



# MAFAA Membership Information Brochure

The Minnesota Association of Financial Aid Administrators (MAFAA) is an association of professionals committed to the principle that no one should be denied access to higher education for financial reasons. Since 1968, MAFAA is dedicated to working with students, educators, policy makers and others to ensure that adequate programs of financial assistance are available to every student attending a Minnesota institution of higher education.

## MAFAA's Mission

To provide training, research, information, expertise and advocacy in support of the timely, accurate and ethical delivery of financial aid funds to Minnesota students.

## Membership Types

### Regular Membership

Persons actively engaged in the administration of student financial aid at any Minnesota post-secondary school may apply for regular membership. Regular members are eligible to vote, hold office and serve as committee members or chairs.

### Associate Membership

Persons associated with public or private organizations, including Minnesota post-secondary schools, who are concerned with or engaged in the support or administration of student financial aid may apply for associate membership. Associate members are eligible to serve on ad hoc or standing committees and may chair ad hoc committees.

### Retired Membership

Retired persons who spent the last five years of their careers as MAFAA members may apply for retired membership. Retired members enjoy honoree membership privileges at no charge, including receipt of MAFAA Matters and all other MAFAA membership mailings. They may also attend MAFAA workshops and conferences at the regular member fee.

## Membership Benefits and Opportunities

- Opportunities to impact financial aid in Minnesota by serving on committees and task forces that directly affect aid programs.
- Access to the Online Minnesota Financial Aid Directory listing all Minnesota post-secondary schools, aid administrators, and associate members.
- Opportunities to participate in a variety of professional training courses, currently FREE to members.
- Access to MAFAA Matters, the official Association electronic newsletter, providing industry news and updates to important financial aid news and events.
- Opportunities to participate in, learn from, and network with peer colleagues through state, regional, and national professional conferences (some with member discounts).

## Committees and Task Forces

- Access and Diversity
- Awards
- Conference Planning
- Corporate Support
- Early Awareness
- Financial Management
- Futures
- Government Issues
- Inter-Agency
- Leadership/Masters
- Loan Issues
- Professional Development
- Public Relations
- Strategic Planning
- Technology

## Appointed Positions

- Archivist
- Directory
- Listserv
- Membership Coordinator
- Newsletter Editor
- Research
- Site Selection
- Web Development

More information and membership applications can be found at: [www.mafaa.org](http://www.mafaa.org)