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ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR OVER 25 YEARS!

CLASS OF 2026 APPLICATION

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED MAY 30 – JUNE 27, 2025

READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY & JOIN A NETWORK OF LEADERS?



Participating in Leadership Allegany has been an eye-opening and inspiring experience. Throughout the program, I was able to gain a deeper understanding of the incredible resources, organizations, and people working tirelessly to make Allegany County thrive.

The relationships we built, the perspectives we shared, and the passion we discovered together have created a strong foundation for future collaboration. These connections have created a robust network, and I am excited to continue collaborating with fellow leaders to strengthen Allegany County. I leave this program not only more informed, but more empowered to contribute meaningfully to our community.

Jessica Hook

Class of 2025 Valedictorian

Leadership Allegany provides an opportunity for 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, Healthcare, 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 **2026** Program will be **\$1,600.00 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 - Thursday, September 18, 2025 beginning at 9am through Friday, September 19, 2025 ending at 5pm. **Full attendance is mandatory.**

State Government Day - Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 8am through Wednesday, March 4, 2026 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.

Members of the class will be required to participate in a Class Project, which challenges the group to consider the collective experiences throughout the program using leadership and team skills. More information will be provided throughout the program. This may require additional time outside of the scheduled topic days.

Application & Selection Process

Leadership Allegany is an open program and applications are encouraged from all segments of the community (must be 21 or older). Participants will be selected from a diverse mix of the local population.

Participants will be chosen by a Selection Committee; class size is limited.

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 2026 will be selected from those individuals who have submitted a **completed** Application Form by June 27, 2025. To assist the Selection Committee, we request the forms be typed.

SCHEDULE

September 18 - 19, 2025
Orientation

October 8, 2025

November 12, 2025
Snow Date: November 19

December 10, 2025
Snow Date: December 17

January 14, 2026
Snow Date: January 21

February 11, 2026
Snow Date: February 18

March 3 - 4, 2026

April 8, 2026

May 13, 2026

May 27, 2026

June 3, 2026
Graduation

Completing your Leadership Allegany Application:

- Read Application and Selection Process sections thoroughly.
- [Review the FAQ on our website.](#)
- Include Letter of Recommendation and Resume.
- 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 27, 2025.
- All applicants will be notified of their status by August 8, 2025.
- 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 2026 Application

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

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

Home Address: _____

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

Personal Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please list any dietary restrictions and/or food allergies:

EMPLOYMENT

Present Employer: _____ Type of Business/Industry: _____

Date Began: _____ Current Title: _____

Work Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Work Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Briefly describe your responsibilities: _____

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

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list, in order of importance, any volunteer, community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, or athletic organizations in which you have been involved:

Organization	Dates	Official Positions Held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

Organization: _____ Role: _____

Accomplishment: _____

Organization: _____ Role: _____

Accomplishment: _____

Organization: _____ Role: _____

Accomplishment: _____

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Tuition for each participant in Leadership Allegany is \$1,600.00 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

If other, please explain: _____

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?

☐ YES ☐ NO

I have reviewed the materials provided, including the [FAQ](#), tentative schedule, and details in this application and understand both the purpose of Leadership Allegany, and necessary commitment to a full experience of the program. Completion of this application does not ensure acceptance to the Class of 2026.

Applicant Signature

Date