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# 2026 EVENTS



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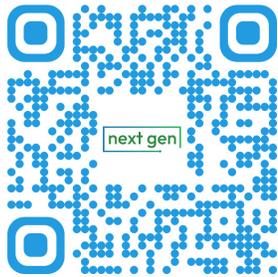
The Missouri Bankers Association is committed to the future of the banking industry and to the development of bank leaders at all levels and in every department. The Next Generation in Banking division provides your employees with the education, leadership training, and networking needed to excel.

NextGen encompasses a diverse range of bank staff — from those new to the industry to those with many years of experience. Although members of NextGen may be at different stages in their careers, they all have a common goal to develop their skills and knowledge to best serve their customers and communities. NextGen membership is free and open to all MBA member-bank employees.

From advocacy experience to communication skills, NextGen events offer personal and professional development opportunities that enhance role-specific training to produce well-rounded bankers who are ready to lead.

Joining ensures that you receive NextGen communications and never miss an opportunity to grow in your banking career. All MBA-member bank employees are eligible to join at no cost.

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## Next Generation Day at the Capitol

Jefferson City - March 4, 2026

NextGen Day at the Capitol is an introduction to advocacy. Attendees spend the day learning about the legislative process and the importance of advocating for public policy that supports your bank and customers. After a briefing on key banking issues, bankers meet their representatives and senators in the State Capitol and observe House and Senate activities.

*"It is a huge priority for our bank to provide NextGen opportunities to our rising bankers. From advocacy training to the annual leadership conference, to the Banking Leadership Missouri program, I see the benefits to our team and encourage others to promote them within their banks. What a great use of resources to ensure the next generation is prepared to lead our industry!"*



– Tom Klebba, President, Legends Bank



## Next Generation Days at the Fed Kansas City - Summer, 2026

Day at the Fed events provide educational and networking opportunities at each of Missouri's Federal Reserve Banks. Federal Reserve staff provide foundational banking information as well as current industry trends and economic forecasts.

## Next Generation in Banking Conference Ameristar, St. Charles - Oct. 27-28, 2026

This annual leadership conference provides education on industry best practices, strategies to thrive in an ever-changing banking environment, and tangible and practical solutions to professional and personal challenges.



*"NextGen provided an opportunity early in my career to network with other bankers, educate myself on current issues and to develop a deeper understanding of the importance of advocacy for our industry. I am grateful that my bank's leadership encouraged me to get involved and make the most of what NextGen had to offer."*

– Jennifer Lee, Executive Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, First State Bancshares, Inc.

## Next Generation in Banking Leadership Award Nominations open March 2026

The Next Generation in Banking Leadership Award recognizes the outstanding achievement of a Missouri banker employed by an MBA-member bank. Considerations in the selection process include the recipient's community involvement, personal and professional development, MBA involvement and contributions to the banking industry. The award is presented annually at the Next Generation in Banking Leadership Conference. The recipient receives a cash prize, and a donation is made to their charity of choice. They are also honored at MBA's Executive Management Conference in December and nominated by MBA for the annual American Bankers Association Emerging Leader Awards.

## Banking Leadership Missouri Annual Program - June-May

This 12-month leadership program is for high-potential bankers who have or are preparing to take on broader responsibilities, bankers who have experienced or will soon undergo the transition from a functional to a general management role, or bankers who have potential for senior management.

With six sessions focused on development of banking industry knowledge and leadership skills, Banking Leadership Missouri is practical and quality driven. A class of up to 25 Missouri bankers are selected to participate.

*Applications are accepted through April 2026.*



## Board of Directors

The Next Generation Board of Directors steers all events and programming offered to NextGen bankers. It is a volunteer board and membership includes two directors from each of MBA's seven regions and a four-person executive committee. Terms are for three years and the board typically meets three times a year. This is a great opportunity to learn, serve and network with peers from across the state!



For more information on NextGen programs and events, contact Emily Lewis at [elewis@mobankers.com](mailto:elewis@mobankers.com) or 573-636-8151.

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## Registration Form

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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Years of Service in Banking: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional interests and/or responsibilities (compliance, lending, operations, human resources, marketing etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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Email completed form to Emily Lewis at [elewis@mobankers.com](mailto:elewis@mobankers.com).

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