

Diversity Reporting for Financial Aid 2017-2018

Staff in Student Affairs, Upward Bound Programs, and Branch Campuses are asked to submit an annual Diversity Report of Diversity Awareness and Engagement events, activities, programs, support services, and special initiatives.

1. **Name of reporting office** Financial Aid
2. **Year of report** 2017-18
3. **Number of special events/activities/programs/initiatives that were designed to serve diverse populations of NWOSU students, faculty, staff.** Provided financial aid information nights (explained financial aid, the process and assisted with completing FAFSA's as needed) to 12 area high schools including the Upward Bound Program. Participated in 10 Ranger Connection classes to assist freshman in understanding the financial aid.
4. **Outreach services provided which support minority student enrollment/retention.** Traveled to 11 area high schools to provide information about financial aid and NWOSU scholarships. The population was mostly high school seniors with their parents (a few juniors attend) information on who to complete the FAFSA and apply for scholarships is addressed. Assistance in completing the FAFSA is available by utilizing the high schools computer labs. The Upward Bound program host an informational evening we attend to share financial aid and scholarship information with the students and parents.
5. **English language learners—what accommodations are provided to support language differences that may impact understanding of FAFSA, Admissions forms, Student Services programs and services?** To assist we utilize the faculty members of our Foreign Language Department. We also access the Department of Education's Federal Student Aid resources web site to print information, access videos, web pages and tools (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/resources#videos-and-images>).
6. **Trainings and conferences attended by staff which focuses in whole or in part on diversity awareness and engagement.** The financial aid director and assistant directors attend the annual Oklahoma Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators conference where diversity breakout sessions are offered.