

Step 1: Scan to Sign Up!



VBA EMERGING BANK LEADERS Six Steps to EBL Engagement

Step 2: Connect with Your Regional Director

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Step 3: Stay Connected

As a member of the EBL, you will automatically receive the EBL Newsletter and the VBA Executive Brief.

Visit www.vabankers.org to sign-up for the following additional communications from the VBA such as:

- Legislative Bulletin
- *Virginia Banking Monthly*

And more!

Connect with the VBA on social media, including our EBL Facebook group.



Step 4: Be on the Look-Out for Networking Opportunities

The EBL holds a variety of networking opportunities throughout the year across the Commonwealth. Details about these events will be announced as they are secured (see also Step 5):

- **Pre-Banker Day Reception:** Night Before Banker Day Every January
- **VBA/ABA Washington Summit and Emerging Leaders Forum:** March 9-11, 2026 | Washington, DC
- **Bankers with Bruce Series:** April 2026 | Six Regional Events
- **Emerging Leaders Conference:** October 8-9, 2026 | Richmond
- **Other Regional Events** Scheduled Throughout the Year

Step 5: Get Involved in Financial Literacy and Government Relations

One of the major objectives of the EBL is to **engage** its members through participation in financial literacy efforts and advocacy.

Financial Literacy

Visit vabankers.org/vba-education-foundation to learn more about the following programs:

- VBA Bank Day Scholarship Program
- Virginia Reads One Book
- Teach Children to Save Day
- Get Smart About Credit

Government Relations

Visit vabankers.org/engage-in-government-relations to learn more about advocacy in Virginia and the following events:

- State Legislative Meetings
- VBA Banker Day
- VBA/ABA Washington Summit

Step 6: Join Us at an Event, Conference, or Other Training Opportunity!

The VBA offers a variety of learning channels each year including classroom seminars, schools, conferences, webinars, and in-house trainings. Consider joining us at one of the following:

- **Emerging Leaders Conference**, designed by and for emerging bank leaders - October 8-9, 2026
- **VBA Banker Day**, which takes place every January.
- **State Legislative Meetings**, our meetings across the state with various state and federal legislators - Fall 2026

2026 EBL Leadership

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