

## **Candace Cummins**

### **Vice President of Training Candidate**

#### **Statement of Candidacy:**

I am honored to be nominated for Vice President of Training. Since entering the field of financial aid, KASFAA has played a significant role in my professional development. From attending conferences, webinars, and attending NASFAAU sessions presented by folks in our community, without these resources, I would not be adept in the skills I have gained to succeed and grow in my career.

I find an immense amount of value in KASFAA's mission and the work that is done to provide financial aid administrators-- from all levels and regions of the state, with training and resources to be knowledgeable, innovative, and efficient. It would be a pleasure to extend the same helping hand to others in this role that I have had throughout my career.

Thank you for considering my candidacy! I look forward to serving our organization further this year.

#### **Education:**

Associates of Art, Bluegrass Community & Technical College

Bachelor of Art, University of Kentucky

Bluegrass Community & Technical College Workforce Solutions, SQL Certification  
(Introduction & Intermediate)

#### **Relevant Work Experience:**

Senior Analyst, Financial Aid Systems: August 2023 - Present, Eastern Kentucky University

Senior Counselor, Financial Aid: May 2022 - August 2023, Eastern Kentucky University

Financial Aid Manager, February 2022 – May 2022, Eastern Kentucky University

Prior to working in higher education, I was a Retail Operations Manager & Training Specialist in the private sector from October 2014 through February 2022.

**KASFAA Service:**

Member since 2022; Communication Chair 2025-2026; Conference Committee Member 2024-2026 Outreach Committee Member 2024-2026; NASFAA U Presenter (Campus-Based Programs).

**SASFAA member since 2022**

SASFAA New Aid Officer Workshop 2023

SASFAA Leadership Symposium 2025

**NASFAA member since 2022****NASFAA U Credentials:**

Administrative Capability, Application Process, Campus-Based Programs, Consumer Information, Cost of Attendance, Direct Loans, Federal Pell Grant Program, Packaging & Aid Notification, Professional Judgment, Return of Title IV Funds, Satisfactory Academic Progress, Student Eligibility