

Pathways Impact Collaborative FAQ

The Pathways Impact Fund is launching the Pathways Impact Collaborative—a national learning community that brings together regional intermediaries and their cross-sector partners around a shared commitment to ensuring all young people are on [purposeful pathways](#). Interested intermediaries can join through a process that ensures alignment and mutual commitment.

1. What is the Pathways Impact Collaborative?

The Pathways Impact Collaborative is the Pathways Impact Fund's national learning community of regional intermediaries and their partners. The Collaborative will formally launch in June 2026 and aims to include up to 50 intermediaries and their partners nationwide by 2029.

The Collaborative aligns members around a shared vision of advancing purposeful pathways that improve high school, postsecondary, and workforce outcomes for all students.

Members are regional intermediaries—backbone organizations that coordinate cross-sector partnerships among K–12 systems, postsecondary institutions, employers, government, and other stakeholders to design, implement, and scale purposeful pathways in their communities.

2. What benefits will Pathways Impact Collaborative members receive?

Member intermediaries and their partners:

- Attend in-person convenings that bring together regional intermediaries and their partners accelerating implementation of purposeful pathways
- Engage in targeted virtual shared learning with peers (e.g., webinars, learning sprints, role-alike facilitated sessions)
- Access a curated library of research, tools, and emerging best practices, and strengthen their capacity through foundational and tailored course offerings in an online training hub
- Partner quarterly with a Pathways Impact Fund Advisor to address challenges, refine strategy, and connect with regional leaders and subject matter experts

Members will also receive information about Pathways Impact Fund grant opportunities and eligibility.

3. Who should participate in the Pathways Impact Collaborative?

The Collaborative is designed to support regional pathways intermediaries and their partners, with intermediaries serving as the lead membership organization. Those best suited for membership demonstrate:

- Established and active cross-sector partnerships that include multiple K–12 districts or schools, at least one postsecondary partner, and employer and workforce partners (partnerships may be at varying stages of formality but must reflect sustained collaboration)
- Experience using regional labor-market information to inform pathway design, advising, and employer engagement
- Experience supporting implementation of all three programmatic components of the purposeful pathways framework: advising, accelerated coursework, and career-connected learning



4. What do Pathways Impact Collaborative members commit to?

Members commit to:

- Designing and implementing strategies aligned to the core components of the purposeful pathways framework
- Collecting, reporting, and sharing disaggregated systems-level data for at least two core pathway programmatic components (high-quality advising, accelerated coursework, career-connected learning)
- Working toward reporting on the Collaborative's North Star measure: the percentage of students accessing all core pathway programmatic components (high-quality advising, accelerated coursework, career-connected learning)
- Integrating elements that cultivate student agency and momentum—such as purpose, belonging, and social capital—into pathway design and implementation
- Actively participating in Collaborative offerings and contributing insights, examples, and peer learning to strengthen the field

5. How can regions with multiple intermediaries working in partnership participate?

Regions where pathways work is led by multiple intermediaries have two options:

- **Designate a lead intermediary.** Partners can identify one intermediary to join on behalf of the region. The lead member will be responsible for sharing information, resources, and learning with all partners, and for inviting relevant partners to Collaborative offerings when appropriate.
- **Join as individual members.** Each intermediary can hold its own membership and use the Collaborative's shared learning spaces as an opportunity to align their regional work.

In either case, the Pathways Impact Fund team will coordinate individualized advisory support for regions with multiple partners.

6. What is the cost of membership?

Membership costs are covered through December 2027. Beginning January 2028, members will pay an annual fee of \$2,500, which includes all benefits described above. The Collaborative team will work individually with members to ensure a smooth transition to the fee-based structure.

Please note: Travel expenses for in-person convenings (airfare, lodging, and incidentals) are not covered.

7. What is the process and timeline for joining?

Joining the Pathways Impact Collaborative begins with completing a Statement of Commitment form.

Step 1: Express Interest and Submit a Statement of Commitment [Complete this form](#) to express interest in joining the Collaborative. You will then receive follow up and a link to the Statement of Commitment, which you'll submit to affirm alignment with the Collaborative's membership criteria and expectations.

Step 2: Review and Follow-Up The Pathways Impact Fund team will review submissions and may



schedule follow-up conversations to clarify alignment. You'll hear from our team within two weeks of submitting your statement of commitment.

The Collaborative will formally launch in June 2026, with additional intermediaries joining on a rolling basis throughout 2026 and beyond.

For questions about eligibility or joining, contact julia.dibonaventura@strivetogether.org.