

Fast Track Application Checklist

A 90-day path to NAF membership for career academies already aligned with most NAF standards. Validate alignment, accelerate your launch, and access NAF resources and ongoing support.



GETTING STARTED

- ☐ Build a multi-disciplinary **Academy Design Team** prepared to start a NAF career academy.
- ☐ Identify expected outcomes for the district, school, and community in partnership with NAF.
- ☐ Complete the **Interest Survey** to assess partnership alignment and readiness.



ADJUSTMENTS

- ☐ Address feedback and revise the assessment and evidence, if needed.
- ☐ NAF completes a final review.



ADMISSIONS

- ☐ NAF reviews partnership alignment and approves schools to proceed.
- ☐ Meet with NAF to review the Fast Track process and **Evidence Checklist**.



MEMBERSHIP

- ☐ Sign NAF's Membership Agreement to formalize the partnership and initiate invoicing.
- ☐ Pay the \$4,000 application fee before the virtual **validation meeting**.



ASSESSMENT

- ☐ Complete the online **Fast Track Assessment**. Use the **sample copy** to prepare.
- ☐ A provisional score of 15 or higher required to continue.



GRADUATION

- ☐ Participate in a collaborative validation meeting to review alignment with the NAF design.
- ☐ Score 15 or higher during validation to be eligible for NAF membership.
- ☐ Upon approval, join the NAF academy network.



EVIDENCE

- ☐ Review the Evidence Checklist and templates, or use your own.
- ☐ Submit evidence demonstrating alignment with the NAF design.
- ☐ NAF completes an initial review and identifies any needed clarification or adjustments.



ACADEMY LAUNCH

- ☐ Use Assessment results to set Launch Year goals and update the **action plan**.
- ☐ Pay the \$2,000 annual membership fee at academy launch.
- ☐ Participate in NAF's annual quality review process,