Getting Involved

THE IMPORTANCE FOR YOU AND YOUR CAREER
What is a "JOB?"

A paid position of regular employment.
Why be in an association?

❖ **Professional Training**

The continuous process of acquiring new knowledge and skills that relate to your:

❖ Work environment
❖ Job responsibilities
❖ Profession
Professional Connections

Building relationships that will bring attention to your knowledge and skills. Connections can be:

- Mentors
- Colleagues
- Peers
- A “brain trust”
- Potential employers and employees

Why be in an association?
What is a “PROFESSION?”

A type of job that requires special education, training, or skill.
Why get involved?

Job + Professional Training + Professional Connections = Profession
Why get involved?

Professional Involvement

Applying knowledge, skills and contacts to work as a team to advance the knowledge, skills and contacts of other members of the association. Volunteers can be:

- Moderators
- Presenters
- Trainers
- Committee members
- Committee chairs
- Executive Board members
Why get involved?

✔ Advocate for and Influence Change

The act of promoting a new idea or supporting or denouncing a proposal for a change to legislation or regulations. Volunteers can make changes to:

✔ Association goals
✔ Association activities
✔ Association policies and procedures
✔ State legislation and regulations
✔ Federal legislation and regulations
What is a “CAREER?”

An occupation undertaken for a significant period of a person's life and with opportunities for progress.
Why get involved?

Profession + Professional Involvement + Professional Advocacy = Professional Career
Importance for your career

- Enhance your professional skills by learning from others
- Learn how to develop and influence change in an organization
- Enhance professional relationships by building personal and professional contacts
- Boost your visibility to others in the industry and expand your professional horizons
- Explore career possibilities
- Enhance experience for your resume
- Develop people skills and communication skills
Where do you fit?
Ask Yourself...

Can I make a difference?
Can I be committed?
What is my passion?
What are my skills?
What is stopping me?
How can I get involved?

- Get involved at state level and then move to the regional and national levels
- Start volunteering at events like trainings and conferences
- Volunteer to be a mentor for others in the financial aid industry
- Serve on committees
- Run for office and become part of the Board
How can I get involved in my state association?
The Florida Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (FASFAA) is an organization of almost 600 financial aid professionals. FASFAA is broken into 5 different regions.
Who is FASFAA?

-The purpose of FASFAA is to develop and maintain professional standards of financial aid administration, to promote cooperation and communication among its members, and to promote and endorse student financial aid programs that are consistent with good professional practice.

The programs and services that support the purpose of FASFAA are designed to:

- Enhance the professional competency of financial aid administrators, high school guidance counselors, and others concerned with the support and administration of financial aid through regular publications, workshops, conferences, research and training materials.

- Facilitate communication between educational institutions and sponsors of student financial aid funds through an exchange of ideas, information and experience.

- Promote an awareness of financial aid to students, parents, the secondary and post-secondary education community, and to other groups that may be identified.
FASFAA Board

**FASFAA Executive Board**

**Elected Positions**
- President
- Immediate Past President
- President-Elect
- Vice President of Training
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Region Representatives

**Appointed Positions**
- Conference
- Clock-Hour
- Global Issues
- Membership
- Electronic Services
- Federal Legislative Relations
- OSFA Liaison
- Business Partner Liaison
- Newsletter
- Ambassador/Scholarship/Volunteer
- Sponsorship
- Bonnie Pirkle Scholarship
Who is SASFAA?

- The Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (SASFAA) is an organization of over 1,200 financial aid professionals.
- SASFAA comprises the nine southern states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.
- Our purpose is:
  - to promote the professional preparation of individuals within financial aid;
  - to develop effective programs related to student financial aid;
  - to facilitate communication between all interested parties within the financial aid community; and
  - to continually evaluate and update our services.
## SASFAA Board

### Elected Officers
- President
- President-Elect
- Vice President
- Immediate Past President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

### State Association Presidents
- Alabama
- Florida
- Georgia
- Kentucky
- Mississippi
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Virginia
SASFAA Committees

- Awards
- Budget & Finance
- Communications & Outreach
- Conference
  - Local Arrangements
- Electronic Services
- Global Issues
  - Minority Serving Institutions Task Force
  - Veterans Task Force
- Long Range Planning
- Legislative Relations
- Management Institute
- Membership
- Nominations & Elections
- Professional Development
- Site Selection
- Sponsorship/Business Partners Liaison
Who is NASFAA?

🔹 Who We Are – Nearly 20,000 student financial assistance professionals at approximately 3,000 colleges, universities, and career schools across the country. NASFAA member institutions serve nine out of every ten undergraduates in the U.S.

🔹 Our Vision – Shaping the future by promoting student access and success in higher education.

🔹 Our Mission – 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.
NASFAA Board

There are 21 members of the Board of Directors:

- Three officers (the National Chair, Chair-Elect, and Immediate Past National Chair) who serve one-year terms;
- Six Representatives-at-Large who serve two-year terms;
- Six Regional Representatives who serve one-year terms;
- The Treasurer, who serves a one-year term;
- Three non-voting Commission Directors who serve one-year terms;
- The President of the Association, who serves on the Board in a non-voting capacity;
- And the Secretary to the Board, who is selected by the president and also serves in a non-voting capacity.
NASFAA Volunteers

✦ Every year, over 150 members volunteer their expertise.
✦ Volunteers share new ideas that influence the development of NASFAA programs, products, and services.
✦ Volunteers serve as committee chairs, committee members, and speakers.
✦ Volunteers are typically employees of NASFAA member institutions.
✦ Volunteers usually have prior experience at the state and regional levels.
✦ The majority of volunteer opportunities involve topical, short-term Task Forces that are announced through Today’s News.
Importance for YOU

- Increase personal and job satisfaction
- Gain leadership and management skills
- Grow personal relationships
- Face new challenges
- Build self confidence
- Feel needed and appreciated
## State Presidents

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And our leader…
SASFAA President Amy Berrier

"I have been involved in professional associations for over 20 years and both NCASFAA and SASFAA are like my second family. I know that I always can pick up the phone and call someone to ask a question or seek a listening ear when needed regarding work and even personal issues. I have had the opportunity to attend excellent training events throughout the years and have experienced personal and professional development beyond measure. Don't hesitate - get involved! It will be one of the best decisions you ever make." - Amy Berrier
Volunteers hard at work and play.
Questions or comments?

Please sign the attendance sheet.

Get involved!