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Dear NASSGAP,

Now is the time to renew your annual membership dues for the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs (NASSGAP) for 2017-2018.  The annual dues amount of $1,000 covers membership for all staff of your agency or organization.

NASSGAP members possess comprehensive knowledge and experience in the administration of state programs, including grants, loans, early intervention programs, college savings plans, prepaid tuition programs, and other funding opportunities.

Membership in NASSGAP is a valuable resource for your organization as evidenced by the following list of opportunities and services:

* Annual conference offers timely information and networking opportunities.
* Annual Survey of State Financial Aid Programs
* NASSGAP Listserv provides a platform for discussing issues related to state and federal student financial aid with state financial aid agency colleagues.
* Federal Relations Committee and Washington, DC liaison advocates on behalf of the states with appropriate officials in Washington, DC, including ED, Capitol Hill and education associations. NASSGAP leadership has been invited to meetings with majority and minority Education committee staff in both the Senate and House, as well as to meetings at the White House to provide state perspectives on potential higher education initiatives and legislation.
* Federal Relations Committee and Washington, DC liaison provide regular updates and answer questions on federal issues important to state financial aid programs.
* ED/Technical Forms Committee coordinates representation of the states’ needs and concerns regarding FAFSA design with members of NASSGAP serving on the USDE FAFSA design advisory committee.
* NASSGAP’s website provides public access to information about scheduled conferences, the membership directory (including current board members and committee chairs), research, and survey results.
* NASSGAP’s website provides “members only” access to the NASSGAP Virtual Office, where members can query stored data and post poll questions and surveys directly to the membership.

An invoice is attached for your use in processing your dues payment.  Please make your check payable to "NASSGAP" and mail it to NASSGAP Treasurer Mark French at the address printed on the attached invoice. To attend the NASSGAP annual conference, membership dues must be paid in advance or with your conference registration payment.

Your support is appreciated.  If you have questions or need additional information regarding NASSGAP membership or dues, please contact me at jrogers@mississippi.edu.

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