



2021-2022

The Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, Inc.

ILASFAA CANDIDATE ACCEPTANCE

**Name of Candidate:
Aesha Engeldinger**

**Candidate is running for the office of:
Chicago Regional Coordinator**

**Candidate's EDUCATION background -- degree, institution, year (year is optional):
Bachelor of Arts, Music, Music Business emphasis—University of the Pacific
Master of Education, Higher Education emphasis—Loyola University Chicago**

**Candidate's PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (please list current position first):
Associate Director of Policy, DePaul University
Assistant Director, Illinois Institute of Technology
Senior Financial Aid Counselor, Illinois Institute of Technology
Financial Aid Counselor, Illinois Institute of Technology
Housing & Residential Services Administrative Assistant, Illinois Institute of Technology**

Candidate's PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES – years and activities:

ILASFAA member: 2011-present

- Executive Vice President, 2017-18
- Chicago Regional Coordinator, 2016-17
- Committees served: Diversity Issues (chair, 2014-15); Membership (chair, 2015-16); Training & Professional Development; Electronic Communications; Governance; College Access & Preparation

MASFAA member: 2013-present

- Committees served: Access (co-chair, 2019-21); Summer Institute (co-chair, 2017-18); Communications and Electronic Initiatives

NASFAA member: 2011-present

- Task Force memberships: Assisting Displaced Students Working Group, 2016-18
- Credential test question review, 2020; 2021
- Author: You're the Director, 2021

What contribution do you envision ILASFAA making to the profession?

I think ILASFAA's contribution is in cultivating an engaged body of financial aid professionals in the state of Illinois. We are intelligent, opinionated, creative, passionate... all excellent qualities in a profession that is tasked with access and equity in higher education.

How would you support financial aid professionals as we move into the future for ILASFAA?

I love having the chance to bounce thoughts and ideas off of my colleagues in financial aid. The work that we are doing, and the environment in which we do it (institutional, social, political, etc.) is ever-evolving, and I want to support my colleagues in whatever

way I might be able to make sure they feel they have the tools and knowledge needed, and the support from others in this field, to support students in all the ways we can.