EO Nashville



WHO WE ARE

EO Nashville is a global community of entrepreneurs beyond the startup phase who help each other learn and grow in business, leadership, and life.

Our chapter brings together entrepreneurs in Nashville who want more than a network — they want a trusted circle of peers who understand the realities of building and scaling a business.

We are part of EO Global, a network of nearly 20,000 entrepreneurs in 76 countries, but EO Nashville is uniquely powerful:

- The largest chapter in the U.S. and #3 globally behind Tokyo and Mumbai
- Known for its warm, genuine, inclusive, and aspirational culture
- A community defined by trust, authenticity, and shared experience

Our members aren't just building companies — they're building themselves, their teams, and a stronger Nashville.

OUR VISION FOR NASHVILLE

We want Nashville to be known not just for music and healthcare, but as the best city in America to be an entrepreneur.

WHAT WE DO

EO Nashville creates space for entrepreneurs to learn and grow — personally, professionally, and as leaders.

BY THE NUMBERS

336	Members, founded 1994
425	Entrepreneurs across the EO Nashville ecosystem including EO, Catalyst, and Bridge
$4B+	In total revenue generated annually by member companies
15K+	Employees across Middle Tennessee— making EO members a top employer in the region
$12.9M• $3.6M	Average member company sales: $12.9M • Median: $3.6M
49	Average age: 49; Average tenure: 7.5 years
24%	24% women in EO and 34% women in Catalyst this year

EO CATALYST

Catalyst Program: For founders with $250K+ in revenue, helping them reach $1M and graduate to EO.

24%	24% of Catalyst members graduate to EO

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CORE VALUE WE DELIVER

Peer Learning

No advice, no judgment — just real experience sharing that sparks clarity, confidence, and better decisions.

Forum

The backbone of EO. Small, confidential groups that serve as a founder's support system — the place entrepreneurs can be real.

Transformational Learning

Access to world-class speakers, workshops, and EO Global experiences that challenge thinking and accelerate growth. Part of our strategy is maximizing these learning opportunities and strengthening global connections.

High-Trust Community

Members often describe EO as "an insurance policy," "AA for entrepreneurs," or the group that shows up when things get hard.

Connections With Impact

Behind-the-scenes access, partnerships across Nashville's entrepreneurial ecosystem, and initiatives that elevate entrepreneurs across the region.

WHY IT MATTERS:

- It's where entrepreneurs grow their businesses and themselves.
- Members lead companies that are a top regional employer and a major contributor to Nashville's economy.
- It offers a level of support and connection you can't find anywhere else.
- EO is not a networking group — it's a community designed for real transformation.
- Catalyst opens the door for rising founders and strengthens Nashville's entrepreneurship pipeline.

WHO CAN JOIN:

Growth-minded entrepreneurs who value learning, optimism, and authenticity.

- Founders, co-founders, or controlling shareholders with $1M+ revenue (EO). There are additional qualifications for some types of businesses such as construction, real estate, insurance, family-owned businesses, franchises, etc.
- Founders with $250K+ revenue (Catalyst)









