

About NASFAA



Who We Are

Member institutions serve 9 out of every 10 undergraduates in the US.



29,000+ financial assistance professionals

at



3,000 colleges, universities, and career schools

Our Vision

To ensure all qualified students have access to postsecondary education, no matter their socioeconomic background.

Our Mission

NASFAA's mission is to:

- Provide essential professional development, information, and services to financial aid administrators.
- Advocate for public policies that increase student access to and success in postsecondary education; and
- Nurture community and belonging throughout the financial aid profession.

We are committed to diversity throughout all activities.

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Resources on FAFSA Simplification

nasfaa.org/fafsa_simplification





Highlight

Self-Study Guides on topics significantly impacted by FAFSA Simplification have been made free to all in the aid community by Strada Education Foundation.

- 2024-25 Need Analysis Self-Study Guide
- 2024-25 Application Process Self-Study Guide
- 2024-25 Federal Pell
 Grant Program Self-Study
 Guide





Prison Education Program Webcenter

NASFAA Articles and Statements

NASFAA Webinars AskRegs Q & A

nasfaa.org/pep



Prison Education Program Web Center

 Created to keep both financial aid community and prison education program administrators updated on tools, training, and news related to the implementation of financial aid in carceral settings



- The webcenter features the following resources:
 - PEP Reference Sheets: COA; SAP; Verification; and Pell LEU
 - PEP Slack Community
 - PEP AskRegs Related Questions
 - PEP Webinar Information

As part of the 2024 National Conference, NASFAA will be facilitating an in-person convening (June 14-16, 2024) for financial aid administrators and prison education program administrators. The focus of the convening will be on the creation and delivery of the entire spectrum of student and academic advising services for students who are incarcerated.

nasfaa.org/pep



NASFAA Compliance Tools

Helping you manage the administration of Title IV aid.















Why use NASFAA Tools?





Reduce Time



Limit Risk



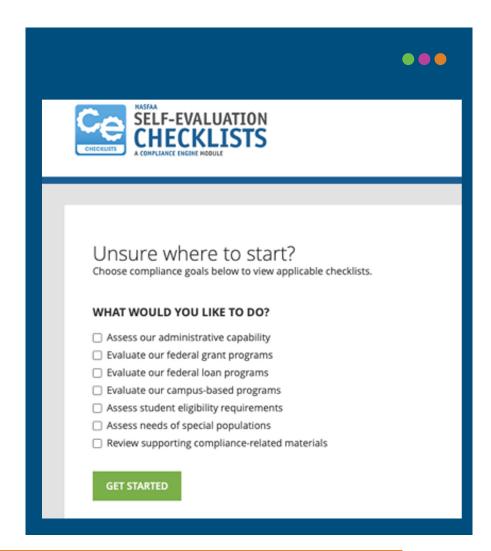
Increase Efficiency



Streamline Process

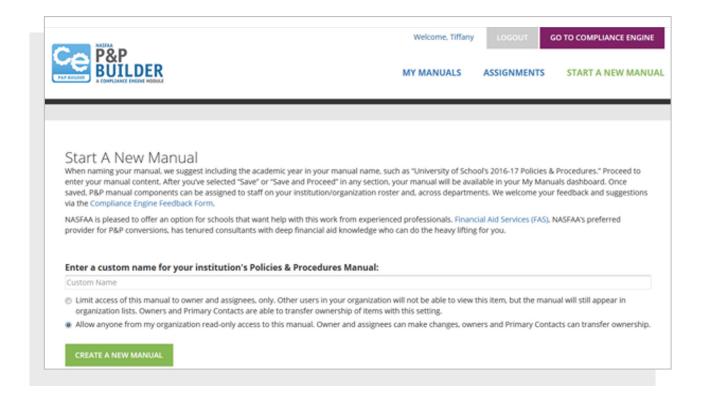


Self-Evaluation Checklists





The Compliance Engine: P&P Builder







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GO TO COMPLIANCE ENGINE

MY MANUALS

ASSIGNMENTS

START A NEW MANUAL

Start A New Manual

When naming your manual, we suggest including the academic year in your manual name, such as "University of School's 2016-17 Policies & Proceed to enter your manual content. After you've selected "Save" or "Save and Proceed" in any section, your manual will be available in your My Manuals dashboard. Once saved, P&P manual components can be assigned to staff on your institution/organization roster and, across departments. We welcome your feedback and suggestions via the Compliance Engine Feedback Form.

