

## OASFAA 2026 Program Agenda:

***This year, OASFAA is pleased to offer sessions that cover 6 professional tracks:***

1. New Financial Aid Administrator (Foundations)
2. Regulatory, Compliance, State and Federal Programs
3. Leadership, Management, & Director Development
4. Operations: Best Practices and Technology
5. Student Support, Counseling, & Financial Wellness
6. Professional Skills & Personal Development

### **Wednesday, January 28, 2026:**

8:30am – 10:00am      OASFAA Executive Council Transition Meeting

10:00am – 5:00pm      Registration Open

11:00am – 11:55am      Newcomer's Welcome Session

12:00pm – 1:00pm      Lunch

1:00pm – 2:30pm      President's Welcome and Keynote

2:30pm – 5:30pm      Exhibit Hall Open

2:30pm – 2:45pm      Break and Visit with Corporate Partners

2:45pm – 3:35pm      Sessions:

- *Financial Aid Careers*
- *Finding Your Communication Treasure with the DISC Assessment*
- *Compliance Detectives – Navigating TIV Program Changes*
- *Gen Z: It's a VIBE – How we connect with a new generation of students*
- *"Hey you guys! We got carrots for the salad"*

3:35pm – 4:00pm      Sessions (networking opportunities):

- Professionals of Color
- LGBTQIA+ Professionals
- New Aid Professionals
- Volunteering with OASFAA

Dinner on Your Own

8:00pm – 11:00pm      Afterparty in Presidential (Sunset) Suite

### **Thursday, January 29, 2026:**

8:00am – 8:45am	Breakfast
8:45am – 9:15am	General Session: NASFAA Speaker
9:15am – 9:30am	Break & Visit with Corporate Partners
9:30am – 10:20am	<p>Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>OSAC Updates</i></li> <li>• <i>The Loot: Neurodiversity's Cognitive Treasures</i></li> <li>• <i>Understanding Credit</i></li> <li>• <i>FinAidLandia</i></li> </ul>
10:30am – 11:20am	<p>Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>OSAC Legislative Listening Session</i></li> <li>• <i>“Never say die when it comes to taking care of business”</i></li> <li>• <i>What the PLUS is going on? Your Student Loan Options Beyond PLUS and GradPLUS</i></li> <li>• <i>Conflict Management: Climbing the Ladder of Inference out of the Inferno</i></li> </ul>
11:30am – 12:30pm	General Session: President's Panel
12:30pm – 1:15pm	Lunch
1:15pm – 1:45pm	General Session: Charity
1:50pm – 2:40pm	<p>Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>OOG Updates</i></li> <li>• <i>NASFAA Credential: Eligibility Credentialing I</i></li> <li>• <i>All Hands on Deck: Aligning Your Financial Aid Team with Shared Goals</i></li> <li>• <i>Dungeons, Dragons and Disbursements</i></li> </ul>
2:50pm – 3:40pm	<p>Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Strengthening Student Communications with OSAC Partner Portal</i></li> <li>• <i>NASFAA Credential: Eligibility Credentialing II</i></li> <li>• <i>IDEA and IDEEA Session</i></li> <li>• <i>Internal and External Threats Facing Title IV Institutions</i></li> <li>• <i>Legacy: Reflecting/Exploring Interpersonal and Institutional Look at Building a Legacy</i></li> </ul>
3:40pm – 4:00pm	Break and Visit with Corporate Partners
4:00pm – 4:50pm	<p>Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>It's Their Adventure, Too! Turning Your Team Into Leaders</i></li> <li>• <i>NASFAA Credential: Eligibility Credentialling III</i></li> </ul>

- *Resources and Tips for Those New in Financial Aid*
- *Fraud in Financial Aid*
- *Workforce Pell, Workforce Hell*

6:00pm – 6:30pm      Happy Hour

8:00pm – 11:00pm      Karaoke and Game Night

**Friday, January 30, 2026**

8:00am – 8:40am      Breakfast and WASFAA Update

8:40am -9:00am      OASFAA Business Meeting

9:30am – 10:25am      Sessions:

- *Managing Up, Down, and Across: The Life of a Middle Manager*
- *Financial Aid Update*
- *Customer Service*
- *CPOS – Degree Approved Courses*
- *OASFAA Mentor Program*

10:30am – 11:20am      General Session: Federal and State updates

11:20am – 11:45am      Closing Remarks & Adjourn