training for staff and professionals to get an update on current issues and regulations in financial aid. The conference also provides sessions for professional development and growth as well as time to renew contacts and prepare for the spring application processing season.
- ❖ **BiAnnual Leadership Training** is designed as a two day workshop to help those wanting to take more of a leadership position within the profession.

Where do I go to 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. Below are the elected positions:

Past-President
President
President-Elect
Treasurer
Treasurer-Elect
Secretary
Vice-President for Proprietary Schools
Vice-President for 2-year Public Schools
Vice-President for 4-year Public Schools
Vice-President for Private Institutions

Please go to http://www.oasfaaonline.org/docs/toc_committees.html to see who our current elected officials and committee chairs are.

You may volunteer for most events and project committees by completing the Volunteer Opportunity Form (next page). Return the form to the contact person on the form. You may also contact any of your elected board members; however, the form is the preferred method.

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. A list of committees with description can be viewed at http://www.oasfaaonline.org/docs/toc_committees.html

Committee Chairs agree to be responsible to supervise the overall planning and successful accomplishment of the various events and projects. This can be a two year commitment if it is necessary to transition in a new chair.

Committee members agree to help the Committee Chair(s) plan and put on the various events or projects. Typically committee members volunteer to handle one aspect of an event or project (i.e. one person volunteers to arrange facilities and meals for a workshop while another accepts responsibility to plan or find a presenter for a session at the workshop).

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