

A Brief History

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1968

AAFAO Established

In August, 1968 the Arizona Association of Financial Aid Officers was established in Flagstaff, AZ. Joseph E. Bednorz (Northern Arizona University) was selected to be the first President. The first constitution and bylaws were adopted in March, 1969. Also in 1969, AAFAO petitioned for admission to the newly-formed Western Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (WASFAA).

1976

New Name & Logo

The Association changed its name to the Arizona Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (AASFAA) and adopted the logo of the outline of the State of Arizona with the Lamp of Knowledge as a centerpiece.



1982-1983

First Female President

Iris Roach (Arizona Automotive Institute), the first woman to serve as an AASFAA President, ushered in an era of increased participation by the private trade and technical sector.

1992

Incorporation & Growth

AASFAA was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The decade of 1982-92 saw AASFAA grow from a small group of dedicated professionals to a large, efficient, and effective professional organization. AASFAA continues to provide the services and meet the needs that were responsible for its creation. The Association has shown time and time again that it has the talent, expertise and commitment to provide leadership in the field of financial assistance to Arizona's students.

1993

National Recognition

AASFAA was the recipient of a state award from the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. The "NASFAA State Award for Service to Students, Parents or Families", which recognized AASFAA's video, "Cash for College," was disbursed to all high school counselors as well as being telecast on statewide television as an early awareness and outreach campaign.

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