



# SHEEO

State Higher Education  
Executive Officers Association

## ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

### WHO WE ARE

The State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) is the national association of the chief executives of statewide governing, policy, and coordinating boards of postsecondary education. Founded in 1954, SHEEO is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. SHEEO serves its members as an advocate for state policy leadership, as a liaison between states and the federal government, as a vehicle for learning from and collaborating with peers, as a manager of multistate teams to initiate new programs, and as a source of information and analysis on educational and public policy issues.

SHEEO seeks to advance public policies and educational practices to achieve more widespread access to and completion of higher education, more discoveries through research, and more applications of knowledge that improve the quality of human lives and enhance the public good.

### WHO WE SERVE

SHEEO serves the chief executives of statewide governing, policy, and coordinating boards of postsecondary education and their staffs.

### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

# 1

*Serve and support SHEEO membership by developing, connecting, informing, and guiding SHEEO agencies.*

# 2

*Contribute to thought leadership in the field on salient higher education issues.*

# 3

*With its membership, advocate the value of higher education and the critical role of state-level higher education leaders.*

### SHEEO VISION

Together with its members, SHEEO will promote 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.

### SHEEO MISSION

We aim to achieve our vision by equipping state higher education executive officers and their staffs with the tools to effectively advance the value of higher education; we promote public policies and academic practices that enable Americans to achieve success in the 21st century; and we serve as an advocate for state higher education leadership.

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## SHEEO MEMBERS

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SHEEO represents the executive officers of statewide governing and coordinating/policy boards responsible for overseeing higher education in their state. SHEEO has 62 members representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Northern Mariana Islands. SHEEO is made up of 35 coordinating/policy boards and 27 governing boards. See a list at: <https://sheeo.org/membership/our-members/>.

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## CONSTITUENCY GROUPS

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SHEEO hosts regular virtual meetings of constituent groups among SHEEO agency staff. Convenings of agency leadership from these areas include guest speakers, professional development, and the opportunity for collaboration and problem-solving with colleagues from other states. Constituent groups often meet in person one time a year, at the annual SHEEO Higher Education Policy Conference. SHEEO agency staff members who wish to be a part of any of the following groups should reach out to the main contact of the group that best fits their role.

### ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS

- Meetings held quarterly
- John Lane, [jlane@sheeo.org](mailto:jlane@sheeo.org)

### COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICERS

- Meetings held bi-monthly
- Jessica Duren, [jduren@sheeo.org](mailto:jduren@sheeo.org)

### EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION OFFICERS

- Meetings held bi-monthly
- John Lane, [jlane@sheeo.org](mailto:jlane@sheeo.org)

### FINANCE AND BUDGET OFFICERS

- Meetings held bi-monthly
- Dustin Weeden, [dweedn@sheeo.org](mailto:dweedn@sheeo.org)

### GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OFFICERS

- Meetings held monthly
- Tom Harnisch, [tharnisch@sheeo.org](mailto:tharnisch@sheeo.org)

### RESEARCH AND DATA OFFICERS

- Meetings held quarterly
- Christina Whitfield, [cwhitfield@sheeo.org](mailto:cwhitfield@sheeo.org)

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## MEMBERSHIP QUERIES

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One of SHEEO's member services is to conduct surveys and queries of our members; findings are only available to SHEEO members and their staffs. Visit [sheeo.org/membership/queries/](https://sheeo.org/membership/queries/) to see queries conducted over the past several months. Topics of recent inquiries include:

- ChatGPT/Artificial Intelligence
- Program Termination Authority
- Transfer and Articulation Systems
- Teacher Workforce Shortage
- State Authorization Processes
- Cost of Living Estimates for Financial Aid Purposes

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF CURRENT WORK

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### ASAP|ACE REPLICATION

SHEEO and the City University of New York (CUNY) are collaborating to replicate their Accelerated Study in Associate Programs (ASAP) | Accelerate, Complete, and Engage (ACE) programs that were designed to break down barriers to degree completion, particularly for CUNY's low-income students.

### SHEEO MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Membership Report provides a view of various member characteristics, including agency-level data, agency senior leadership demographics, and SHEEO-specific data.

### STATE HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCE (SHEF):

The SHEF report provides in-depth analysis of the trends in higher education finance on state and national levels.

### STRONG FOUNDATIONS

The Strong Foundations project seeks to understand the state of postsecondary data systems. Multiple iterations of the survey and associated reports document the content, capacity, and effective use of state postsecondary data systems.

### STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

SHEEO and The Jed Foundation (JED) are helping states advance whole student support by developing and implementing state- and system-wide policy recommendations that bolster institutions' ability to effectively promote and support student mental health.

### OTHER PROJECTS:

- FAFSA Simplification
- Pell Grants for Prison Education
- Direct Admissions

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## SHEEO EVENTS

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### COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

SHEEO hosts Communities of Practice events twice a year focused on increasing the capacity and utilization of state postsecondary data systems. The convenings provide a forum for states to work on solutions to common issues with those systems. State teams gather for in-person workshops to reflect and problem-solve. SHEEO composes a white papers from information gathered throughout the Communities of Practice to help other states scale ideas in their own states.

### HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY CONFERENCE

SHEEO's annual Policy Conference highlights crucial issues and policy considerations states need to address to build and sustain excellent systems of higher education. Attendees include SHEEO state agency executives, leaders from national higher education policy organizations, institutions, state and federal governments, and vendors. This conference is open to the public.

### ANNUAL MEETING

The SHEEO Annual Meeting is intended for the CEOs of state higher education boards and commissions in the United States and attracts leaders of national and regional organizations with which states work. The meeting emphasizes the discussion of key state and national higher education policy issues and relationship building.



## FEDERAL POLICY PRIORITIES FOR FY 2024

SHEEO, together with our members, is focused on six main federal policy priorities for 2024.

1. Make College More Affordable
2. Strengthen Institutional Capacity
3. Increase College Access and Student Success
4. Create a High-Skilled Workforce and Grow the Economy
5. Improve Institutional Quality and Strengthen Accountability
6. Build an Equity-Focused Research and Data Infrastructure

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## ONLINE RESOURCES

### **SHEEO.ORG**

- Publications
- Current and Completed Work
- Members
- Executive Committee
- Staff
- Events
- News

### **SHEF.SHEEO.ORG**

- State Higher Education Finance Report
- SHEF State Profiles
- SHEF Insights and Briefs
- Grapevine Report

### **POSTSECONDARYDATA.SHEEO.ORG**

- Strong Foundations Survey Results
- Communities of Practice Reports, Presentations, and Resources

## SIGN UP FOR COMMUNICATION

SHEEO members can subscribe to receive email communication on a variety of topics. Sign up online to subscribe to our daily higher education policy update, weekly policy update, monthly member newsletter, and press releases. Click the "Sign Up" button at the bottom of any page on [sheeo.org](http://sheeo.org).

To receive updates about the State Higher Education Finance report, briefs, and insights, click "Join our mailing list" on any page at [shef.sheeo.org](http://shef.sheeo.org).