

OVERVIEW

2026 National Employee Owner Summit

WHERE ESOP CHAMPIONS ARE MADE

Downers Grove-Chicago, September 14-15, 2026

The National Employee Owner Summit is a two-day, off-site training program staffed by the Ohio Employee Ownership Center, where employee-owners learn from and interact with their peers from other ESOP companies. In small groups, structured exercises, and informal discussions, employee-owners develop new skills and a new perspective on employee ownership at their respective companies.

When

September 14–15, 2026

Where

Double Tree by Hilton Chicago/Downers Grove
12111 Butterfield Rd, Downers Grove, IL 60515

Summit components include:

- The ABCs of ESOPs
- The ESOP Game
- Ownership Communication and Knowledge Sharing
- Understanding Financial Information
- Impacting the Bottom Line
- Team Problem Solving Skills
- Sharing Experiences / Peer Networking

Cost and Registration

	First person	Additional person from same company
NCEO/OEOC Members	\$795	\$650
Non Members	\$1050	\$900

Includes training, materials, and meals.

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TESTIMONIALS

"A few of our Ownership Culture Committee Chairs attended the EO Summit in August of 2017 and it made such an impact, we brought the program to our Kentucky facility and trained the entire company. The instructors are knowledgeable and able to explain the complexity of ESOPs in easily understood terms...I highly recommend the program!"

Krisi Schell, SRC Holdings Corp.

"Scot Forge enjoys attending the National Employee Owner Summit. When our owners attend, we learn and can share best practices among a trusted group of companies. We leave well informed and anxious to return to share our leanings with fellow owners... we leave with a greater sense of pride and an interconnected fate."

The Scot Forge ESOP Council

"WOW, such a great experience. We sent five employees to this program in 2021 and all came back with useful information. The OEOC instructors gave us great insight into how to 'Think Like Owners' and how to share this information with our fellow employee owners. I would recommend this to any employee-owner."

Lori Robinson, Parallel Technologies

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