



GETTING INVOLVED WITH YOUR ASSOCIATION

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Why Are Associations Important?

- Discussion of financial aid issues and strategies
- Training
- Professional Development/Leadership
- Legislative advocacy
- Research and data
- Networking and support



Association Structure

- NASFAA – National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
- MASFAA – Midwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
- IASFAA – Iowa Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators



Why Should You Participate in Professional Activities?

- To strengthen your financial aid skills and knowledge
- To develop leadership skills
- To expand your perspective on the profession and higher education
- To support your state, regional and national associations
- To widen your network of colleagues



Early Years in Financial Aid

- Build your network
- Step out of your shell
- Say "yes", the opportunity may not come up again
- Don't overextend yourself
- Use your resources



Making the Investment

- Have the support of your supervisor and your family
- Be organized, plan ahead, and plan to attend all meetings
- Understand your responsibilities and assignments
- Don't over-commit yourself
- Follow through completely and timely with all assignments
- Push yourself to do new things and learn from your mistakes
- Find, and then become, a role model/mentor
- Stay involved and continue to progress up the leadership ladder



Questions?

- Text


