



**Our Beginnings:** The Rocky Mountain Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators was organized at a meeting hosted by the University of Wyoming at Laramie, WY, in the fall of 1968. The states represented at the meeting were Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Wyoming. The Rocky Mountain Association was the last of the six regional associations to organize and complete the link to join the financial aid administrators through the United States to form the National Council for Financial Aid. In 1973, Idaho left the Rocky Mountain Association and North Dakota and South Dakota joined. Nebraska joined in 1980, with Kansas the last state to join, in 1981. Articles of Incorporation were filed on June 14, 1982, in the State of North Dakota. Federal income tax exemption status was gained in 1983.

**Mission Statement:** The Rocky Mountain Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (RMASFAA) exists primarily to promote the professional preparation, leadership development, effectiveness, and mutual support of persons involved in student financial aid administration. In addition, RMASFAA exists to bring about the implementation of programs that will have a positive impact on students' ability to pay for higher education.

To serve effectively the needs of its members, RMASFAA shall maintain a leadership role within the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) and provide professional support to the state associations within our region.

The Association shall serve as a forum for its members and act as a focus for the expression of views on matters relating to the development, funding, and administration of student financial aid.

While the Association's primary goal is to provide an avenue for preparation to those members who are directly responsible for the administration of student aid programs, RMASFAA shall strive to expand its training services to include other individuals and entities that play a major role in assisting students to pay for and complete programs of higher education.

In order to effectively meet the goals of its mission and the diverse and changing needs of the post-secondary educational community, RMASFAA seeks to maintain a spirit of cooperation and an approach, which is flexible, equitable, and innovative.

### **Strategic Long Range Plan Summary Goals:**

1. Training – Provide to all RMASFAA members a wide array of opportunities for training and professional growth.
2. Communication – Develop and maintain effective avenues of communication among current and prospective RMASFAA members using the most appropriate and efficient methods and technologies available.
3. Leadership – Provide opportunities and activities that will assist RMASFAA members in developing, nurturing, and maintaining leadership skills.
4. Professional Alliance – Provide opportunities for collaboration and alliance with other professional associations, entities, and peer groups.
5. Organizational and Fiscal Responsibility – Systematically examine the role and function of the Officers, Board of Directors, and Committees to ensure that the organizational structure is sufficient to accomplish the goals of RMASFAA, represent the composition of the membership, and maintain sound fiscal strength.