TENNESSEE TRUCKING ASSOCIATION

2027 LEADING E.D.G.E. APPLICATION

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IMPORTANT PROGRAM INFORMATION

The objective of Leading EDGE is to help develop the next generation of leadership of trucking in the state of Tennessee.

Application Deadline: December 15th 2026

- Applicants from motor carrier fleet members and allied members will be selected to participate in the 2027 Leading EDGE class.
- The price is $1750 for the year.
- Applicants must be employed by a TTA member in good standing.
- There is no age limit for applicants.
- Applicants should complete each section in full. Only completed applications will be accepted.
- Submit an online application **here** or email the application to khupp@tntrucking.org. Applications may also be mailed to Tennessee Trucking Association, 4531 Trousdale Dr, Nashville, TN 37402
- Applicants are responsible for their travel costs and tuition.
- $1,750 Program tuition must be paid in full before Orientation.
- Program tuition to include professional headshots and annual convention fee.
- Program participants will be required to volunteer for 2 TTA events, such as the Truck Driving Championships, Technician Skills Competition, Haulin' for the Holidays, Middle Tennessee Big Rigs for Little Kids Golf Tournament, etc.
- Participants will be required to complete a class project on industry issues that will be presented to a group of industry leaders.

Questions? Email khupp@tntrucking.org
or call (615) 777-2882

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2027 Program Overview by Event

The Leading E.D.G.E. Program guides emerging leaders in Tennessee's trucking industry through a year of hands-on leadership development, professional growth, and real-world industry experiences.

- **January 14 – Leadership Lab:** Participate in a full-day immersive training session with Michele To, exploring High Road Leadership and applying leadership principles to real-world scenarios in the trucking industry.
- **Spring – Legislative Team Building & Capitol Visit:** Work together on an interactive legislative activity to review a proposed bill, discuss its potential impact on the trucking industry, and explore how legislation can be reviewed and amended to better represent industry interests. Connect with fellow participants over dinner, followed by a visit the next day to the Tennessee State Capitol to meet with legislators and gain insight into the legislative process.
- **June 24-25 – Presentation Skills Training:** Work with Deborah Boswell to strengthen communication, public speaking, and presentation skills while learning how to confidently deliver effective messages.
- **July 8 – Zoom Group Capstone Kickoff:** Connect with your group, review capstone expectations, and begin collaborating on a final presentation.
- **August – Effective Meeting Training & Final Capstone Rehearsal:** Learn how to plan, prepare for, and lead effective meetings. Groups will also participate in a final capstone presentation run-through to practice together and receive feedback ahead of the Annual Convention.
- **September 19-21 – Group Capstone Showcase & Graduation at the TTA Annual Convention:** Join us Monday morning, September 20, during TTA's Annual Convention (September 19–21, 2027) for the final group capstone presentations and graduation ceremony. Participants will share what they've learned through their group projects and be recognized for completing the 2027 Leading E.D.G.E. Program—all during the same morning program.

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2027 CLASS SCHEDULE

Participants are required to attend all Leading EDGE meetings.



JANUARY
14
2027

Program Orientation & Leadership Training
TTA Office

Spring
TBD
2027

Legislative Session
TN State Capitol

JUNE
24-25
2027

Presentation Training
TTA Office

JULY
8
2027

Zoom Group Capstone Kickoff

August
TBD
2027

Effective Meetings Training & Final Capstone Rehersal
TTA Office

SEPTEMBER
19-21
2027

Final Capstone Showcase & Graduation
TTA Annual Convention

APPLICATION FORM

NAME_____

***Include current photo*

CONTACT INFORMATION

Home Address_____

Cell Phone_____

Email Address_____

Company Name_____

Work Address_____

Work Phone_____

Title or Description of Responsibilities_____

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Number of years you have been in the transportation industry_____

INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

What are your interests outside of work? How do you spend free time?

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Are you involved in any other organizations, charities, or groups?

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APPLICATION FORM

Have you ever served as a member or in a leadership role of any TTA Safety, Maintenance, or Young Professional Council? If so, which ones?

What are you hoping to get out of the Leading EDGE program?

What do you feel is the biggest concern facing the trucking industry?

Program Agreement

Signature Date

Email the completed application to khupp@tntrucking.org