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2025–2026 Application: Now Closed

(Selection decisions will be made in January 2025.)

How to Apply

To apply, submit the following documents:

1. Your resumé, including email, postal address, and telephone contact information; and the name and email address of an assistant or alternate contact person
2. An organizational chart that includes names and titles showing your position within the organization
3. A recommendation letter from your highest-ranking official showing the organization's support of your participation in the program
4. A list of key competitors (in order that we may avoid creating a cohort that would be unable to share effectively due to competitive situations)

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- 3. Sign into account
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Selection Process

Selection decisions will be based on (1) sector mix, (2) appropriate level within the organization, (3) likelihood to follow through, and (4) no direct competitors with participating award recipients or other Fellows. Candidates will be notified of the decision by January 10, 2025. Tuition payment of \$35,000 is due by February 16, 2025. The fee covers all materials, as well as a standard hotel room and at least four meals for each session.

KEY DATES

2024-2025 Cohort Schedule

April 7-10, 2024
Program Kickoff
35th Quest for Excellence Conference®
National Harbor, MD

May 15-16, 2024
Towson, MD

September 17-18, 2024
Kansas City, MO

January 22-23, 2025
Los Angeles, CA

March 29, 2025
Capstone Presentation
36th Quest for Excellence Conference®
Baltimore, MD

2025-2026 Cohort Schedule*

March 30-April 2, 2025
Program Kickoff
36th Quest for Excellence Conference®
Baltimore, MD

June 5-6, 2025
Fort Collins, CO

October 21-22, 2025
Detroit, MI

January 21-22, 2026
Pentagon City, VA

March 28, 2026
Capstone Presentation
37th Quest for Excellence Conference®
Baltimore, MD

true payoff

Steven Schloss, United States Golf Association

The Fellows Program provides senior leaders the tools, framework, relationships, and best practice sharing in a highly interactive and thought provoking environment. We tend to move quickly and take little time out to learn and invest in our own growth. The one-year program commitment will have a true payoff personally and for my organization for the long term.

Resources

[2025 Baldrige Fellows Information Packet](#) Word

[Journey to Excellence](#) PDF, originally published in ASQ's *Quality Progress*

[A Crowning Achievement for Your Own Organization](#)

[Peer Learning, the Baldrige Fellows Program](#), by Harry Hertz, from *Leadership Excellence* July 2012 PDF

[Benefits for Participants](#) PDF

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The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) oversees the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program (BPEP) which is the nation's only Presidential award for performance excellence and offers a wide array of award-winning products and services, including the world-renowned Baldrige Excellence Framework. The function/purpose of the information collections is to support the needs and activities of the internal and external customers in support of this mission.

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