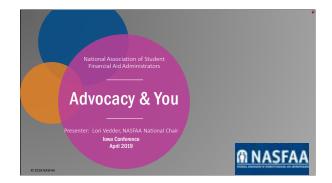
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Agenda

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- NASFAA and Advocacy
- NASFAA Advocacy Resources
- Fight for Financial Aid Campaign
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Advocacy 101: What is advocacy?

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



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First Amendment Roots

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances"



Advocacy Basics

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- Advocacy is not always lobbying, lobbying is always advocacy
- You don't need to be in Washington, D.C. to be an effective advocate
- Advocacy can and should be proactive and reactive
- Effective advocacy uses data, research, and stories

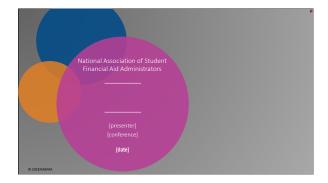


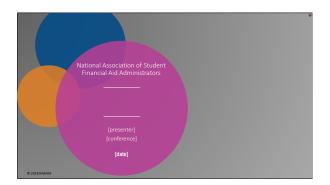
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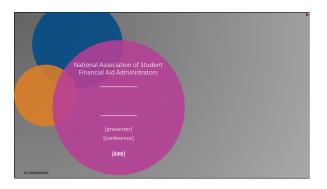




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What does NAFSAA do in Advocacy?

- Distributes Original Research from NASFAA Task Force and Working Group Reports and Papers
- Advocates for NASFAA members with Congress, the Administration, and Department of Education
- Participates in Coalition Groups and Associations
- Holds Briefings for Congressional Staff on Student Aid Issues
- Organizes Advocacy Pipelines and related D.C. Visits



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What do we advocate?

Our advocacy efforts center around these major policy areas:

- Increasing access to higher education, including early awareness and outreach
- Simplifying student aid systems
- Encouraging college persistence & completion
- Promoting college savings and financial education
- Minimizing student indebtedness and emphasizing grant and work aid
- Supporting the primacy of need-based aid



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NASFAA's Advocacy Audience

Administration

White House Department of Education

- Office of Management and Budget

Congress

- House & Senate Education Committees
- House & Senate Appropriations Committees House & Senate Budget Committees
- Other Members of the House and Senate

Other Higher Education Associations & Organizations



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NASFAA Advocacy Resources

How can we help you?

- Personal advocacy support and guidance for you, your institutions, and your state & regional associations
- Continuous up-to-date information
- Readily-available materials



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NASFAA Online Resources



NASFAA Legislative Tracker

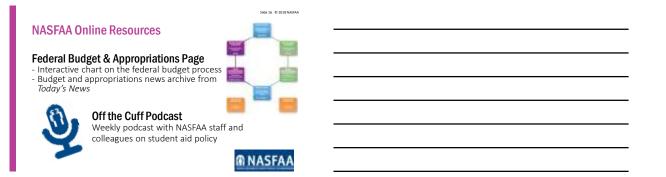
Comprehensive list of all student aid-related legislation introduced in this session of Congress - Organized by subject area

The Capitol Recap Monthly series in Today's News that lists and

summarizes newly-introduced legislation



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NASFAA Online Resources

Advocacy Resources Page

One-pagers and handouts on a variety of topics for use during Hill visits or other advocacy outreach





Volunteer! Work with and support NASFAA's policy team:



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Write and Visit Your Member of Congress

- Share your advocacy efforts with NASFAA, so we can support and assist you
- New education committee members mean new states in the mix!

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