



Since 2001

GOAL OF FAPSA

**TO PROMOTE THE BEST PRACTICE FOR STUDENT
FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATION IN THIS FIELD OF
SERVICE**

OBJECTIVES OF FAPSA

- **Promote professionalism of practitioners**
- **National forum to discuss student funding**
- **Promote development and leadership**
- **Serve the interest of donors and students**

OBJECTIVES OF FAPSA: Cont.

- **Promote programs of student financial aid**
- **Facilitate communication between donor and student**
- **Promote research, conferences and workshops.**
- **Analyse and review IT system enhancement**

- **RECAP Since 2009**

- Why 2009?
- Answer:
- This was the first year when FAO's requested NSFAS to develop a Central Application System for Financially and Academically deserving students.
- We as FAPSA believed that by developing this system, that we would be able to eliminate fraud within the industry and ensure that funding would reach the correct student

- **2010**
- Discussions relating to the Central On Line Application system were swept aside and NSFAS indicated that they did not have the capacity or IT Infrastructure to develop a centralised system that would benefit the industry.
- Instead, we were introduced to a full roll out plan of the NCA (National Credit Act)

- **2011**
- **We celebrated our 10th Anniversary as FAPSA and the conference focused on a decade of learning experiences.**
- **The heated debate topic at the conference however, was the full roll out of the NCA and the role of the FAO's**
- **All FAO's present at the conference were given a full briefing of what the NCA entailed.**
- **Later in the year, NSFAS ran a workshop on what they called the FAO On-line link**
- **The FAO On Line link however focused on the submission of claims using an online system and not the submission of NSFAS Application forms by students who wanted to apply for Financial Assistance....**

- **2012**
- **We looked at redefining student financial aid in Higher Education and Training**
- **Access to student financial aid – linking student financial aid with admission, retention and academic support – is this viable model?**
- **Working with students and student governance in delivering an optimum financial aid services**
- **During this conference the FAO On Line Link crashed and later in the year we received official communication stating that the system has been discontinued with immediate effect**

- **2013**
- **FAPSA had to shift its focus and the theme of the conference focused on the “Rise of a New Era”**
- **NSFAS presented the Central Application System**
- **The focus was on the development and the implementation of the Central Application System.**
- **This without a doubt was one of most debated conferences we had to date....**

- **2014**
- **We as FAPSA “Embraced Change”**
- **This was also the first year that NSFAS decided to withdraw from the FAPSA Conference...**
- **NSFAS implemented the pilot of the Central Application system without consulting its key stakeholders, the FAO’s.**
- **Five Institutions were chosen and despite FAPSA indicating that they did not oppose the system at the time, NSFAS continued with their own developments without further consultation of the FAO’s.....**

- **2015**
- **FAPSA decided that it was time to Rise above Change in Unity and after several meetings with NSFAS saw our trust and relationship with NSFAS being re-established.**
- **2015 saw our students going to the streets, made their voices heard, and started the #FeesMustFall campaign.**
- **Institutions were shut down for a minimum of five weeks up to a maximum of two and a half months.....**

- **2016**
- **We felt as if we hit the crossroads and thus asked the questions, “Where to next?”**
- **This was purely as a result of the #FeesMustFall Campaign and questions being raised to lack of funding being made available nationally, as well as, the so-called “Missing Middle”.**
- **More and more questions were being asked by the student masses as to promises made concerning “Free Education”**
- **A fee commission on enquiry was established and the results of the report were meant to be published at the end of June 2017**
- **Institutions were also informed of the full roll out plan of the Central Applications System by NSFAS**

- **2017**
- **The first year that all institutions were officially subjected to the Central Application System in terms of claims, submissions and processes to NSFAS.**
- **This is also the first year of the implementation of the pilot programme for the so-called, “Missing Middle”.**
- **How do we determine who forms part of the so-called, “Missing Middle?”**
- **See calc. study performed?**
- **This therefore brings us to our theme of this year’s conference:**
- **#Free Education and our role?**



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