NASFAA is pleased to offer an option for schools that want help with this work from experienced professionals. Financial Aid Services (FAS), NASFAA's preferred provider for P&P conversions, has tenured consultants with deep financial aid knowledge who can do the heavy lifting for you.

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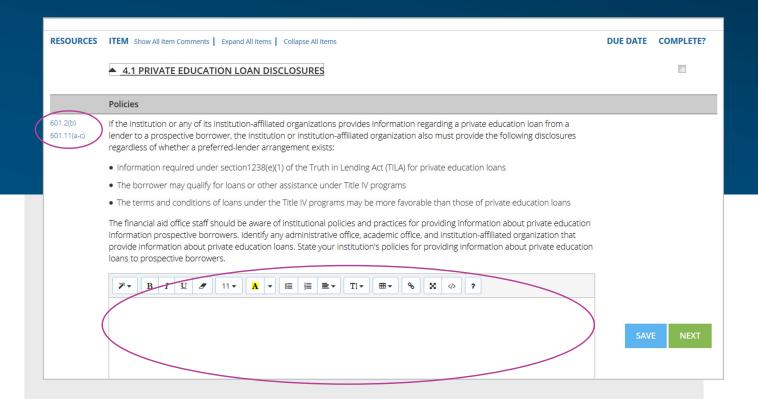
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- © Limit access of this manual to owner and assignees, only. Other users in your organization will not be able to view this item, but the manual will still appear in organization lists. Owners and Primary Contacts are able to transfer ownership of items with this setting.
- @ Allow anyone from my organization read-only access to this manual. Owner and assignees can make changes, owners and Primary Contacts can transfer ownership.

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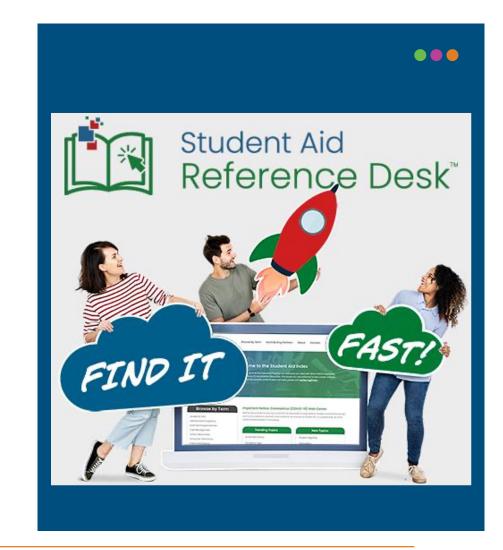


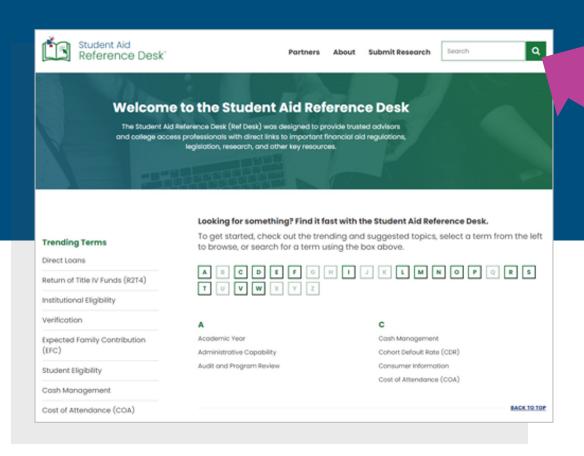


The Ref Desk

A comprehensive index developed by NASFAA and other education partners that has open access for aid professionals. Find it fast!

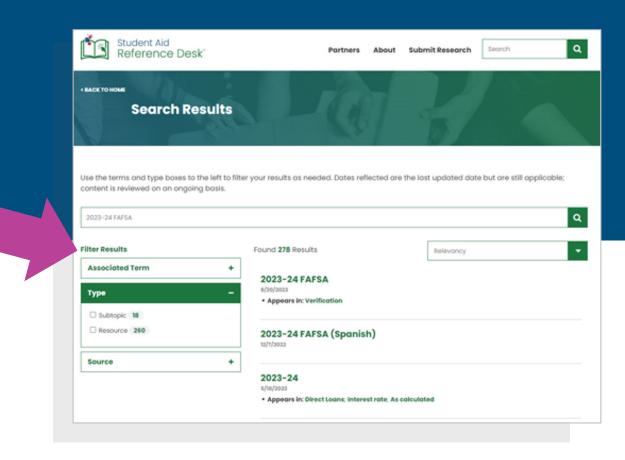
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Search for your topic.





