

**The Partnership for Excellence 2026 Application Fees  
2 Levels of Application: (Advising & Partnering) and (Examining)**

	<b>ADVISING &amp; PARTNERING</b>		<b>EXAMINING</b>
<b>Application due date</b>	Organizations can apply at the Advising & Partnering Level at any time of the year ( <i>fee is due with application</i> )		<b>Intent to Apply due Aug. 15</b> <i>(with one-half of the application fee);</i> <b>Full Application due Dec. 1</b> <i>(with remaining half of application fee)</i>
	<b>Advising</b>	<b>Partnering</b>	<b>Examining</b>
<b>Application &amp; page requirements</b>	5-page Organizational Profile only.	25-page Abbreviated Application only. <i>Organizational Profile plus 25-page Application addressing the Baldrige Excellence Builder - Questions 1.1(1) – 7.5(2).</i>	50-page Full Application based on the entirety of the Baldrige Excellence Framework.  <i>Organizational Profile plus 50-page application addressing all of the framework including the multiple item requirements (Questions 1.1a - 7.5a(2)).</i>  <b>Full Application due on Dec 1st.</b>
	<b>Not due at time of Application but written &amp; submitted after TPE workshop.</b>		
<b>TPE Assessment Team</b>	1-2 Experienced Examiners	1-2 Experienced Examiners	7-10 Member Team from TPE Board of Examiners
<b>TPE Feedback</b>	Written Feedback and Crosswalk to Categories 1 - 7	Abbreviated Feedback Report	Full Feedback Report
<b>Site Visits</b>	Workshop to start the Advising phase	Call to deliver customized timeline to start 25-page Application phase	3-day site visit by Examiner Team**
<b>Recognition</b>	<i>Spirit Award at TPE Conference</i>	<i>Pioneer Award at TPE Conference</i>	<i>Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum Award at TPE Conference</i>
<b>Advising &amp; Partnering Fees</b> <i>(All fees are due with application and non-refundable)</i>		<b>Examining Fees</b> <i>(All fees are non-refundable)</i>	
<b>Organization's Size</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Organization's Size</b>	<b>Fees</b>
Fewer than 400 Employees	\$3,965.00	99 or Fewer Employees	\$3,100.00 <i>Intent to Apply Fee (15 AUG)</i> \$3,100.00 <i>Application Fee (1 DEC)</i> <b>Total = \$6,200.00*</b> <i>This fee does not include examiner lodging**</i>
400 – 1,500 Employees	\$5,125.00	100 to 499 Employees	\$4,090.00 <i>Intent to Apply Fee (15 AUG)</i> \$4,090.00 <i>Application Fee (1 DEC)</i> <b>Total = \$8,180.00*</b> <i>This fee does not include examiner lodging**</i>
1,500 – 10,000 Employees	\$6,925.00	500 – 10,000 Employees	\$5,050.00 <i>Intent to Apply Fee (15 AUG)</i> \$5,050.00 <i>Application Fee (1 DEC)</i> <b>Total = \$10,100.00*</b> <i>This fee does not include examiner lodging**</i>
10,001 or more Employees	\$9,350.00	10,001 or more Employees	\$7,500.00 <i>Intent to Apply Fee (15 AUG)</i> \$7,500.00 <i>Application Fee (1 DEC)</i> <b>Total = \$15,000.00*</b> <i>This fee does not include examiner lodging**</i>

\* \$250 Discount given for using online application software

**IMPORTANT NOTE ON TRAVEL & LODGING EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH SITE VISIT:**

\*\*In addition to the Intent to Apply & Examining fees, full applicants are required to provide lunch for the examining team during the site visit. Additionally, TPE makes every effort to assign examiners who are geographically close to the applicant's site visit location. Where TPE cannot find local examiners, applicants are required to pay for travel expenses (mileage and/or air fare), transportation, and examiner lodging. This will be identified and communicated in writing prior to the site visit.