

National ESA Leadership Academy

The National ESA Leadership Academy is a yearlong professional learning experience for up to 25 sitting ESA CEOs. A diverse group of visionary educational leaders will engage in a combination of face-to-face and virtual learning events and activities, including international travel, designed to support their unique needs and interests as executive leaders in educational service agencies around the country.

Academy Session Schedule and Overview

**Denotes Travel Day*

Session 1: In Person	July 16* – 19, 2024 • Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale, New Haven, CT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academy Content: <i>What Leaders of Highly Successful Organizations Do Differently & Private Tour of Yale University (July 18-19)</i> Summer Leadership Conference (July 16-18)
Session 2: Virtual	August 29, 2024 • 2:00 – 4:00 PM EST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academy Content: <i>How Highly Successful Leaders Approach a Challenge & Reports from the Field</i>
Session 3: In Person	September 23*-27, 2024 • Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, Washington DC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academy Content: <i>How Highly Successful Leaders Use Advocacy to Shape Culture</i> (September 24-25, 2024 • Note: Sept. 25 AM Academy /PM Advocacy in Action Preconference) Advocacy in Action Conference (September 25-27, 2024)
Session 4: Virtual	October 24, 2024 • 2:00 – 4:00 PM EST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academy Content: <i>How Highly Successful Leaders Use Artificial Intelligence to Drive Future Outcomes & Reports from the Field</i>
Session 5: In Person	December 3* – 7, 2024 • Omni Championsgate, Orlando, FL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academy Content: <i>How Highly Successful Leaders Create and Sustain Business Development Opportunities • December 6 (PM meeting) – 7 (AM Meeting)</i> Annual Conference (December 4-6, 2024)
Session 6: Virtual	TBD January/February 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academy Content: <i>Understanding the Edge that Highly Successful Leaders Create for Themselves & Reports from the Field</i>
Session 7: In Person	TBD April 2025 (11 Days) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Trip to Singapore & South Korea: global educational systems, innovative practices, and diverse cultures. See the detailed program flyer here.
Session 8: Virtual	TBD May 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academy Content: <i>How Highly Successful Leaders Reflect to Innovate and Improve</i>
Optional	June 15-17, 2025 • Summer Leadership Academy • Austin, Texas

Participant Application, Expectations & Tuition

- Each participant must complete [this online application](#) by **April 8, 2024**, and:
 - Have at least two years of experience and is currently a CEO in an ESA.
 - Attend all virtual and in-person events, including the international trip.
 - Possess a valid passport by October 1, 2024.
- Tuition is \$13,000, which can be paid over two fiscal years, includes all academy sessions and the international travel experience
 - Each agency is responsible for covering CEO travel expenses (except the included international travel).
 - Participants receive a \$100 registration discount for AESA's annual professional learning events: the Summer Leadership Conference, the Advocacy in Action Conference, and the Annual Conference.