Narrow results or explore all facets of your topic.

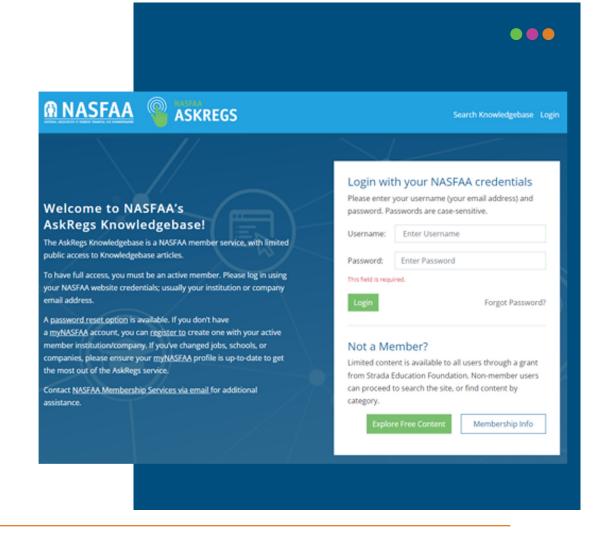




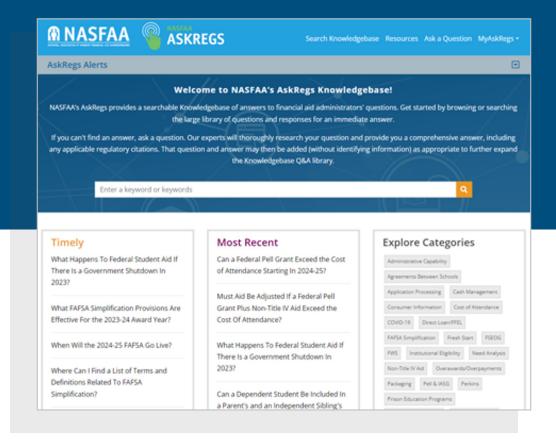
Search the database of "real world" questions and answers

Or

Ask the NASFAA Training & Regulatory Assistance Team a question







See what's trending or search by keyword.



Highlight

All articles on FAFSA Simplification have been made free to all in the aid community by Strada Education Foundation.



Can a FAFSA Be Submitted Without Consent and a Signature?

Award Year: 2024-25

KA-36925

Helpfulness Rating **⑤** ★★☆☆

1,816 page views

This guidance is specific to the 2024-25 award year and later.



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NASFAA Training Opportunities for 2023-24







2023-24 Webinar Schedule

(Through June 2024) Live and On-Demand



- NASFAA Business Services: Succession Planning*
- NASFAA Quiz Show: Test Your Financial Aid Knowledge
- Gainful Employment
- Annual Business Meeting & NASFAA Policy Update*
- Top AskRegs Questions: FAFSA Simplification

* Complimentary webinars to NASFAA Members



- In Depth Instruction
- Practicing Adjuncts
- Video Tutorials
- Live and On demand classes
- Downloadable Resources
- Active Assessment
- Complimentary Professional Credential Testing Access

nasfaa.org/Online_Courses



Topics for 2023-24

- Return of Title IV Funds (credential course)
- Fundamentals of Student Financial Aid (certificate course)
- Verification 2024-25 (credential course)
- Professional Judgment (credential course)
- Application Processing (credential course)
- Need Analysis/Pell (credential course)
- Satisfactory Academic Progress (credential course)
- Academic Calendars (certificate course)

