



MASFAP February 2021 Communication

Register for March P.D. Events!

Register NOW and mark your calendars with these March opportunities:

Thursday, March 11: Financial Aid Offers with uAspire

Description: Now more than ever, the financial aid offer provides crucial communication for students and families to determine whether college will be affordable. Join MASFAP to learn how to share complicated financial aid information in a more student-centered way with uAspire, a national nonprofit serving 10,000 students/year to navigate financial aid and train thousands of practitioners to do the same. Based on findings reported in [Decoding the Cost of College: the Case for Transparent Financial Aid Offers](#), this session explores how different financial aid formats, terms, and calculations help or hinder student understanding and decision-making. The presentation will offer solutions to better inform consumers about college costs, the implications of aid and how institutions can communicate for more financially-informed student decisions. At the close, MASFAP members will learn about an opportunity to gain customized consult on methods to make their aid offer more transparent.

10—11:30 a.m.

Virtual Event

Register at: <https://masfap.memberclicks.net/training>

Thursday, March 18: State Student Aid Update with Leroy Wade

3—4 p.m.

Virtual Event

Register at: <https://masfap.memberclicks.net/training>

MASFAP Committee Volunteers

Thank you to all who volunteered so far for a committee—and for those who haven't volunteered yet.... WE NEED YOU!

Please go to the MASFAP website at www.masfap.org, click in Financial Aid Administrator and select Volunteer. From there you will be asked to log into your account and fill out a brief form. Very EASY!

Committee chairs will be in touch soon with all who volunteer!

Early Awareness Workshops

MASFAP is partnering with St. Louis Graduates to offer *FREE* trainings through this year and into the spring. MASFAP members will present on the financial aid topics, and St. Louis Graduates will have other topics of interest to high school counselors. Help us spread the word! Registration open at <https://masfap.memberclicks.net/workshops>—the next training is March 5!

Annual Conference Save the Date

Virtual, hybrid, in-person, either way, save the date for our annual conference: November 8-10.