

2024 Granite State Leadership Academy

Application Process

The application process will begin with your submitted application, which must be submitted to the Associate Executive Director of NHSAA by **May 3, 2024**. Applicants for consideration must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Ability and willingness to commit to a multi-year program;
- 2) Outstanding leadership potential;
- 3) Commitment to move into a building or systems leadership role within the program timeframe;

Application packets must include a resume and **a letter of reference and indication of district financial support from your current superintendent.**

Applicants will need to commit to participate in the entire 3-year program for successful completion. Completed application packets must be submitted to the Executive Director of NHSAA by **May 3, 2024**.

Program Costs & Deliverables

Interested candidates will need to coordinate with central office administration or school leadership to submit a **Title II-A Reallocation grant or utilize other district funding** through their respective districts to secure funding for the program. The grant amount to be requested is **\$12,600** for each participant. This fee has not increased since the beginning of the program.

This program is intended to be both rigorous and challenging and requires a commitment on both the part of the individual participant and the sponsoring school district. We have endeavored to eliminate the major out-of-pocket expenses (such as tuition, materials, accommodations, etc.) that tend to preclude districts from participating.

However, there is still a commitment necessary from the sponsoring districts to ensure that their Academy candidates may attend the instructional sessions and conferences and will assist candidates with travel funds as appropriate and possible.

The components of the Granite State Leadership Academy will cover a three-year period.

Year One: Two (2) 2-day sessions immersing the participants in examining the first eight (8) components of the curriculum. All NHSAA sponsored professional development workshops and conferences.

Year Two: One (1) 2-day session and Three (3) 1-day sessions focusing on specific areas of finance, personnel, and special education. All NHSAA sponsored professional development workshops and conferences.

Year Three: Three (3) 1-day seminar sessions assisting Academy Fellows in preparing for a new leadership position. This may include a practicum experience if the Fellow has not changed positions within the time frame of the program. Each Fellow will be assigned a mentor if he/she has been appointed to a new leadership position. Fellows will be expected to participate in all NHSAA sponsored professional development workshops and conferences and to present at select events.

The overall 3-year program cost for each participant may be paid for through Title II re-allocation, Title I, Title II-A grant funds, or district funds. Payment plans are also available if districts need to pay annually (\$4,200/year).

The instructional program costs that will be included in the grant funding:

- Season Ticket each year to all NHSAA professional development events, which focus on the major seven (7) areas of leadership.
- All instructional program costs – i.e. books and materials
- All accommodations as necessary – i.e. hotel, meals, etc.

Travel to and from instructional sites or NHSAA conferences will be the responsibility of the individual/district, and coverage for absences (if necessary) will be the responsibility of the district.

All letters and application materials need to be scanned and emailed directly to Mr. Jerry Frew at jerry@nhsaa.org.