NASFAA Certified Financial Aid Administrator® (CFAA) Program





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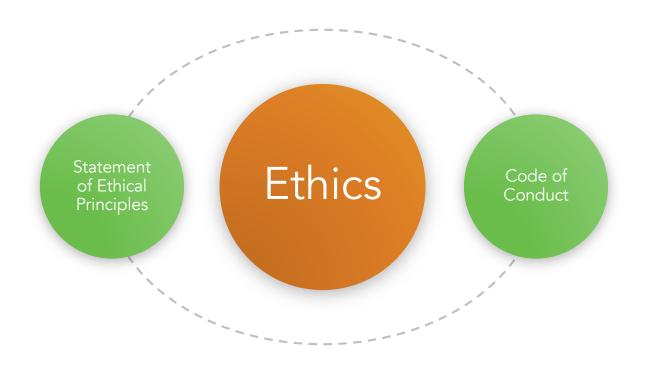








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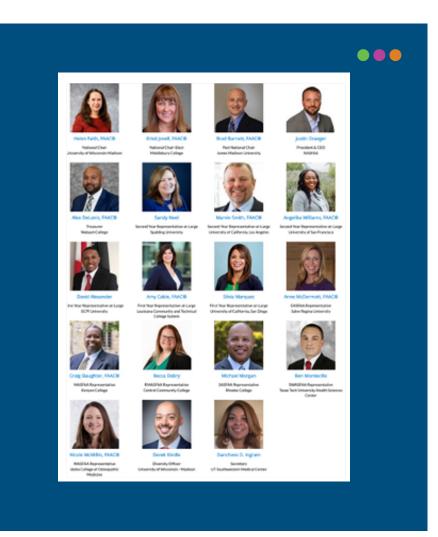




NASFAA's Board of Directors

"If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then, you are an excellent leader."

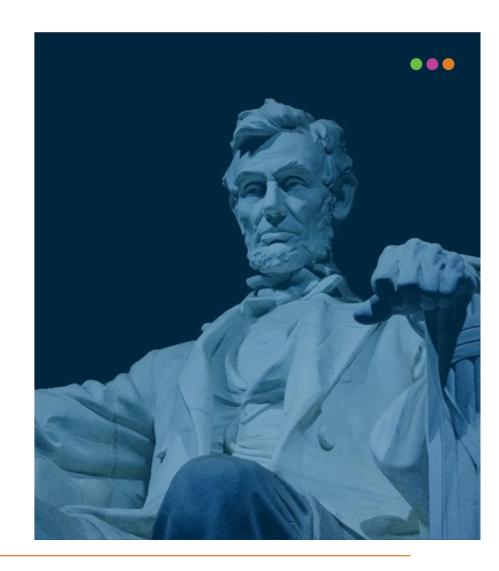
Dolly Parton



Reputation and Character

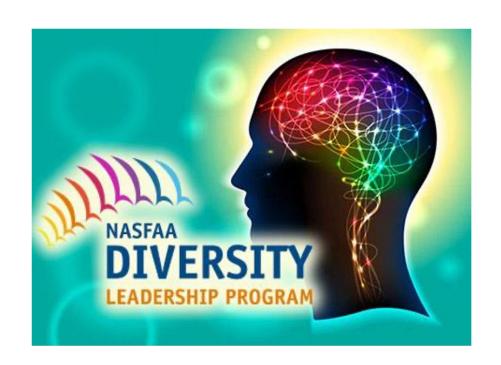
"Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing."

Abraham Lincoln



The DLP Program

- Aligns with NASFAA's commitment to diversity and inclusion.
- Creates a pipeline for support and access to mentors.
- Under-represented groups within the aid community gain access to leadership opportunities.
- Provides participants with important professional development.



Implicit Bias Toolkit

- NASFAA invites you to reflect and consider that as financial aid administrators, we directly influence the trajectory of our students' lives through our work.
- NASFAA, in conjunction with our member task force, created this toolkit to assist aid offices with awareness and suggestions to assist in eliminating bias from institutional policies and procedures.

