



State Higher Education Executive Officers

~~ A Brief Profile ~~

- ❖ SHEEO is a professional association of the chief executives of:
 - 26 statewide governing boards and
 - 30 statewide coordinating boards. A few states have two boards with different functions, whose CEOs both are members of SHEEO.

- ❖ The mission of SHEEO is to assist state higher education executives and the states as they seek to develop and sustain excellent systems of higher education.

- ❖ The boards served by SHEEOs generally are responsible for advising governors and legislatures on the policies that will promote excellent higher education systems and for performing the governing and coordinating functions assigned to them by law.

- ❖ The work of 1,574 public institutions is governed or coordinated by SHEEO boards. These colleges and universities include 975 granting two-year degrees and 599 granting four-year or higher degrees. They enroll more than 10 million students, 70% of the total postsecondary education enrollment in the United States.

- ❖ Each year SHEEOs play key roles in procuring and allocating over \$60 billion in state funds for public institutions and for student assistance programs and direct grants that assist non-public institutions. State funds account for approximately 25% of all higher education revenues, roughly twice the share of federal revenues. Tuition and fees account for about 30% of all revenues, and sales and services (including hospitals and auxiliary activities), account for about 20%.

- ❖ In many states, SHEEOs confer degree-granting authority on all institutions and exercise general responsibility for state programs that assist the private and proprietary institutions that grant postsecondary degrees.



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The staff of SHEEO pursues the mission of the Association by:

- ❖ Organizing regular professional development meetings for its members and their senior staff;
- ❖ Maintaining regular systems of communication among the professional staffs of member agencies;
- ❖ Serving as a liaison between the states and the federal government, especially through the SHEEO/NCES Network, which coordinates and facilitates the collection of data about higher education in the United States, and the dissemination of information from research and policy studies;
- ❖ Studying higher education policy issues and state activities and publishing reports to inform the field;
- ❖ Providing ready access to relevant studies and publications for its members and others interested in higher education policy; and
- ❖ Implementing projects to enhance the capacity of the states and SHEEO agencies to improve higher education.

More information on SHEEO, its members, its staff, its activities, and its publications can be found on the website, www.sheeo.org.