

Dear Colleagues,

The Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute (FCJIEI) is excited to announce that it is currently taking applications for the next Executive Leadership Seminar (ELS) scheduled for the summer of 2026. ELS is a unique educational opportunity for upper management leadership within Florida Criminal Justice organizations. This program is delivered in three sessions, each emphasizing a different aspect of leadership. Topics will include communicating through a crisis, thinking critically, leading people, managing organizations, overcoming adversity, emotional intelligence and servant leadership.

We are currently accepting applications for Class 13, which will be delivered on the following dates in Tallahassee, FL.

Session 1 May 18 – 22, 2026

Session 2 June 22 – 26, 2026

Session 3 July 20 – 24, 2026

To qualify for acceptance into ELS, applicants must:

- ✓ Occupy a criminal justice management position which includes full-time, permanent supervision of others (see 4th bullet below for related details);
- ✓ Occupy a position which influences agency policy, or impacts operations of the organization;
- ✓ Provide an employment history of progressing supervisory, management, and leadership responsibilities;
- ✓ Currently hold the rank or position of supervising mid-level management personnel; two levels of management subordinate to current position/rank (typically the third tier of an organization, usually just under the second in command);
- ✓ Intend to remain in criminal justice for at least five years following completion of the seminar;
- ✓ Complete the Applicant Statement of Commitment; and
- ✓ Have the written endorsement of the agency Chief Executive.

Here is a review of ELS from a recent graduate:

“Within a three-week period, the Executive Leadership Seminar provided the participants with a veritable feast of knowledge to continue on the path of success as leaders within our respective agencies. It’s quite obvious that painstaking effort was taken during the search and selection of quality, well-pedigreed presenters for this course, which is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the entire FCJIEI Team. As all attendees have individually attested to the undisputable benefit of this seminar, ELS is without doubt recognized as a GIANT among the multitude of leadership courses offered. Any agency that invests their talents in this course can expect huge returns.”

Qualified applicants should complete the [ELS Class 13 application](#) online and be prepared to upload the attached, completed documents during that process. **Applications are due by April 3, 2026**. Previous applicants who were not accepted should reapply.

All accepted applicants will be responsible for a \$1,000 registration fee, meals and any necessary lodging.

If an agency is requesting to send multiple applicants, those agencies may be asked to rank the applicants (due to the high demand for this training, as well as to allow space for more agency representation from across the state).

A block of hotel rooms at the training location has been secured for the program and will be extended to those admitted.

The [Chief Executive Certification Endorsement](#) and [Applicant Statement of Commitment](#) should be completed, scanned, and uploaded to the online application.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via phone or email.

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