



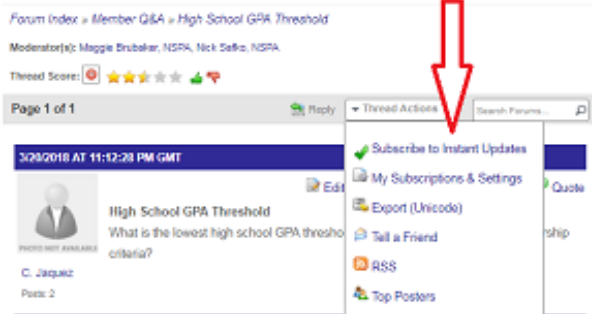
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The NSPA [Member Q&A Forum](#) offers a **weekly digest** of the most recent topics submitted to the forum so you can **stay up-to-date with all the questions** and answers from the membership.

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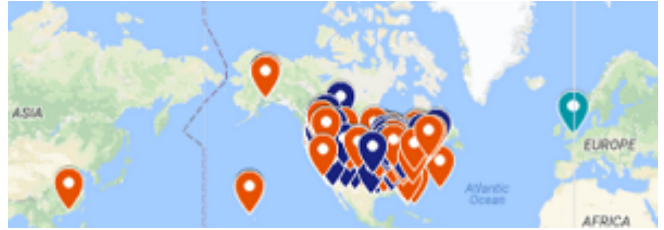
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New Website Feature!

The NSPA website now features an [interactive map](#)! This new tool allows users to filter by member type, and navigate directly to our members' websites. Click [here](#) to visit the map!



Webinars

Can't attend the live event? All registrants will receive a recording the day after the program.

Title: Supporting Undocumented Students for College Success

Date: Wednesday, April 4, 12pm-1pm MT

Description: TheDream.US – the nation's largest scholarship fund for undocumented immigrant youth – will discuss how scholarship programs can serve this student population regardless of DACA status, & how to talk to donors to support this work. We will present ways we can support these students' college experience, & discuss the challenges & possibilities in ensuring our students are thriving in college & their communities despite these uncertain times.

[Register Here](#)

Presenters: Tania Wilcox, Director of College Partnerships at TheDream.US & C&y Marshall, President at TheDream.US

Learning Circles

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Outside Providers & Institutions Joint Learning Circle

Topic: Outside Scholarship Providers and Higher Education Institutions Coming Together to Discuss Student-Centered Solutions for Financial Aid Literacy and Awarding Practices

Date: Thursday, April 19, 12pm-1pm MT

Description: Join us for an informative session bringing together outside scholarship providers, college & universities, and partner organizations to learn about student-centered solutions around financial aid literacy and awarding practices. Come learn about pain points faced by various participating parties in the financial aid process with a focus on highlighting what our peers in this space are doing to meet students where they're at and facilitating the awarding process. Participants will hear best practices and resources to bring back to their teams.

[Register Here](#)

Facilitators: Ellen Barbour, Associate Director in the Division of Financial Aid at Purdue University, Ninfa Murillo, Retention Officer at the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, and Jodie Koszegi, Scholarship Program Director at The Terry Foundation

New Resources

Community Foundations Learning Circle Recruiting, Training, and Retaining Volunteers

- [Learning Circle Recording](#)
- [Learning Circle PowerPoint](#)

Public Charities Learning Circle Alumni Programming - Best Practices Around Tracking and Engaging Alumni

- [Learning Circle Recording](#)
- [Learning Circle Notes](#)

Colleges & Universities Learning Circle Evaluating & Sharing Need-Based Criteria in Scholarship Awarding

- [Webinar Recording](#)
- [EFC Questions for Non-Residents](#)

Promotional Webinar by Scholarship America: Where's the Student in All This?

- [Webinar Recording](#)
- [PowerPoint PDF](#)

Federal Government Bans Sharing of FAFSA Data - An Update for Scholarship Providers & Institutions

- [Webinar Recording](#)
- [Webinar PowerPoint](#)
- [Webinar Q&A](#)
- [The Ford Family Foundation Scholarship Office Packaging Form](#)
- [Gates Millennium Scholars Information Sheet](#)

Scholarship Community Announcements

Members receive four free announcements per year in this weekly e-news blast. If you would like to share an announcement with the membership, email Nick Safko at nsafko@scholarshipproviders.org.

DirectTextbook.com 2018 High School Senior Scholarship Essay Contest

Award amounts:

\$3000 - first place

\$1000 - second place

\$500 - third place

Application deadline date: [May 4th, 2018](#)

Description: In 500 words or less write a response to the following question: "What is self-esteem? What role does self-esteem play in your life?" Applications will not be accepted after [May 4th, 2018](#). Once the contest is closed, all

essays will be reviewed. The winners of each award will be notified by email on or before June 8th, 2018. Applicant must be: Current US citizen, a current high school senior, & have a most recent GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Click [here](#) for more information or to apply.

What We're Reading

[Schumer Urges DeVos to Change Financial-Aid Data Policy Impacting Say Yes to Education Scholarship Payments](#)

Business Journal News Network

U.S. Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer is calling for U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos to change a policy that is preventing students from getting financial-aid data they need to give private-scholarship providers for payments.

[The State of Opportunity in America](#)

Center for Advancing Opportunity

This report is based on the initial phases of a new initiative by the Center for Advancing Opportunity, the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF), the Charles Koch Foundation and Koch Industries, in collaboration with Gallup.

[Signature Report 14 State Supplement: Completing College: A State-Level View of Student Completion Rates](#)

National Student Clearinghouse Research Center

In the state supplement to our sixth annual report on national college completion rates, we take a state-by-state look at the six-year outcomes for students who began postsecondary education in fall 2011.

[Record Numbers of College Students Are Seeking Treatment for Depression and Anxiety — But Schools Can't Keep Up](#)

Time

Not long after Nelly Spigner arrived at the University of Richmond in 2014 as a Division I soccer player and aspiring surgeon, college began to feel like a pressure cooker.

[Congress's Budget for Higher Ed, by the Numbers](#)

Inside Higher Ed

Most student aid programs would see increases approaching 15 percent, science agencies more modest but still significant boosts.



Career Center

[Visit our Career Center](#) to view all current job postings.

New Postings:

- [Regional Partnerships Director](#), College Track, New Orleans, LA
- [Scholarship & Grants Manager](#), National Society of High School Scholars, Atlanta, GA
- [Program Manager, Financial Aid Services](#), College Success Foundation, Bellevue, WA
- [Traditional & College Savings Account/Match Scholarship Recipient Coord.](#), Kansas City Scholars, Kansas City, MO



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