nasfaa.org/implicit_bias_toolkit







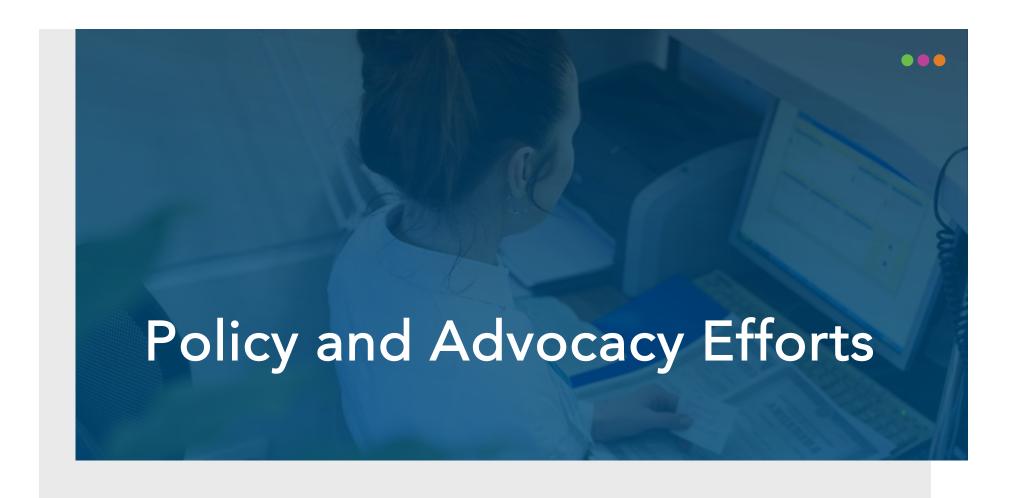


Our Mission: To serve as a trusted advisor to the financial aid community by supporting and improving financial aid compliance, operations, and student service.

Consulting

- Standards of Excellence Reviews
- Compliance Reviews
- Operational Reviews
- Single-Topic Assessments
- System Optimizations
- Program Review Assistance
- Executive & Group Coaching
- Policies & Procedures
- Interim Staffing & Leadership
- Training
- Let's Talk!

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Higher Education Act Reauthorization

HEA Reauthorization

Last reauthorization in 2008

Current version of HEA technically expired in 2013

House

- House Democrats introduced the *Roadmap to College Student Success* Act in February 2024.
- House Republicans introduced the *College Cost Reduction Act* in January 2024.

Senate

- No comprehensive HEA proposal introduced in the Senate during the 116th, 117th, or thus far during 118th.
- Bipartisan support needed to achieve comprehensive reauthorization.



College Cost Reduction Act (CCRA)

Introduced by Rep. Virginia Foxx

- Creates a standardized financial aid offer, and establishes new loan limits and loan repayment plans.
- Creates a risk-sharing program centered around direct loans and would eliminate many of the recent regulations created during negotiated rulemaking.



118TH CONGRESS H. R. 6951

To lower the cost of postsecondary education for students and families.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 11, 2024

Ms. FOCK (for herself, Mr. OWEGS, Mr. GROTHDEN, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. SECKER, Mrs. McCLADI, Mrs. STEEL, and Mr. WILLIAMS of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To lower the cost of postsecondary education for students and families.

- Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION I. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- (a) SHORT TITLE.-This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "College Cost Reduction Act".
- (b) Table of Contents.-The table of contents for
- 7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I-THANSPARENCY PART A-DEPENTIONS



Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act

- Would provide Pell Grants to students enrolled in eligible short-term programs.
- To pay for the Pell expansion, would require institutions subject to the endowment tax to pay a reimbursement amount back to ED based on their non-repayment loan balance.
 - NASFAA strongly opposed.
- Endowment tax institutions would only receive funding under the FSEOG program if they guarantee that Pell Grant recipients receive a total amount of grants and scholarships that is not less than the student's cost of attendance.
- The Senate has its own bipartisan proposal, the JOBS Act, that excludes for-profit institutions and does not prohibit the awarding of federal student loans to eligible students at institutions subject to the endowment tax.

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Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 6585, with an Amendment (The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a

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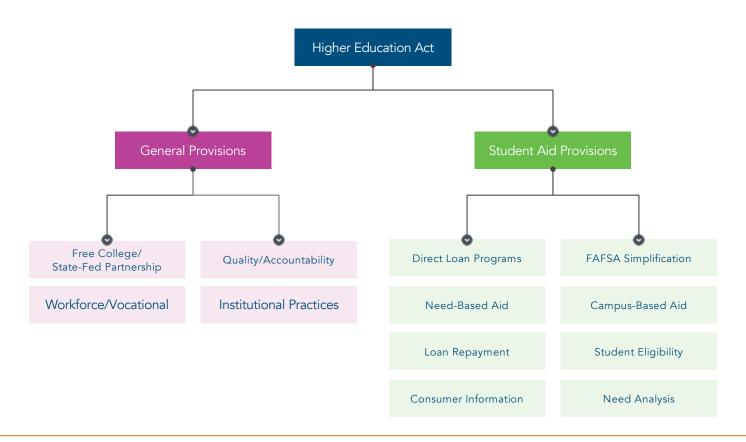
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Building Blocks to HEA





