

NAADA Volunteer Advantage FAQs:

What is the NAADA Volunteer Advantage program or certificate?

NAADA Volunteer Advantage, a 5-hour certificate program to get basic training in key documents used by many boards to learn how boards function, and network with other volunteers. This program will be facilitated by NAADA professionals and other volunteers. Participants will receive a certificate after completion. This program is open to any Board member of a NAADA institution (alumni, development, advisory boards, committee members, students serving on Boards, etc). All participants will take the **6 Types of Working Genius** assessment.

When does the program start and how long does it last?

The first session will be held on **Wednesday, April 22, 2026**

Following sessions will be on:

April 29, May 6, and May 13, 2026. Each session will be 1.25 hours.

What's the time commitment?

Although there is no expectation for work outside of the 1.25 hour sessions, participants are encouraged to review materials from their own board experience to enhance discussion with fellow participants. Some light reading will be included.

What's the cost?

The fee for this 5-hour course is \$50. This will include a **6 Types of Working Genius** assessment. This fee may be paid by the individual or the institution.

What if I can't attend a session?

It is preferred that registrants attend all 4 sessions to gain the most from the program. The sessions will be recorded for viewing if you have an unavoidable conflict.

What's the benefit?

Participants will gain knowledge about board operations, typical documents used, learn about problem Boards, and insight in how to become a more effective and engaged board member instead of someone warming a seat. The course outline is available [here](#).

Next class offering?

Based on interest, future sessions will be offered in the summer or in the fall.

What will I get for participating in the program?

Participants will receive a certificate of completion and an expanded network of professionals.

Who can I contact if I have more questions?

Contact certificate facilitators and NAADA past presidents, Renee

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