



What is the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges?

FAPSC is a non-profit member organization serving career schools and colleges licensed by the Florida Department of Education Commission for Independent Education (CIE).

Our Mission: FAPSC provides leadership, support and advocacy for quality career education.

Our Values: FAPSC advocates for increased access to postsecondary education by providing students with choices that meet their needs regardless of institutional ownership. FAPSC members support professionalism, integrity and accountability and hold themselves to the highest level of ethical standards and fair practices.

Why should I join FAPSC?

FAPSC is a strong, organization of committed volunteers making a positive impact on our sector. Through membership in FAPSC, you may enjoy

- ✿ Professional development and mentoring.
- ✿ State legislative and regulatory representation.
- ✿ Networking, volunteering and career opportunities.
- ✿ Support with licensing and accreditation processes.
- ✿ Access to FAPSC communications through website, email updates and alerts.
- ✿ Access to school leaders, new friends and creative ideas.
- ✿ Friendship, memories and opportunities to serve.

How does FAPSC make a difference in the career college community?

- ✿ **Representation:** We advocate on behalf of career colleges, schools, and their students.
- ✿ **Information Access:** We provide timely updates, data reports and analysis on current trends and legislation that may affect our sector and students.
- ✿ **Continuing Education and Training:** We offer top-rated professional development conferences and online training programs and award continuing education units.
- ✿ **Promotion:** We tell Florida's private career education story: more than 1,000 licensed career schools and colleges educating over 250,000 students meet the workforce needs of Florida businesses.
- ✿ **Awards:** We honor member schools' achievements and commitment to quality education programs, student access and successful outcomes.
- ✿ **FAPSC-PAC:** Our PAC supports candidates for the Florida legislature and state offices who value and support private career education.

The Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges (FAPSC) currently works on behalf of all Florida's degree granting and non-degree granting career schools and colleges. Licensed by the state, these schools educate and prepare over 250,000 students each year for employment in more than 200 occupational fields.



How do we fund these programs?

FAPSC funds these programs through membership dues, admission fees to educational programs and sponsorships.

Who is eligible for FAPSC membership?

You may apply for FAPSC membership in one of these categories:

- **Candidate Institution** is open to any entity in their first year of licensure by the Florida Commission for Independent Education.
- **Member Institution** is open to any non – public, postsecondary educational institution in the State of Florida.
- **Associate membership** any person, representative of education, government, business or industry, or any firm, corporation, or association directly interested in the non-public postsecondary educational sector providing support, products or services can apply for membership at this level.
- **Professional member** is open to any individual employed by a member institution or has previously been employed within the past two (2) years.

Applicants for candidate institution membership complete a data sheet. FAPSC staff will verify that information with CIE and present the application to the FAPSC Board of Directors for approval.

Applicants for member institution must complete an application; provide a copy of their license to operate in the state of Florida; a copy of their current school catalog; accreditation certifications if applicable; and their dues payment. FAPSC staff will verify that the applicant is in good standing and present the application to the FAPSC Board of Directors for approval.

Applicants for associate membership submit an application and dues payment of \$550. FAPSC staff will present the application to the FAPSC Board of Directors for approval.

Applicants for professional membership submit an application and dues payment of \$50. Once payment and application has been received, FAPSC staff will present the application to the FAPSC Board of Directors for approval.

Who do I talk to if I am interested in membership in FAPSC?

If you are interested in becoming a member of FAPSC, talk with your regional representative or contact Wanda Minick, Deputy Executive Director | Director of Member Services.

Call (850) 577-3139, email wanda@FAPSC.org or visit our website www.FAPSC.org. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 13654, Tallahassee, FL 32317-3654.

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