

**Selected Agenda Topics
from Recent Student Financial Aid Research Network (SFARN) Conferences**

- Merit Based Financial Aid: Antecedents, Present Landscape & Future Direction
- Findings from a National Survey of College-Qualified Students
- Does Financial Aid Impact Collegiate Success: The Effects of the Gates Millennium Scholars Program on Academic Performance and Behaviors
- Measuring the Effectiveness of Student Aid (MESA)
- Aversion to Borrowing
- Institutional Merit Grants: What Can Students Learn from College Websites
- The Marketing of Merit Aid: Flagship Response to State Merit Aid Programs
- Academic Competitiveness & SMART Grants: The First Year
- Undergraduate Borrowing & Enrollment Beyond the BA
- Pumping the STEM Laborforce: An Examination of Doctoral Students in the STEM Fields
- From Aspirations to Action: The Role of Middle School Parents in Making the Dream of College a Reality
- Paying for Persistence: Final Results of an Incentive Scholarship Program for Low-Income Parents Attending Community College
- Promoting College Enrollment for Parents: Unintended Benefits of State Grant Programs
- Information Sharing Could Help Institutions Identify & Address Challenges Some Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Face
- Financial Aid at the California Community Colleges in 2003-04
- Potholes on the Road to College: Financial and Non-Financial Barriers to College Access in Chicago Public Schools
- Factors Influencing Higher Education Access & Completion for Appalachian Students, 1992 & 2008
- Tackling Drop-out Rates in Community Colleges
- Lessons from the Dreamkeepers & Angel Fund Emergency Financial Aid Programs
- Increasing HOPE? Early Effects of the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship
- Postsecondary Access & Persistence among Vermont GEAR UP & Talent Search Participants
- Moving Beyond Access: College Success for Low-Income, First-Generation Students
- Shared Responsibility/Earned Opportunity: A new philosophy and practice for the delivery of state need-based student financial aid in Oregon
- A Closer Look at Pell Grant Recipients: College Freshmen and College Graduates
- Persistence of community college students who are Pell Grant recipients
- Paying for Persistence: Early Results of a Scholarship Program for Low-Income Parents Attending Community College
- The Criteria Evolution of West Virginia's PROMISE Scholarship Program
- Can Federal Need Analysis Be Simplified-What Do the Data Show?
- Ready, Willing and Unable: How Financial Barriers Obstruct Bachelor-Degree Attainment in Texas
- The Rise of Private Loans: What do we know and what does it mean?

- The Effect of Savings on Access and Student Loan Borrowing
- What Explains the Variation among Universities in the Prevalence of Pell Grant Recipients?
- The Influence of Financial Aid and the State Financial Aid Policy Context on College Choice Decisions of Low- and Moderate-Income Students
- The impact of state college-going policy orientation on academic preparation and college enrollment of different types of high schools
- The Power of Gift Aid in Predicting Student Retention: Results from a Recent Retention Study at IUPUI
- Estimating the influence of financial aid on academic success of low-income and minority students
- Using the Internet to access financial aid: Challenges and opportunities for low-income students
- Persistence and Attainment Rates of Students Beginning in 2003-2004 after Three Years
- Institutional Characteristics that Promote the Success of First-Generation College Students
- Does Where You Live Matter? Exploring Differences in the Canadian Student Loan Program
- State Curricular Framework Tests and Merit Scholarships in Massachusetts
- The Federal Tuition Tax Credits and Deductions: Who Benefits?
- Exploring Financial Aid Knowledge and the Impact of Financial Aid Awards among Adult Learners in Community Colleges
- The Impact of Limited Need-Based State Aid on College-Going and Persistence
- Risk Factors Associated with Difficulty in Graduating in Texas
- Undergraduate Borrowing in Minnesota
- Equitable Access for Low-Income College Students: Lessons from the Washington State Achievers Scholarship Program
- Global Debt Patterns: An International Comparison of Student Loan Burdens and Repayment Conditions
- Barriers to College: The Role of Tuition, Financial Aid, Scholastic Preparation and College Supply on College Enrollments
- What They Knew and Why It Mattered: The Financial Aid Awareness of Low-income Students of Color in Urban California High Schools
- Policies and Practices that Improve Graduation Rates for Low-Income Students at Large Public Colleges and Universities
- Retrenchment, Recovery: State Higher Education Funding and Student Financial Aid
- State Early Commitment Financial Aid Programs
- Kentucky: Merit Aid Matures to Compliment Need-Based Aid
- The First Cohort of Tennessee Merit-Based Scholarship Recipients
- A 15 Year Follow-up Study of State Grant Recipients in Iowa
- Findings from the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study: 2004
- Federal Student Aid and the Sub-Baccalaureate Completion of Low-Income and Adult-Learner Students
- College Access Policies: Aspirations, Preparation, and Affordability
- Independent Undergraduates: 1999-2000
- Private Scholarship Aid: Does It Make a Difference
- Student Debt: How Much Education Debt Is Too Much?
- Global Higher Education Report: Affordability and Accessibility in Comparative Perspective
- Who? When? Where? How Many? How Much? Estimating Impact of Federal Student Aid Proposals
- The HEA Reauthorization: Priorities of Higher Education Policy Analysts and Researchers
- Assessing the Impact of Institutional Grants or Price Discounts
- Who Is Knocking at the College Door?

- Students with Disabilities in Postsecondary Education
- Defaults by Degree
- Florida's Bright Futures Scholarship Program: A Baseline Evaluation
- Adopting and Implementing the University of North Carolina Grant Program
- Retention Strategies at HBCUs and Their Effects on Cohort Default Rates
- The Effects of Race, Class, Gender, and Aid on Where Students Graduate
- The Experiences of Recent Alumni from Tribal Colleges and HBCUs
- Deeper in Debt: The Impact of Increased Debtload on Student Persistence
- Low-Income Students: Who They Are and How They Pay for Their Education
- Institutional Aid in the 1990s: The Consequences of Policy Connections
- Assessing the Effectiveness of State Grants in Indiana
- Enhancing Participation in Postsecondary Education: The New State Scholarship Goal
- The Stopout Story: First-Year College Leavers Who Return Within Five Years
- Increasing College Access or Just Increasing Debt? The Problem with Raising Student Loan Limits
- Financial Aid Is Not Enough: Improving the Odds of College Success
- How Women and People of Color Pay for College
- The Role of Parents in College Financing and Enrollment
- Student Credit Card Use: The Perils of Plastic
- State Merit Grants: Do They Promote Access to Higher Education?
- The Impact of State Merit-based Aid on College Enrollment
- For All Who Have Interest and Potential to Learn: Perspectives of New Jersey Part-Time Students
- Illinois Initiatives to Meet the Needs of Adult Learners