FAFSA Simplification Act

- Passed in December 2020.
- ED will employ a phased implementation of the changes made to federal methodology (FM) and the FAFSA.
 - FAFSA Simplification
 - Need Analysis/Pell Grant Eligibility
 - Drug Convictions & Selective Service Registration
 - SULA
 - Pell for Incarcerated Students
 - Professional Judgment
 - Cost of Attendance
- Builds on FUTURE Act passed in 2019.





24-25 ISIR Rollout Issues Confirmed by ED

Student Corrections: Broadly available the week of April 15

- ED estimates that 16% of FAFSA applications require a student correction
- The main corrections needed are: student signature; parent signature;
 DDX consent and approval from either parent, student, or both;
 dependent students choosing to only be considered for unsub loans; or incorrectly identifying themselves as a provisional independent student

School Corrections: No update on availability from FSA



Timelines for Reprocessing

Reprocessing Known Issues: Approximately 30% of FAFSA forms were affected by known processing or data errors.

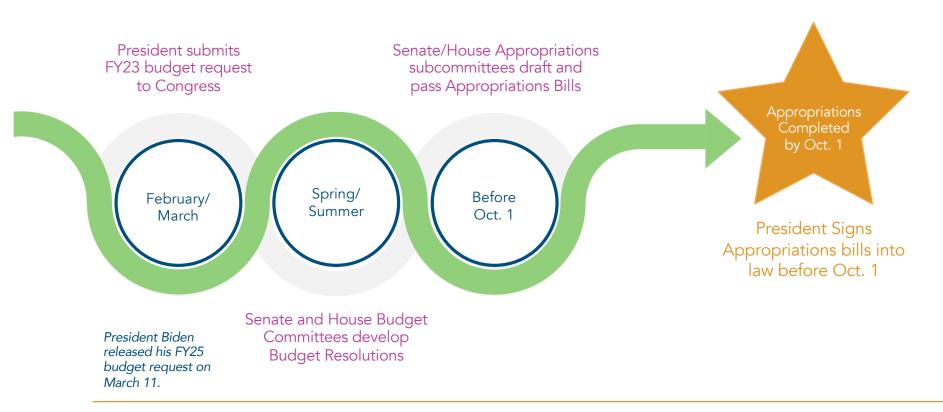
- FPS Reprocessing: Approximately 10% of all forms required reprocessing through the FPS (March 22 EA: General-24-24)
 - ED started the reprocessing of these records April 18th.
- FA-DDX Reprocessing: Approximately 20% of all FAFSA forms required corrected tax information from the IRS (April 1 EA: General 24-29)
 - ED started the reprocessing of these records April 27th

ED has as of April 29th delivered the reprocessed ISIRs of nearly all impacted records to institutions and states.



Federal Budget & Funding

Looking Ahead: FY2025 Funding





FY2024: Final Budget

- President Biden on March 23, 2024 signed the FY 2024 budget into law to prevent a government shutdown.
- The law:
 - o Allocates \$79.1 billion to ED and its programs
 - This is a \$201 million decrease (after accounting for earmarks) from the FY 2023 enacted level
 - Contains \$24.6 billion for federal student aid programs, which maintains the maximum Pell Grant award at \$7,395 for the 2024-25 award year
 - Provides level funding for Federal Work Study and the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
 - The Labor-H Appropriations Subcommittee originally proposed to eliminate these programs in its budget proposal released in July 2023



FY 2025 Biden Administration Budget Proposal

	Biden Administration
Pell Grant	\$8,145 Maximum Award \$100 discretionary increase through appropriations process, additional \$650 increase in mandatory funding for students attending public and non-profit institutions
	\$7,495 Maximum Award for students attending proprietary institutions
FWS	\$1.23 billion No increase over FY 2024.
FSEOG	\$910 million No increase over FY 2024.
Student Aid Administration	\$2.7 billion No increase over FY 2024.
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The Department of Education

