

Angela Johnson
STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY
National Chair-Elect

Higher education can transform lives, open doors, and create boundless opportunities. As professionals in this field, we are privileged and responsible for inspiring and supporting students and their families as they navigate the complexities of achieving their educational dreams. The transformation starts with us as higher education professionals, particularly financial aid administrators, who play a pivotal role in shaping the future of our profession to ensure college affordability and access for students nationwide. By championing equitable policies, streamlining processes, and advocating for resources, we can create pathways that allow students from all backgrounds to succeed.

My journey as a first-generation college graduate has instilled in me a deep appreciation for the transformative impact of education and the critical importance of accessibility, advocacy, and support. With over 25 years of experience across diverse educational settings—including a large public university, a community college, and a proprietary institution—I bring a proven record of fostering student success and institutional achievement to the role of National Chair.

Throughout my career, I have embraced leadership roles at the state, regional, and national levels. In Ohio, I have contributed to the Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (OASFAA), the Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC), and the Ohio Attorney General's Office task force. Regionally, I have served on various committees and on the board of directors for the Midwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (MASFAA). Nationally, I have worked with the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) as a Representative-at-Large, Commission Director, Ethics Committee member, and Board Director. Additionally, I serve in elected positions on the College Board and the Higher Education Loan Coalition. I have also served on the Higher Education Commission of 50 to develop policy recommendations for access, accountability, affordability, and transparency in higher education. These experiences have honed my leadership skills and provided me with a comprehensive understanding of the strategic, operational, and policy needs of higher education.

As a past NASFAA board member, I have advanced strategic initiatives to improve access, expand advocacy, and modernize financial aid services. My leadership reflects a commitment to fostering inclusion, innovation, and excellence within our profession. If elected National Chair, I will champion impactful change, support financial aid administrators' essential role, and promote student access.

NATIONAL CHAIR-ELECT RESUME

NAME: Dr. Angela Johnson

REGION: MASFAA

CURRENT POSITION: Vice President, Enrollment Management
March 2017 Cuyahoga Community College
Cleveland, OH

PREVIOUS POSITION: Executive Director of Enrollment and Financial Aid
June 2010 – January 2020 Cuyahoga Community College
Cleveland, OH

January 2008 – July 2010 Assistant Dean, Student Affairs
Cuyahoga Community College
Cleveland, OH

January 2000 – December 2007 Director, Financial Aid & Scholarships
Cuyahoga Community College
Cleveland, OH

January 1998 – January 2020 Manager, Student Financial Services
Bryant & Stratton College
Cleveland, OH

January 1995 – June 1996 Financial Aid Counselor
The Ohio State University
Columbus, OH

EDUCATION: Doctor of Education, Higher Education Leadership
University of Phoenix
Phoenix, AZ

Master of Arts, Public Communication
American University
Washington, DC

Bachelor of Science, Journalism
The Ohio State University
Columbus, OH

TYPE OF INSTITUTION: Two-year, Public, Community College

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SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

COLLEGE BOARD	2027 – 2029	Past Chair, College Board CSS/FAA Assembly
	2025 – 2027	National Chair, College Board CSS/FAA Assembly
	2023 – 2025	National Chair-Elect, College Board CSS/FAA Assembly
	2020 – 2023	Board Member, College Board, CSS/FAA Assembly
	2019	Midwest Leadership Award
NASFAA	2017 – 2019	Ethics Commission
	2017 – 2018	Commission Director
	2017 – 2019	Higher Education Commission of 50
	2015 – 2017	Representative at Large
	2015- 2018	NASFAA Board of Directors
MASFAA	2015 – 2017	Chair, Access Committee
	2013 – 2014	State Representative, Executive Board of Directors Summer
	2013 – 2014	Institute Faculty
	2013 – 2014	Delegate for Capitol Hill Advocate State
	2013	Leadership Award
	2006 – 2007	Conference Committee
OASFAA	2006 – 2007	Financial Aid Research Committee
	2017	Jim White Commitment Award Past
	2015 – 2016	Past President
	2014 – 2015	President President-Elect
	2013 – 2014	President-Elect
	2013 – 2014	Alex Murdoch Leadership Award Vice
	2011 – 2013	President for Conferences
	2011 – 2013	Default Aversion/Prevention Task Force
	2007 – 2008	Leadership Committee
	2007 – 2008	Vice President for Conferences Secretary
	2005 – 2006	Northeast Regional Representative Federal Issues
	2003 – 2004	Committee
	2002 – 2003	State Issues Committee Various
	2002 – 2003	Committees
	2001 – 2002	
	2000 – 2016	
OTHER	2024	President, Ohio Assoc Comm Colleges, Student Affairs
	2017	Innovation of the Year Awardee- League of Innovations
	2016	Exemplar Practice Award, National Council of Student Development
	2016 - 2025	Board Member, Higher Education Loan Coalition