

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between

State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO)

And

National Association of State Approving Agencies (NASAA)

I. PURPOSE:

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is entered into between the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association, 3035 Center Green Drive Suite 100 Boulder, CO 80301, and the National Association of State Approving Agencies (NASAA), James Monroe Building, 101 North 14th Street, Richmond, VA 23219, collectively referred to as the "Parties." This MOA sets forth a structure in which both entities will work in a mutually beneficial manner on a common mission to serve America's Veterans, their family members, and survivors.

SHEEO and NASAA, through collaboration and coordination, will encourage a seamless approach to increased awareness of the accessibility of education and training opportunities for the Veterans they serve.

SHEEO and NASAA share a common goal to promote and safeguard quality education and training. The hallmarks of this relationship will be effective communication, exchange of ideas and information, identification of emerging needs, and continuous reevaluation of existing programs.

II. BACKGROUND:

State Higher Education Executive Officers Association

The State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO) serves the chief executives of statewide governing, policy, and coordinating boards of postsecondary education and their staffs. Founded in 1954, SHEEO promotes an environment that values higher education and its role in ensuring the equitable education of all Americans, regardless of race/ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic factors. Together with its members, SHEEO aims to achieve this vision by equipping state higher education executive officers and their staffs with the tools to effectively advance the value of higher education, promoting public policies and academic practices that enable all Americans to achieve success in the 21st century, and serving as an advocate for state higher education leadership.

SHEEO is a membership organization that represents the executive officers of statewide governing and coordinating/policy boards whose responsibility is overseeing higher education in their state and their staffs. The state higher education executive officer (SHEEO) is the senior-most person at a state higher education agency. SHEEO has 61 member agencies representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

National Association of State Approving Agencies

State Approving Agencies (SAAs) were created during the early days of World War II after the establishment of the GI Bill of Rights. The NASAA soon formed and assisted states in developing efforts to provide approval, disapproval, and oversight of programs of education and training that could be pursued with the GI Bill. NASAA and SAAs represent a state and federal partnership that allows federal intent to be carried out at the local level while preserving the identity, interest, and sovereignty of state's rights in education.

Today, NASAA is made up of more than 50 state agencies nationwide that oversee education and training programs for veterans in their respective states and territories. The agencies review and oversee tens of thousands of programs of education and training each year in an effort to protect the integrity of the GI Bill.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES:

State Higher Education Executive Officers Association:

1. Participate in NASAA annual conferences to any extent possible.
2. Hold joint meetings that occur between SHEEO staff and NASAA executive committee members at least annually but more frequently as agreed upon by both organizations.
3. Collaborate with NASAA on legislative priorities, new initiatives, outreach, and other efforts so that veterans' interests are better served.
4. Engage with NASAA in reciprocal discussions and deliberations on potential responses and solutions to challenges faced by NASAA in the execution of its mission of which SHEEO may be of assistance.
5. Identify and share best practices that can be adopted to improve services provided to students, veterans, and their families.

National Association of State Approving Agencies:

1. Participate in the SHEEO Policy Conference to any extent possible.
2. Hold joint meetings that occur between SHEEO staff and NASAA executive committee members at least annually but more frequently as agreed upon by both organizations.
3. Collaborate with SHEEO on legislative priorities, new initiatives, outreach, and other efforts so that veterans' interests are better served.
4. Engage with SHEEO in reciprocal discussions and deliberations on potential responses and solutions to challenges faced by SHEEO in the execution of its mission of which NASAA may be of assistance.
5. Identify and share best practices that can be adopted to improve services provided to students, veterans, and their families.

IV. OBJECTIVES:

SHEEO and NASAA share a common goal to facilitate accessible, timely, and quality services for students and America's Veterans. Collaboration between the Parties will be mutually beneficial as they work together to achieve this goal. This MOA sets forth a framework of intent and cooperation between the Parties to achieve the following objectives:

1. Increase direct involvement of SHEEO and its members with NASAA and its members.
2. Increase communications between SHEEO and NASAA.

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