

NASFAA's mission is to provide professional development and services for financial aid administrators, advocate for public policies that increase student access to and success in postsecondary education for our nation's students, and serve as a forum on student financial aid issues. We are committed to diversity throughout all activities.

## OUR MISSION

NASFAA's vision is to ensure all qualified students have access to postsecondary education, no matter their socioeconomic background.

## OUR VISION

Our membership consists of more than 29,000 financial aid professionals at nearly 3,000 colleges, universities, and career schools across the country. NASFAA member institutions serve nine out of every 10 undergraduates in the United States.

## WHO WE ARE

NASFAA is the only national, nonprofit association primarily focusing on information dissemination, professional development, and legislative and regulatory analysis related to federal student aid programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. No other national association serves the needs of the financial aid community better or more effectively.

**WE ARE  
NASFAA**



# 2025-26 FINANCIAL AID CALENDAR








JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NASFAA Communities can help you find your people. Visit <a href="https://nasfaa.org/community">nasfaa.org/community</a> to get connected.						
		1 CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Opens	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
	NASFAA 2025 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE (NASFAA.ORG/VIRTUAL)					
6	7	8 NASFAA U Fundamentals of Student Financial Aid Online Course Begins	9	10	11	12
						
13	14	15 Certification Exam Preparation Online Workshop Begins	16	17	18	19
						
20	21 CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Closes	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Volunteer with NASFAA! Visit <a href="https://nasfaa.org/volunteer_information">nasfaa.org/volunteer_information</a> for ways to get involved. 	





# AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><div>NASFAA's Self-Evaluation Checklists and Policies &amp; Procedures Builder were built to effectively manage compliance administration. Get started at <a href="https://nasfaa.org/engine">nasfaa.org/engine</a>.</div></div>					1 CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Opens	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21  CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Closes	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	<div><div>Whether you're looking for the perfect fit for your open position, or searching for your next career move, the NASFAA Career Center is the place to start. Learn more at <a href="https://nasfaa.org/career_center">nasfaa.org/career_center</a>.</div></div>					





# SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Opens <b>1</b> <i>Labor Day</i>	<b>2</b> NASFAA U Verification 2025-26 Online Course Begins 	 <b>3</b> NASFAA U Student Eligibility Online Course Begins	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>Constitution Day &amp; Citizenship Day</i>	 <b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Closes	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> New Aid Officer Webinar	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> New Aid Officer Webinar	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	Certification Exam Preparation Online Workshop Begins <b>30</b> New Aid Officer Webinar	 Make your professional development a priority with NASFAA U Online Courses. Register at <a href="https://nasfaa.org/online_courses">nasfaa.org/online_courses</a> .			








OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><p>Now is the time to invest in yourself. Apply to sit for the knowledge exam to earn your FAAC® designation and take your career to new heights. Learn more at <a href="https://nasfaa.org/certification">nasfaa.org/certification</a>.</p></div>			1 CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Opens	2 New Aid Officer Webinar	3 New Aid Officer Webinar	4
	<div><p>Blue Icon Advisors New Director Group Coaching Begins</p></div>					
5	6 NASFAA U Return of Title IV Funds Online Course Begins	7 NASFAA U Fundamentals of Enrollment Management Online Course Begins	8	9	10	11
			<div></div>	<div></div>		
12	13 <i>Columbus Day</i>	14	15 <i>Financial Aid Day</i>	16	17	18
				<div></div>		
19	20	21 CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Closes	22	23	24 NASFAA Member Appreciation Day	25
		<div></div>				<div><p>TODAY'S NEWS</p></div>
26	27	28	29	30	31	







# NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><p>To register for the upcoming NASFAA 2026 Leadership &amp; Legislative Conference &amp; Expo in Washington, DC, head to <a href="https://nasfaa.org/leadership">nasfaa.org/leadership</a>.</p></div>						1 CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Opens
2 Daylight Saving Time Ends	3	4	5 	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15
16	17 NASFAA U Professional Judgment Online Course Begins	18	19	20 	21 CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Closes	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
30	<p>Having a representative association means that ultimately we have a profession that is prepared to serve and reflect an increasingly diverse student population. Learn more at <a href="https://nasfaa.org/diversity">nasfaa.org/diversity</a>.</p>					





DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Opens	2	3	4	5	6
						
7	8	9	10 	11	12	13
14 Hanukkah Begins	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Closes	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27
				 <div>Take your career to the next level by earning NASFAA Professional Credentials! Learn more at <a href="https://nasfaa.org/Credentials">nasfaa.org/Credentials</a>.</div>		
28	29	30	31			





JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Start planning ahead: February is Financial Aid Awareness Month. Join the #FINAIDFEB celebrations on social media.				CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Opens		
				1New Year's Day	2	3
4	5NASFAA U Cost of Attendance Online Course Begins	6NASFAA U Fundamentals of Student Financial Aid Online Course Begins	7	8	9	10
				Let's TALK		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			WEBINARS			
18	19Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.	20	21CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Closes	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31





# FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	 Blue Icon Advisors P&P Group Coaching Begins					
1 CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Opens	2	3	4	5	6	7
 <b>NASFAA 2026 LEADERSHIP &amp; LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE &amp; EXPO IN WASHINGTON, DC (NASFAA.ORG/LEADERSHIP)</b>						
8	9 NASFAA U Verification 2026-27 Online Course Begins	10 NASFAA U Satisfactory Academic Progress Online Course Begins	11 	12 	13	14
15	16 <i>Presidents Day</i>	17 Certification Exam Preparation Online Workshop Begins	18	19	20	21 CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Closes
22	23	24	25	26	27	28







# MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Opens	2	3	4 WEBINARS	5	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Starts	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 NASFAA U Return of Title IV Funds Online Course Begins	17 NASFAA U Academic Calendars Online Course Begins	18 WEBINARS	19 let's TALK	20	21 CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Closes
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<div><div>NASFAA 2026</div><div>Register for this summer's NASFAA 2026 National Conference in National Harbor, MD. Everything you need to know about the event is at <a href="https://nasfaa.org/conference">nasfaa.org/conference</a>.</div></div>			










APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div> Student Aid Reference Desk</div> <div>April is Financial Literacy Month. The Student Aid Reference Desk can help you stay on top of regulations, legislation, and more. Find it fast at <a href="https://studentaidrefdesk.org">studentaidrefdesk.org</a>.</div>			1 CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Opens	2	3	4
	<div> Blue Icon Advisors Aspiring Director Group Coaching Begins</div>	<div> WEBINARS</div>				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				<div> let's TALK</div>		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		<div>NASFAA U Administrative Capability Online Course Begins</div>	<div> WEBINARS</div>			
19	20	21 CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Closes	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	<div> Join the discussion at a Blue Icon Let's Talk event: <a href="https://nasfaa.org/lets_talk">nasfaa.org/lets_talk</a></div>	





MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div></div> <div>NASFAA Self-Study Guides are the answer to your training needs. Head to <a href="https://nasfaa.org/ssg">nasfaa.org/ssg</a> to dive into topics like Cash Management, Return of Title IV Funds, and Verification.</div>					1 CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Opens	2
						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Certification Exam Preparation Online Workshop Begins	13	14	15	16
						
17	18	19	20	21 CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Closes	22	23
						
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30

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JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>Your NASFAA membership expires this month. Renew today at <a href="https://nasfaa.org/renew">nasfaa.org/renew</a>.</div>	1 <div>CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Opens</div>	2	3	4	5	6
			<div>WEBINARS</div>			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
				<div>let's TALK</div>		
14	15	16	17	18	19 <div>Juneteenth National Independence Day</div>	20
21 <div>CFAA® Knowledge Exam Window Closes</div>	22	23	24	25	26	27
	NASFAA 2026 NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN NATIONAL HARBOR, MD (NASFAA.ORG/CONFERENCE26)					<div>NASFAA 2026</div>
28	29	30	July 1	2	3 <div>Independence Day (Observed)</div>	



# CONNECT, ENGAGE, AND LEARN WITH NASFAA COMMUNITIES



- #FAChat
- FAFSA Simplification
- Regional Associations
- FAAC® Designees
- Diversity Leadership Program Alumni
- Community Book Club
- Prison Education Programs



## NASFAA Institutional Membership 2025-26 Packages



Institutional Membership offers a cost-effective way to provide professional development to your whole staff. Whether implemented at the campus or system level, your NASFAA membership adds immediate benefits to any student assistance program. We offer three great institutional membership package options:

Standard Membership*	Value Membership*	Value Plus Membership*
\$855 + (2023 Fall FTE x 10.6%)	\$855 + (2023 Fall FTE x 10.6%) + \$550	\$855 + (2023 Fall FTE x 10.6%) + \$1,495
	Save over \$700 per staff member!	Save over \$2,000 per staff member!

All membership packages include unlimited *Today's News* e-newsletter subscriptions, access to the AskRegs Knowledgebase, Compliance Engine Self-Evaluation Checklists, and the NASFAA website, where many additional resources are available to members at no additional cost.

Membership dues include benefits for 12 months, between July 1 and June 30. If joining mid-year, dues are pro-rated.

### Upgrade to Value Membership to receive:

- Unlimited access to six specific Self-Study Guides: Overview of the Financial Aid Programs, Application Process, Student Eligibility, Cost of Attendance, Need Analysis, and Verification.
- 5% off NASFAA National Conference online registration, beyond the first registration.
- 5% off Career Center job postings.

### Upgrade to Value Plus Membership to receive:

- The Webinar Package.
- The Policies & Procedures Builder.
- Unlimited access to all 17 Self-Study Guides.
- 10% off NASFAA National Conference online registration, beyond the first registration.
- 10% off Career Center job postings.

## Membership Add-Ons

### Webinar Package - \$599/year

NASFAA brings continuing education throughout the year via livestreamed webinars. You can invite an unlimited number of people from your institution to participate with just one site license. Learn at your desk or watch with a group of colleagues in a conference room. Webinars cover a variety of hot topics, last from 60 to 90 minutes, and are available on demand for up to one year. This package includes all fee-based webinars for everyone on your NASFAA roster between July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.

Learn more at [nasfaa.org/webinar\\_package](https://nasfaa.org/webinar_package).

### Policies & Procedures (P&P) Builder - \$129/year

This online tool guides you step-by-step through the creation of a centralized, accessible P&P manual. The P&P Builder includes all required sections for federal compliance. Copy, paste, and format existing content easily with familiar document management functions. You can also quickly roll over existing content to new manuals or archive outdated manuals.

Learn more at [nasfaa.org/ppb](https://nasfaa.org/ppb).

### Self-Study Guides

Written for the independent learner, each Self-Study Guide includes multiple lessons with a variety of exercises to reinforce each lesson. Our Value Membership package includes the first six guides in the Self-Study Guide series and Standard and Value members can purchase Self-Study Guides à la carte for \$119/guide. The Value Plus Package includes all Self-Study Guides.

Visit [nasfaa.org/ssg](https://nasfaa.org/ssg) for a full list of topics available.

*\*Note: Standard and Value members may add the Webinar Package and/or P&P Builder Package à la carte. Add-on options are unable to be pro-rated.*

To learn more about NASFAA Membership and to join, please visit [nasfaa.org/join](https://nasfaa.org/join).