

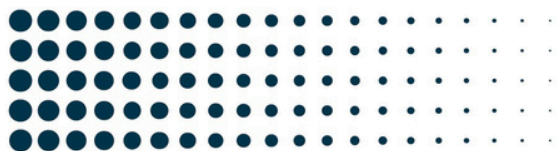


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**Topic: Navigating Financial Aid Appeals: What Practitioners
Need to Know When There's No One-Size-Fits-All**

When: Thursday, May 21, 2026, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Where: Zoom - Event is free, but you must register!

As families across Philadelphia weigh their college options, many are facing award letters that leave significant unmet need — and students are questioning whether enrollment is even possible. Yet the financial aid appeal process varies widely from campus to campus, leaving practitioners unsure how best to guide and advocate for their students.

In this session, financial aid experts will offer a candid, behind-the-scenes look at how institutions review appeals, what “strong” cases tend to include, and how professional judgment is applied differently across campuses. Rather than prescribing a single approach, this conversation will equip practitioners with the insight and strategies needed to support families through a process that is often opaque and inconsistent.

Participants will leave with clearer expectations, practical guidance, and a deeper understanding of how to help students persist through this critical stage of the college-going journey.

PRESENTERS:

Fred Stennis and **Isaiah Ellis**, Co-founders,
Navicore Partners, formerly with Federal
Student Aid Awareness & Outreach Group,
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