

SOAR OHIO SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUPPORTING ACCESS TO THE SOAR OHIO EXPERIENCE | 2026–2027

The SOAR Ohio Experience supports superintendents and district leadership teams as they turn the Public Education Promise into meaningful, measurable action. To ensure broad access across Ohio, two scholarship opportunities are available for the 2026–2027 SOAR cohort.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY #1

BASA Scholarship for New-to-the-Seat Superintendents

This scholarship supports superintendents who are new to their role and may not yet have the flexibility to invest in professional learning or leadership networks. Funding is provided through a Battelle for Kids legacy gift.

What the Scholarship Provides

- Full participation in the SOAR Ohio Experience for the 2026–2027 school year
- Two scholarships awarded statewide

Who Should Apply

- Superintendents who are new to the seat
- Leaders seeking structured support, coaching, and collaboration with peers across Ohio

KEY DATES

- **Three SOAR Information Sessions (Virtual, Repeat):**
 - Tuesday, April 21 | 12:00–1:00 p.m. - [REGISTER HERE](#)
 - Wednesday, May 13 | 2:00–3:00 p.m. - [REGISTER HERE](#)
 - Monday, August 3 | 12:00–1:00 p.m. - [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Application Window Opens:** May 14
- **Application Window Closes:** August 5
- **Notifications Sent:** August 12
- **Acceptance Deadline:** August 19

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY #2

Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Scholarship: Expanding Access for Rural Districts

In partnership with BASA and the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, a grant from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation supports increased access to SOAR for rural districts.

What the Scholarship Provides

- Full participation in the SOAR Ohio Experience for the 2026–2027 school year
- Four districts awarded statewide

Who Should Apply

- This scholarship is intended to expand the SOAR Ohio network and is available only to districts that are **not current SOAR members** (i.e., new-to-SOAR districts).

KEY DATES

- **SOAR Information Session:**
 - Tuesday, April 21 | 12:00–1:00 p.m. - [REGISTER HERE](#)
 - Wednesday, May 13 | 2:00–3:00 p.m. - [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Priority Application (Appalachian Districts):**
 - **Application Window:** May 14–May 21
 - **Award Notifications:** Thursday, May 28
 - **Acceptance Deadline:** Thursday, June 4
- **Statewide Application Window with Rural Priority:**
 - **Application Window:** May 21–June 1
 - **Award Notifications:** Friday, June 5
 - **Acceptance Deadline:** Friday, June 12

How Selection Works

Scholarships are awarded through a randomized selection process designed to ensure fairness and access.

LEARN MORE

All interested superintendents and district leaders are encouraged to attend a **SOAR Ohio Information Session** to:

- Learn more about the SOAR experience
- Hear from current SOAR participants
- Ask questions about both scholarship opportunities

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