

Avenue to the Boardroom

Mentee Program Overview · October 2026 – June 2027

Avenue to the Boardroom is a selective 9-month board mentorship program that pairs current and former board members with high-caliber C-suite executives preparing for their first corporate board seat.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM CALENDAR · OCTOBER 2026 – JUNE 2027

WHEN	SESSION	PROGRAM	FORMAT
Oct 20, 2026	Complimentary Event	Director of the Year Awards <i>Opportunity to meet program participants</i>	In-Person
Nov 2026	1:1 Mentorship	Introductions, goal setting, review bio and board readiness baseline	Virtual
Dec 2026	SESSION 1	Corporate Governance Fundamentals <i>Ahead of CDF Holiday Party at KPMG</i>	In-Person
Jan 2027	1:1 Mentorship	Board bio, résumé, and cover letter refinement	Virtual
Feb 2027	SESSION 2	Personal Branding Board-ready positioning and visibility strategy	Virtual
Mar 10, 2027	SESSION 3	Strategy & Value Creation <i>Ahead of the Directors Summit reception</i>	In-Person
Mar 10–11	Complimentary Event	Directors Summit 2027 · CPE & MCLE credits available	In-Person
Apr 2027	1:1 Mentorship	Networking strategy, profile, and honing in on target companies	Virtual
May 2027	SESSION 4	Boardroom Dynamics & Leadership Certificate of Completion presented	In-Person
June 2027	1:1 Mentorship	Interview preparation; mentor leads practice Q&A	Virtual

* Schedule dates are tentative and subject to change. Four 1:1 sessions are recommended, with up to two additional sessions based on availability.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Board-Ready Materials & Strategic Relationships

- Polished board bio and résumé
- Ongoing relationship with an experienced board member
- Connections with fellow board-track executives

Credentials & Visibility

- Certificate of Completion from CDF Institute
- Board bio distributed to executive search firms
- Complimentary enrollment in the BoardReady Talent Vault

Complimentary Event Access

- Director of the Year Awards
- CDF Holiday Party 2026
- Directors Summit 2027
CPE & MCLE credits available

TIME COMMITMENT

- 4–6 virtual 1:1 sessions (~60 min each)
- 3 in-person program sessions and 1 virtual, (Oct '26 – May '27)
- Occasional light touchpoints between sessions (bio review, quick feedback)

Program at a Glance

Duration: 9 months · Oct '26 – Jun '27
Cohort Size: 6–8 mentor/mentee pairs
Format: Hybrid

Avenue to the Boardroom is designed to support board readiness and preparation but does not guarantee placement on a corporate board