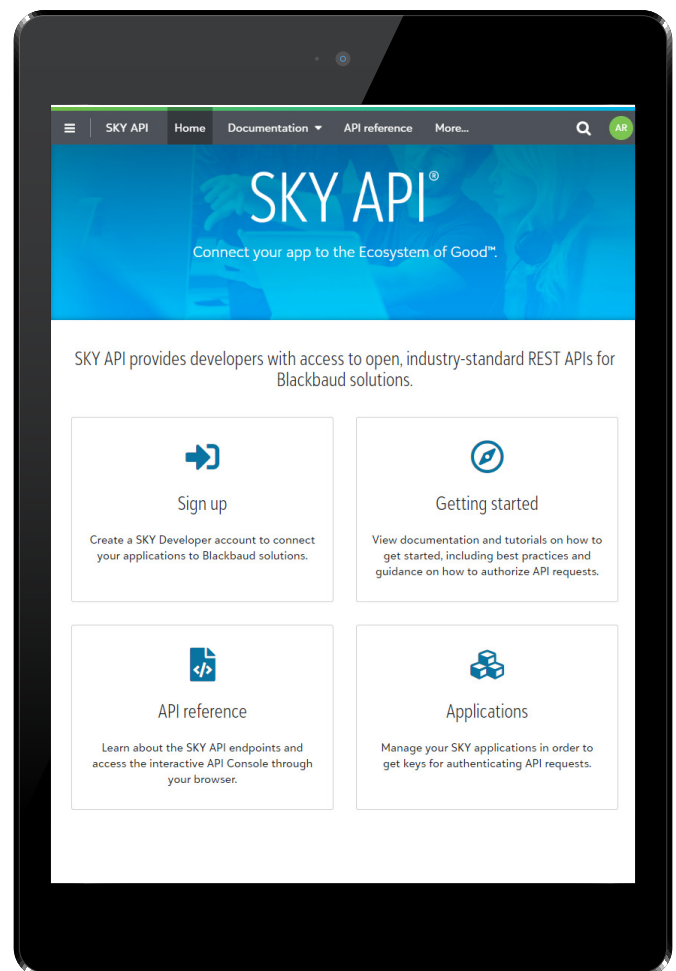# SKY API® for
Blackbaud Financial Edge NXT®

With SKY API, Blackbaud Financial Edge NXT customers, partners, and other application developers will have access to open, industry-standard APIs, allowing for more customization, integration, and extended functionality within the solution

Blackbaud might be one piece of your growing technology infrastructure. With the flexibility and openness of SKY API, you can rest assured that Blackbaud Financial Edge NXT will connect with the other pieces in your world.

Extensible Solutions

Blackbaud Financial Edge NXT is ready to help you scale your operations, so you can increase your impact like never before. To ensure your team's efficiency, your financial applications have to be secure, integrated, and in sync at all times.

With SKY API, your in-house developers or a Blackbaud partner can deliver complete, open cloud capabilities to extend Blackbaud Financial Edge NXT. For example, some organizations choose to use a third-party solution to manage payroll transactions. However, business offices need a complete view of financial performance across departments and functions. So, those organizations can use SKY API to integrate third-party payroll systems with Blackbaud Financial Edge NXT, enabling a complete view of their financial performance.

Modern Technology

By building SKY API on Representational State Transfer (REST) principles, Blackbaud has created an on-trend solution that meets industry standards.

Our investment in delivering open, cloud services is matched by a focus on growing our Partner Network and giving clients flexibility to choose from a rich set of third-party, integrated solutions to meet their unique needs.

The Blackbaud Partner Marketplace is the world's first online marketplace dedicated to the nonprofit, charitable giving, and education communities, featuring products that extend and enhance Blackbaud solutions.

Benefits of the Blackbaud Partner Marketplace include:

- A simple, one-stop hub to find third-party products and solutions

- A tool to compare and select value-added products based on your unique needs

- A system designed for you to browse product reviews from peer organizations and rate your own experiences

- A network where you can directly request follow up from trusted Blackbaud Partners

WHAT IS REST?	
It's a lightweight style for web services that provides the following benefits:	
STANDARD PROTOCAL	REST is the predominant API protocol by which modern web and mobile applications are built
SIMPLICITY	REST APIs follow common web patterns, making them easier for developers to learn and use
SECURITY	Access to private data is protected by authorization and authentication standards
SCALABILITY	Providers can quickly expand to meet increased usage demands, caching leads to improve user performance

Developer Experience

We're building so much more than a set of API endpoints.

We're building an entirely new Blackbaud Developer Experience intended to provide developers with the tools and resources necessary to get started quickly and be successful in creating API-based solutions.

The Blackbaud Developer Experience includes:

- **Documentation:** View guides, tutorials, and other helpful content

- **API Console:** Explore and test the API endpoints

- **Profile:** Manage your developer account, including subscriptions

- **Applications:** Register and manage your applications

- **Analytics:** View metrics on your API usage

- **Community:** Connect to a developer community and get the help you need

- **Authorization:** Obtain user authorization to access Blackbaud data

- **Code:** View code samples to accelerate development

Experience the SKY API Developer Portal today by visiting developer.blackbaud.com.

Learn more

About Blackbaud
Leading uniquely at the intersection point of technology and social good, Blackbaud provides software, services, expertise, and data intelligence that empowers and connects people to advance the social good movement. We serve the entire social good community, which includes nonprofits, foundations, corporations, education institutions, healthcare institutions, and the individual change agents who support them.