



COMPLIANCE UPDATE
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CONFERENCES

Registration is now open for the following events. Each conference provides varied opportunities for training and professional development, networking with colleagues and assistance from industry experts.

The [MASFAA 2016 Annual Conference](#) is scheduled for Oct. 2 - 5, 2016, at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown in Kansas City, Mo. The Midwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators is a regional organization that represents members from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Conference sessions are divided into tracks on Financial Literacy, Professional Development, Compliance, Best Practices and Business Solutions. The conference theme this year is “Fountains of Knowledge”.

The [2016 NCHER Knowledge Symposium](#) is to be held at the Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel in Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 7 - Nov. 9, 2016. The National Council of Higher Education Resources holds this yearly conference for state, nonprofit and for-profit organizations such as lenders, servicers, guaranty agencies, collection agencies, financial literacy providers and schools. NCHER represents its members on public policy initiatives with the legislative, executive and regulatory branches of the federal government. Information will be shared at the event on recent changes to statutes and regulations governing federal student loan, grant and private loan programs, as well as upcoming trends in the financial aid industry.

The [2016 Federal Student Aid Training Conference](#) *for Financial Aid Professionals* will be Nov. 29 - Dec. 2, 2016 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, Georgia. This free training conference is designed for financial aid professionals that work for schools receiving Title IV funds. Attendees have an opportunity to; learn more about federal regulations and new legislation passed by Congress, interact with federal subject matter experts, network with peers and colleagues regarding industry best practices, and gain hands-on experience using student loan data systems. Sessions range from learning the basics of Title IV processing to more in depth compliance issues. The Open Forums and Birds-of-a-Feather sessions give financial aid administrators the opportunity to ask questions of USDE staff, as well as offer comments and suggestions about financial aid issues they may be experiencing.

While registration is not yet open for the [Fall 2016 MASFAP Conference](#), it is scheduled for Dec. 12 - 14, 2016 at the Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, Mo. Check back for more information on this conference sponsored by the Missouri Association for Financial Aid Professionals.