CLASS OF 2024 APPLICATION

Ready to Make a Difference in your community & Join a network of leaders?

Leadership Allegany was such a great experience! I truly left each topic day with excitement to share with others about what is happening in our community, thankful that so many business and government leaders have a plan and are investing to make Allegany County shine again.

The diverse and talented leaders that compose each class are able to build a sense of community and network with the ultimate goal of making a positive impact on our community.

Joseph Brewer
Class of 2023 Valedictorian

Leadership Allegany provides an opportunity for leaders and individuals committed to making a difference in Allegany County and its surrounding region to:

►Become acquainted with processes, programs and challenges that currently exist in the community.

►Gain an understanding of the public and private operations within Allegany County and the state of Maryland.

►Gain a deeper understanding of the issues endemic to the region by observing and hearing the views of others.

►Programs are engineered for class participation and dialogue and cover such topics as: Arts and Entertainment, Economic Development, Education, Environment, Health Care, Human Services, Local and State Government.

Leadership Allegany is dedicated to promoting positive change by creating a network of leaders with a clear understanding of the community and a commitment to its advancement.

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Tuition & Program Commitment

Tuition for the **2024** Program will be **$1,500.00 plus a $25.00 application fee** and may be paid by the individual or the sponsoring institution. Tuition is due prior to orientation. A limited number of partial scholarships will be available to individuals who might otherwise be unable to participate.

Participation

In order to accomplish the objectives of the program, the full participation of each class member is necessary. Participation includes:

Orientation - Wednesday, September 27, 2023 beginning at 9am through Thursday, September 28, 2023 ending at 5pm. **Full attendance is mandatory.**

State Government Day – Tuesday, March 12 at 8am through Wednesday, March 13 at 6pm in Annapolis, MD. **Full attendance is mandatory.**

Equivalent of one full day per month. Class normally meets the second Wednesday of each month; please see schedule on this page. Participants will be permitted to miss one full session or the equivalent of one full session, not including Orientation and State Government Day.

Application & Selection Process

Participants will be selected from a diverse mix of the local population - business, the professions, government, education, religious and civic groups, the arts and organized labor. Applications are encouraged from all segments of the community.

Candidates will be chosen by a Selection Committee; class size is limited. Each candidate will be evaluated by criteria that takes diversity, community involvement, and demonstrated potential leadership capabilities into consideration.

All applications will be handled in the strictest confidence. Special emphasis should be given to any question you feel will significantly add to the Committee's knowledge of your qualifications.

Participants in the Leadership Allegany Class of 2024 will be selected from those individuals who have submitted a completed Application Form by June 23, 2023. To assist the Selection Committee, we request the forms be typed or printed legibly.

Completing your Leadership Allegany Application:

► Read Application and Selection Process sections thoroughly.
► Include Letter of Recommendation and Resume or Bio.
► Include $25.00 non-refundable application fee, paid by applicant.
► Do not send checks to cover tuition now. Accepted participants will be billed their tuition.
► Applications must be post-marked by June 23, 2023.
► All applicants will be notified of their status by August 11, 2023.
► Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
► Mail completed forms to:

Leadership Allegany
Bell Tower Building
24 Frederick Street
Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Leadership Allegany Class of 2024 Application

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name:_____

Name (or nickname) as it should appear on your name badge: _____

Home Address:_____

City:_____ State: _____ Zip:_____ Years in the Area:_____

Contact Number: _____ Mobile Number:_____

EMPLOYMENT

Present Employer:_____ Type of Business: _____

Date Began:_____ Current Title: _____

Work Address:_____

City:_____State: _____ Zip Code:_____ Work Phone: _____

Fax Number:_____ Email Address: _____

Briefly Describe Your Responsibilities:

How many days per month does your work require you to be out of the county?_____

What do you consider your highest responsibility, skill or career achievement so far?

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
If not provided on your resume, please include major volunteer activities: (Please indicate organization)

Roles:

Please list, in order of importance, any community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, or athletic organizations in which you have been a member.

Organization	Dates of Membership	Official Positions Held

What have you accomplished in any one or more of these positions that you think is important?

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions:

What do you hope to gain from the Leadership Allegany experience and how do you think it will benefit you as a leader?

What are the two most pressing challenges facing our region? How should we face these challenges? Your feedback will help shape topic days so please provide a specific plan of action.

Tuition for each participant in **Leadership Allegany** is $1,500.00 and is due prior to orientation.   All meals and lodging for Orientation and State Government are included. **An additional $25.00 non-refundable application fee, paid by the applicant, is required to secure individual commitment to the program.** Make checks payable to **Allegany County Chamber of Commerce.**

How will your tuition be paid? ☐Employer   ☐ Personally ☐ Other _____

A limited number of need based scholarships will be available for participants in the program. If selected to participate, will you find it necessary to seek such assistance? ☐No   ☐Yes

I understand the purpose of the **Leadership Allegany** Program and that completion of this application does not ensure a candidate's acceptance in the Class of 2024. If selected to participate, I will commit to the time required.

_____   _____
Applicant's Signature   Date