

FSA Training Conference

Speaker Bio

Session(s): BO10. Consumer Information and FSA Assessments

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Before joining Federal Student Aid's (FSA) Training and Information Services Group in 2020, Arva Thomas held various positions throughout FSA working with students, schools, and federal, state, and local stakeholders for more than 20 years. She spent 10 of those years working with FSA's Program Compliance team conducting program reviews, resolving deficient audits, processing recertifications, changes in ownership and mergers, and providing training and technical assistance to schools before she began spearheading internal training initiatives full time for FSA Program Compliance staff.



Now as a Training Officer, Arva presents the Fundamentals of Federal Student Aid Administration live workshops, monthly Applying for Recertification webinars, and various other topics to schools at state and regional conferences. She also develops training materials and is the voice of many FSA Coach Fundamentals lessons in the FSA Training Center. Arva has also been featured at the annual Federal Student Aid Training Conference, presenting the Program Review Essentials, Maintaining Institutional Eligibility, and Consumer Information and FSA Assessments sessions.

Training and public speaking are Arva's professional passions. Her energetic and engaging style make her a sought-after speaker and trainer. She is also a former teacher with experience at both the secondary and postsecondary levels.

Arva is a Georgia native and resides north of Atlanta with her twin teenage sons. In her spare time, she enjoys Zumba, reading, baking, painting, travel, live theatre, and spending time with family and friends.