

NASTAD Annual Conference 2026

Lake George, New York

September 13–17, 2026

Agenda is preliminary and subject to change. Full agenda with speakers and session descriptions coming Summer 2026.

SUNDAY — Pre-Conference & Arrival

September 13

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

NASTAD Board of Directors Meeting

Closed session — board members only

CLOSED SESSION

2:00 – 5:00 PM

Conference Registration & Check-In

Pick up your badge and conference materials

Evening

Dinner on Your Own

Explore Lake George Village restaurants and waterfront

MONDAY — Opening Day

September 14

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Continental Breakfast

INCLUDED MEAL

9:00 – 9:30 AM

Welcome & Opening Remarks

New York State Apprenticeship Director and NASTAD Board President

PLENARY

9:30 – 10:45 AM

Opening Plenary Session

Keynote address — topic and speaker TBA

PLENARY

10:45 – 11:15 AM

Networking Break

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

State Director Roundtable: Challenges & Priorities

Facilitated peer discussion on current state agency challenges, emerging trends, and shared priorities

STATE DIRECTORS

12:15 – 1:30 PM

Networking Lunch

INCLUDED MEAL

1:30 – 2:45 PM

Plenary Session: Federal Policy & Apprenticeship Landscape

Updates on federal apprenticeship policy, USDOL priorities, and legislative outlook

PLENARY

2:45 – 3:00 PM

Break

3:00 – 4:15 PM

Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Block A)

Topics TBA — may include: quality assurance & compliance, sector expansion strategies, data systems & reporting

BREAKOUT

4:15 – 5:15 PM	<p>NASTAD Member Business Meeting Annual governance, financials, and membership updates STATE DIRECTORS</p>
6:00 – 8:00 PM	<p>Welcome to New York Reception Hosted by the New York State Apprenticeship Agency — connect with colleagues and kick off the week NETWORKING</p>

TUESDAY — Deep Dives & Connections September 15

7:30 – 8:30 AM	<p>Continental Breakfast INCLUDED MEAL</p>
8:30 – 9:45 AM	<p>Plenary Panel: Apprentice & Journeyworker Voices Hear directly from apprentices and journeyworkers about their experience navigating the registered apprenticeship system PLENARY</p>
9:45 – 10:15 AM	<p>Networking Break</p>
10:15 – 11:30 AM	<p>Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Block B) Topics TBA — may include: grants management best practices, employer engagement, postsecondary partnerships BREAKOUT</p>
11:30 AM – 12:45 PM	<p>Networking Lunch INCLUDED MEAL</p>
12:45 – 2:00 PM	<p>Plenary Session: Innovation in Apprenticeship Spotlighting state-led innovations, new models, and emerging practices PLENARY</p>
2:00 – 4:00 PM	<p>Apprenticeship Resource Fair Browse exhibitor tables from sponsors, partners, and resource providers SPECIAL EVENT</p>
4:00 – 5:00 PM	<p>Free Time — Prepare for Evening Event</p>
5:00 – 8:00 PM	<p>Lake George Boat Ride Evening cruise on Lake George with dinner, drinks, and spectacular Adirondack views SPECIAL EVENT</p>

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WEDNESDAY — Strategy & Celebration

September 16

7:30 – 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast INCLUDED MEAL
8:30 – 9:45 AM	Plenary Session: Related Instruction & Employer Partnerships Exploring models for quality related instruction delivery and strengthening employer engagement in registered apprenticeship PLENARY
9:45 – 10:15 AM	Networking Break
10:15 – 11:30 AM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Block C) Topics TBA — may include: state agency staffing & operations, youth apprenticeship, RAP standards development BREAKOUT
11:30 AM – 12:45 PM	Networking Lunch INCLUDED MEAL
12:45 – 2:00 PM	Plenary Session: Cross-State Collaboration & Partnerships Opportunities for multi-state initiatives, shared resources, and collective impact PLENARY
2:00 – 2:15 PM	Break
2:15 – 3:30 PM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Block D) Topics TBA — may include: SAA transitions & lessons learned, communications & marketing, interagency coordination BREAKOUT
3:30 – 4:30 PM	NASTAD Member Business Meeting Governance updates, member resolutions, and association business STATE DIRECTORS
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Free Time
6:00 – 8:30 PM	Taste of the States — Networking Dinner Celebrating state and regional flavors — Member States and VIP Guests SPECIAL EVENT

THURSDAY — Closing & Departure

September 17

7:30 – 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast INCLUDED MEAL
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8:30 – 10:00 AM	Closing Plenary: Looking Ahead Key takeaways, calls to action, and 2027 conference announcement PLENARY
10:00 AM	Conference Adjourns — Safe Travels!
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM	NASTAD Board of Directors Meeting Closed session — board members only CLOSED SESSION

National Association of State and Territorial Apprenticeship Directors (NASTAD)

Session topics, speakers, and times are subject to change.

Full agenda with session descriptions and speaker bios will be published Summer 2026.