



EASFAA Elections Candidate Statement 2024-2025

Name:	Christine Forgie
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Title:	Managing Assistant Director of Financial Aid

Statement of Candidacy (in 300 words or less)	<p>As a seasoned higher education administrator with a robust background in financial aid, student services, and financial management, I am excited to submit my candidacy for the position of EASFAA Treasurer. With a career spanning financial aid, institutional finance, and student account management, I bring both a strong financial acumen and a deep commitment to supporting the development and success of my colleagues in the field.</p> <p>In my current role as Managing Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Ramapo College of New Jersey, I manage complex financial processes and ensure compliance with federal and state regulations, while also overseeing budgeting, reconciliation, and cash management for a diverse student population. My experience includes extensive involvement in budget management, resource allocation, and policy development, all of which are critical to the effective operation of an association like EASFAA. Additionally, my former role as Treasurer for the American Federation of Teachers Local 6375 Unit has provided me with invaluable experience in managing organizational finances, overseeing audits, and working closely with leadership to ensure transparency and financial integrity.</p> <p>I am committed to EASFAA's mission of advancing professional development through training, advocacy, and leadership opportunities. As Treasurer, I would work diligently to ensure the association's financial health, sustainability, and</p>
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	<p>transparency, making certain that resources are used effectively to meet the needs of our membership. I also understand the importance of collaboration and would seek to foster strong communication among EASFAA’s leadership and members to ensure that we are maximizing our financial resources to provide high-quality programming and support.</p> <p>EASFAA’s vision of empowering financial aid professionals resonates deeply with my own professional values, and I am excited about the opportunity to serve in a capacity where I can help shape the future of our association. I look forward to contributing my experience, expertise, and dedication to the role of Treasurer, working alongside the Board to achieve our collective goals.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
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<p>EASFAA Related Activities:</p>	<p>EASFAA LEADS – Leadership Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EASFAA CONNECTS – Professional Mentorship Program
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<p>Other Association Activities (State, Other Regional or NASFAA):</p>	<p>National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NASFAA Rapid Response Network• NASFAA National Conference Mentor NJ Council of Community Colleges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning Innovations Committee
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Awards, Honors, Recognitions:	
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