Faces of the Department of Education



Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona



Under Secretary of Education

James Kvaal



FSA Chief Operating Officer Richard Cordray

Negotiated Rulemaking: 2021-22

Final Rules Issued in 2023

- Gainful Employment
- IDR [SAVE Plan]
- Ability to Benefit
- Financial Responsibility
- Administrative Capability
- Certification Procedures

Effective July 1, 2024 or earlier if ED chooses to early implement

Negotiated Rulemaking 2023-2024

These sessions took place during late 2023 and early 2024:

Federal TRIO Programs (Proposed Rules expected October)

Accreditation and Related Issues (Proposed Rules expected October)

State Authorization (Proposed Rules expected October)

Return of Title IV Funds (Proposed Rules expected October)

Cash Management (Proposed Rules expected October)

Distance Education (Proposed Rules expected October)

Student Loan Debt Relief (Proposed Rules released)

As a reminder, according to ED's master calendar final regulations that are published on or before Nov. 1, 2024 will go into effect July 1, 2025.



NASFAA Update

Advocacy Opportunities



VOLUNTEER

Advocacy Pipeline Policy Task Forces Get Students Involved!



STAY INFORMED

Read NASFAA's Today's News and Policy and Advocacy pages on nasfaa.org



INTERACT WITH CONGRESS

Share your advocacy efforts with NASFAA so we can support and assist you.

Every two years in Congress means new states in the mix!







COLLEGEPRICE.ORG

NASFAA — along with 10 higher education associations representing college presidents, financial aid offices, enrollment managers, and admissions counselors — launched a task force with the goal of creating a set of principles and standards about what information should be included in institutional aid offers so the resulting documents are clear, meet high standards of transparency, and contain consumer friendly information, while still allowing for institutional customization.



5,781,129

STUDENTS SERVED

543
PARTNER
INSTITUTIONS

50

STATES
REPRESENTED
INCL. PUERTO RICO & GUAM

as of May 2024 https://www.collegeprice.org/home



Policy Task Forces & Working Groups

Ongoing

- Executive Leadership Collective Thought Force
- Rapid Response Network
- National Conference Program Task Force
- Career Path Awareness
- FAFSA
 Simplification Implementation
- Under Resourced Schools Scholarship Selection Task Force

Recently Published Reports

- January 2024: Examining Federal Work-Study
- May 2023: Resumption of Loan Repayment
- December 2022: Pell for Incarcerated Students
- August 2022: National Student Aid Profile
- May 2022: Protecting Borrowers
 & Advancing Equity

Previous

- HEA Reauthorization
- Reimagining Aid Design & Delivery
- Student Indebtedness
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness
- Campus-Based Aid Allocations
- Consumer Information
- Loan Servicing
- R2T4
- FAFSA Working Group
- Innovative Learning Models
- Dynamic Loan Limit Working Group
- · One Grant, One Loan
- Graduate-Specific Financial Aid Data
- Consumer Information & Law Student Indebtedness
- Tuition- and Debt-Free College
- PPY Implementation
- Graduate/Professional Loan Limits
- Cost of Attendance Working Group
- Campus-Based Aid in One Grant, One Loan
- Accountability in Higher Education
- Examining Competency Based Education



Policy Grant-funded Work

In 2023, NASFAA hit the \$4 million dollar mark in grant-funded projects

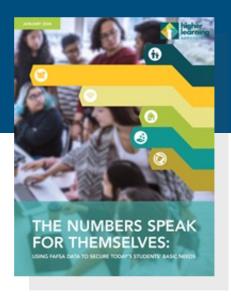
Recent grant work:

- Assisting our members in FAFSA simplification implementation
- A forthcoming report on means-tested benefits with Higher Learning Advocates
- Funding for NASFAA's College Cost Transparency Initiative for the next three fiscal years
- Providing technical assistance and community building for Prison Education Programs



Recent Policy Work

The Numbers Speak for Themselves



Protecting Borrowers & Advancing Equity



Incarcerated Students

Pell for



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Recent Policy Work







advocacy

The act or process of supporting a cause or proposal; the act or process of advocating something.

advocate

A person who argues for or supports a cause or policy.



5 Effective Advocacy Tips

Keep it local.

Keep it personal.

Keep their position in mind.

Keep it factual.

Keep in touch.

Stay Informed









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July 8-11, 2024

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