

The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), founded in 1937, is an organization of more than 25,000 professionals from around the world dedicated to serving students as they make choices about pursuing postsecondary education. NACAC's new mission and vision position the association centrally in the professional lives of its members and as an advocate for a more accessible and equitable future for higher education.

NACAC's main priorities

- **Creating and sustaining student- and equity-centered admission policies at colleges and universities:** Creating policies that eliminate long-standing, systemic barriers to inclusion of traditionally under-represented students by developing admission and financial aid practices with an equity focus.
- **Maintaining and encouraging ethical practices in college admission counseling:** Ensuring that college admission counseling practices are developed and implemented ethically and with a student-centered focus. NACAC's *Guide to Ethical Practices in College Admission* serves as the basis for best practice in college advising, recruitment, and admission.
- **Advocating for school counselors and college advisors to support under-served students:** Hiring, training, and equipping school counselors and college advisors to ensure equitable access to college awareness and preparation for all secondary school students.

In the 117th Congress, NACAC supports:

- **Title IV- A funding:** We support full funding and the successful implementation of the Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) grants under Title IV-A of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The Title IV-A coalition calls on Congress to fund \$2 billion for FY23 to ensure that districts have access to programs for safe and healthy students, provide students with a well-rounded education, and increase the effective use of technology in our nation's schools.
- **Double Pell Grant:** We support the administration's plan to invest in our nation's students by doubling the maximum Pell Grant program and protecting the long-term viability of the program.
- **Increase mental health support:** We support the administration's plan to provide \$1 billion to hire school counselors and school psychologists and increasing mental support to students.
- **GEAR UP & TRIO funding:** We support the administration's plan of \$30 million increase for GEAR UP and separately \$160 million increase for TRIO funding above FY2022 levels.
- **5 Cents for ED funding:** We support spending 5 cents on the federal dollar (#5Cents4edfunding) on education. NACAC, through its membership in the Committee for Education Funding (CEF), seeks to increase education investments to five cents on the federal budget dollar.
- **Passage of DREAM Act:** We support the DREAM Act, which would provide a path to higher education and citizenship for qualified undocumented students.