



Scott Giles

Scott Giles is President and Chief Executive Officer at the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. Scott is an expert on federal student financial aid policy and has devoted his career to expanding access to education and training after high school students of all ages. From 2008-2009 he served as Chair of the Federal Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. He currently serves on the boards of the National Council of Community and Education Partnerships, National Council of Higher Education Resources, Education Finance Council, Vermont Higher Education Council, and the Vermont Workforce Investment Board. He serves as chair of the Vermont PreK-16 Council.

Prior to joining VSAC, Mr. Giles served as Deputy Chief of Staff of the House Committee on Science. Mr. Giles was a principal staff member on the Mathematics and Science Partnerships Act, the Tech Talent Act, the Cybersecurity Research and Development Act, the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 and the Homeland Security Act of 2002. He also served as one of the principal staff members of the Science Committee Space Shuttle Columbia accident investigation.

From 1997 to 2001, he served on the professional staff of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Mr. Giles served as the Committee's chief staff negotiator for budget and appropriations and was a principal staff member on the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 1998, and the Higher Education Amendments of 1998. Prior to joining the Committee, he worked for ten years as a Senior Associate and team leader at Cassidy & Associates where he provided government and public affairs services to colleges, universities, hospitals and non-profit organizations. From 1982-1986, he served as legislative director for the Honorable Frank Horton (R-NY).

Mr. Giles has a BA in religious studies from St. Lawrence University and an MA and PhD in religious ethics from the University of Virginia. He writes and speaks extensively on education and science policy and has been interviewed by National Public Radio, PBS, the Chronicle of Higher Education, the Economist, the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Wall Street Journal.