

## 2026 EIG Academy Application

### Contact Information

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1. **Last Name:** \*

2. **First Name:** \*

3. **Which NeighborWorks Network Organization Do You Represent?**  
**Please SPELL OUT your organization's name.**

Please do not use acronyms because NeighborWorks America has 250+ network organizations!

If you are a NeighborWorks America internal staff member, write NWA Staff. \*

4. **Email:**

Please use an email address that will accept file attachments and emails from our EIG Academy distribution list. We have found that financial institutions and some local governments do not allow emails from a distribution list. \*

### 5. Phone:

Please provide the phone number you'd prefer us to use. \*

### 6. What timezone are you located in? \*

- Alaska
- Pacific
- Mountain
- Central
- Eastern
- Other - Write In

### 7. What age group do you represent? \*

- 20-29 years old
- 30-39 years old
- 40-49 years old
- 50-59 years old
- 60+ years old
- Prefer Not to Answer

## 8. Which response best represents you? \*

- I am applying to join EIG Academy. I have not participated already and am applying to join the program for 2026-2028.
- I have already completed the 2025-2026 Academy year.

## **New Applicants: Understanding How EIG Academy Works**

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## 9. Do you understand the KICK-OFF & ORIENTATION requirements?

All participants are required to attend one EIG Academy Kick-Off & Orientation session to participate. These will be held virtually on Zoom. Tentatively, orientations are scheduled for the following times. If you are accepted into the program, you will be asked to register for the time that works best with your schedule in June.

- Wednesday 8/5, 11am-2pm ET

- Tuesday 8/18, 2-5pm ET

- Saturday 8/22, 12-3pm ET

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- Yes, I understand and agree to attend 1 virtual orientation.

**10. Do you understand and agree to attend the PRINCIPLE SEMINAR each month?** Participants are required to attend at least 7 of 9 virtual Principle Seminars, from September to May.

- Option A: 2nd Tuesdays, 12-1pm Eastern Time
- Option B: 2nd Wednesday, 4-5pm Eastern Time
- A recording is available if you are unable to attend a live Seminar

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Yes, I understand and agree to the Principle Seminar requirements

**11. Do you understand and agree to the COHORT requirements?** Participants are required to participate monthly in assigned Cohorts. Cohorts meet each month during a standing time, and participants must attend at least 6 of 9 cohort sessions.

- Assignments will be based on your indicated preferences. Those accepted into the 2026 Class will receive an email late June with more information.
- Members may have a mix of members from both the 2026 and 2025 Classes.
- Members will not be in groups with others from their organization.
- Cohort sessions are NOT recorded.

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Yes, I understand and agree to the Cohort requirements

**12. Do you understand and agree to the KNOWLEDGE CHECK requirements?** At the end of each quarter, or every 3 months, participants will complete and pass the Principle Knowledge Check by at least 80%.

- Retakes are allowed.

- Participants are required to pass all Knowledge Checks.

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Yes, I understand and agree to the Knowledge Check requirements

**13. Do you understand the optional OFFICE HOURS benefit?** Participants will have the opportunity to meet with a Governance Advisor during office hours. This time may be used to vet ideas, solve challenges, identify additional resources, and dig deeper into governance topics.

- Participants can join as they are able.

- Office hours are optional.

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Yes, I understand that Office Hours are optional

**14. Which role best represents you? \***

- Board Member
- CEO or Executive Director
- Board Support Staff
- NWA Internal Staff

**New Applicants: Board Member**

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## 22. How long have you served on this board?

If you are unsure, please estimate. \*

- Less than 1 year
- 1-2 years
- 3-4 years
- 5-8 years
- Other - Write In (Required)

## 23. What is your current board role? \*

- Member at Large / General Member
- Committee Chair
- Board President / Board Chair
- Vice President / Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Other - Write In (Required)

## 24. Why are you applying to EIG Academy?

This may include what you want to learn, experience, or accomplish. Your response is only shared with the EIG Academy Team, not with your board, peers, or organization. \*

## 25. What year does your current term end?

If you are unsure, please give your best estimate.

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- 2027
- 2028
- 2029
- 2030+

## 26. How confident are you that you understand your responsibilities as it relates to your board?

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1 - Not  
Confident



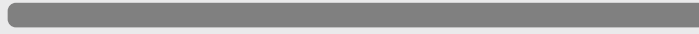
5 Very  
Confident

**27. Please rate your current effectiveness as a board member.**

**If you are a staff person, then please rate how effectively you work with the board.**

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1 - Very  
Ineffective



5 Very  
Effective

**28. Please tell us about something that you've done well as a board member.**

This may include your current board or a previous experience. \*

**29. Please tell us something you'd like to improve at as a board member. \***

**30. Did you know that NeighborWorks America requires network organizations to have Resident Representative Board Members?**

NeighborWorks America requires its network member organizations to establish and maintain a Board of Directors that reflects a partnership among resident leaders, the private business community and public officials, in which at least one-third of the Board members are low-income residents or low-income resident representatives of the NeighborWorks organization's areas served and/or beneficiary of mission-aligned activities. **Resident board members can be:**

- A resident of a low-income community within the NeighborWorks organization's areas served and/or beneficiary of its mission-aligned activities; OR
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- Yes, I did know that NeighborWorks America requires network organizations to have Resident Representative Board Members
- No, I did not that NeighborWorks America requires network organizations to have Resident Representative Board Members

**31. Do you serve as a resident representative on this board? \***

- Yes
- No
- I Don't Know

32. All board members will be assigned to a Peer Cohort that meets monthly. These small groups provide time to learn and collaborate with others. **Would you prefer to be in a cohort with other resident representative board members? \***

- Yes
- No Preference
- No

If yes to Q31 - then  
board member  
receives Q32.

### New Applicants: Chief Executives

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33. What is your title? \*

34. How long have you served in this role at your current organization? \*

- Less than 1 year
- 1-2 years
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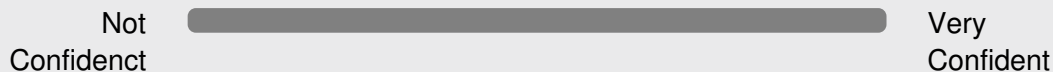
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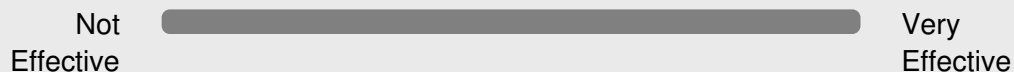
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**41. Are any resident representative board members applying to EIG Academy? \***

- Yes
- No
- I Don't Know

**42. If representative board members are applying to EIG Academy, please include their names below.**

**New Applicants: Board Support Staff**

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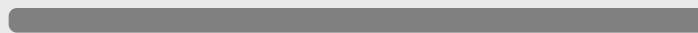
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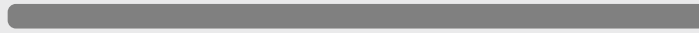
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