PNPI

Federal Student Aid Boot Camp

July 13th- July 14th
EVENT DETAILS

BOOT CAMP LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Provide participants with an overview of the Federal Pell Grant Program, including how Pell Grants are structured and calculated;
- Review the types of federal student loans, the eligibility requirements for each type of loan, and the demographics of student loan borrowers;
- Provide an overview of student debt, including information on how much students are borrowing, which students are borrowing, and types of institutions borrowers are attending;
- Introduce participants to how a borrower’s debt and default patterns intersect with socioeconomic status, race, type of institution attended, and amount borrowed;
- Increase participants’ understanding of the federal student aid repayment programs; and
- Deepen participants’ understanding of federal student loan servicing.

EVENT AGENDA

Thursday, July 13

8:30–9:00am  Breakfast & Registration

9:00–9:30am  Welcome

Speaker: Betsy Prueter, Postsecondary National Policy Institute (PNPI)

9:30–11:00am  Applying for Financial Aid/Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

Speaker: Jackie Cottom, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) & Nalia Medina, NASFAA

This session will explain what the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is, review why it is important, and consider how it might be simplified. It will also provide participants an opportunity to experience a simulation on the EFC formula and how it is calculated.

11:00–11:15am  Break

11:15am–12:30pm  The Federal Pell Grant Program

Speaker: Tia Caldwell, New America

This session will provide an overview of the Federal Pell Grant Program, including how Pell Grants are structured and calculated; what the characteristics of Pell Grant recipients are by income, race, gender and institution; recent changes to the program; and the impact of these changes on recipients.

12:30–1:30pm  Lunch

1:30–2:45pm  Federal Student Loans

Speaker: Rachelle Feldman, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

This session will review the types of federal student loans that are available, the eligibility requirements for each type of loan, and the demographics of student loan borrowers. It will also provide an overview of the campus-based federal aid programs.
2:45–3:00pm  Break

3:00–4:15pm  Leg 101: The Legislative Process: An Insider’s Perspective

Speaker: MaryEllen McGuire, PNPI & Emmanuel Guillory, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU)

During this session, the legislative process will be presented through the eyes of former congressional staff.

4:15–4:30pm  Close

Speaker: Betsy Prueter, PNPI

Friday, July 14

8:30–9:00am  Breakfast & Registration

9:00–9:15am  Welcome

Speaker: Betsy Prueter, PNPI

9:15–10:30am  Student Loan Debt & Default

Speaker: Ellie Bruecker, The Institute for College Access & Success (TICAS) & Mark Huelsman, The Hope Center at Temple University

This panel will provide an overview of student debt, including information on how much students are borrowing, which students are borrowing, the types of institutions borrowers are attending, and how the likelihood of repayment or default varies by individual student. Panelists will also discuss student loan delinquency and default.

10:30–10:45am  Break

10:45am–12:00pm  Federal Repayment Programs

Speakers: Lexi West, Pew Charitable Trusts & James Bergeron, National Council of Higher Education Resources (NCHER)

This panel will provide an overview of the current federal student loan repayment plans and their strengths and weaknesses. It will also give participants an opportunity to interact with the various repayment plans using the Department of Education’s Loan Simulator.

12:00–1:00pm  Lunch

1:00–2:15pm  Loan Servicing 101

Speakers: James Bergeron, NCHER & Scott Miller, retired

This panel will provide an overview of federal student loan servicing including the roles, responsibilities, and scope of the current loan servicers.

2:15–2:30pm  Break

2:30–3:30pm  FSA Q&A with Experts

This session will provide an interactive experience to further discuss Federal Student Aid topics.

3:30–3:40pm  Break
3:40–4:00pm  Wrap Up & Adjourn