



**Monday, June 22-Friday, June 26, 2026**

**Registration Information and How to Apply**

The registration fee for the four-day Learning Academy is \$2,050. Tuition includes a daily continental breakfast and lunch, resource materials and lodging for the entire week, Monday– Friday (Monday will be an evening reception). The Academy will run from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

IASA will make lodging arrangements for participants at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield. Limited seats are available. Applicants must complete an online form by Tuesday, March 31. Applicant agrees to pay \$2,050 for the four-day experience. (Note: Payment can be split over two payments, but the applicant agrees to pay the full \$2,050.

Due to the nature of this program, no refunds will be given and all applicants must pay the program tuition regardless of successful completion. Lodging will be secured by IASA once the participant list is finalized. By completing the online application form, you are reserving a space in the IASA Aspiring Superintendent Academy. Admission Requirements IASA

Aspiring Superintendent Academy admission requirements are set forth as follows:

1. Applicant must be able to attend the entire week. All meetings will be held at the IASA headquarters.
2. Applicant must provide a letter from the District Superintendent indicating support for and understanding of the commitment involved.
3. Applicant must provide a personal narrative indicating:
  - a. The reason you are making application to the IASA Aspiring Superintendent Academy
  - b. What you hope to gain from the program
  - c. What you can contribute to the other cohort members
4. Applicant understands the commitment to the time schedule away from the current School District to effectively participate in this program.
5. Applicant agrees to cooperate and fully participate.

## **Scholarships**

There are up to seven scholarships offered for ASA. The ISBE provides grant funds for IASA to offer five scholarships for female educational leaders of color to attend the IASA Aspiring Superintendents' Academy. This grant-funded initiative specifically provides financial support for qualified female educators, with a focus on increasing diversity in educational leadership. The program aims to address the current underrepresentation of minority women in superintendent positions while strengthening educational leadership across Illinois school systems.

Additionally, IASA offers two scholarships that are not based on ethnicity or gender.

If you are interested in receiving a scholarship, please provide an essay response describing your personal experience in the field of education and how you intend to approach your work through an equity lens. Please limit your response to 500 words or less and indicate which scholarship(s) you are applying for. If you are interested in receiving a financial assistance scholarship, please include your gross annual salary.