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MPLP 2018 APPLICATION

We're excited that you're interested in pursuing a Michigan Political Leadership Program Fellowship. Please read this section before completing the MPLP Fellowship Application.

FELLOWSHIP INFORMATION

The Michigan Political Leadership Program (MPLP) at Michigan State University (MSU) is distinguished as one of only a handful of multi-partisan leadership training programs in the nation. Graduates take with them the knowledge and skills needed to make sound public policy decisions and to be effective leaders of the future. Applications are sought from individuals who are interested in enhancing their leadership and political skills in order to better serve communities, constituencies, or causes. The program is administered and supported by MSU's Institute for Public Policy and Social Research in the College of Social Science.

Annually, a diverse group of 24 individuals are awarded the opportunity to participate in a hands-on curriculum that incorporates personal leadership development, public policy process and analysis, governance, and campaigning. Practical skills training are emphasized. Fellows participate in team and coalition-building activities to foster communication and the exchange of ideas. The MPLP faculty is comprised of elected officials, political activists, MSU faculty, media, and business professionals from across Michigan.

Considerable financial resources and time are donated to support each fellowship, valued at approximately \$12,000. The fellowship covers the participants' lodging, meals and program costs, however, accepted Fellows are asked to pay an administrative fee of \$1,000 to participate in this program. Scholarship funds to defray the administrative fee are available on a limited basis and may be formally requested upon application. Travel and parking expenses are the responsibility of the participant.

FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS

Any Michigan resident who has demonstrated a commitment to effective, responsible public policy and is planning to further that commitment is welcome to apply. Selected applicants will be interviewed based on written application and letters of recommendation. The deadline for submitting an application for our 2017 program is Friday, September 8, 2017. Fellowship recipients will be announced by mid-December.

MPLP QUALIFICATIONS

- ✓ Dedication to sound public policy
- ✓ Desire to enhance leadership skills to serve
- ✓ Interest in running for public office
- ✓ Desire to participate in political process
- ✓ Experience in local community activities and electoral politics
- ✓ Willingness to learn and explore different points of view

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

There are 10 sessions throughout the course year. Sessions are generally scheduled every third/fourth Friday of the month February through November and begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Most sessions conclude by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Full participation is required. Applicants should be available to attend all sessions to be considered for a fellowship. NOTE: Start times and end times of sessions are subject to change, please allow for flexibility. A complete schedule of weekends will be available by October 1, 2017.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will be accepted on a year round basis but must be received by September 8 for the following class year. The interview process takes place in October/November and Fellowships are awarded in December.

COMMITMENT

Becoming an MPLP Fellow represents a substantial commitment. Participants are expected to attend all 10 weekend sessions and to fully participate to receive a certificate of completion. If your schedule will not permit this, please delay your application until you are able to make this time commitment. Due to campaign demands, MPLP typically does not accept applications from candidates or candidate staff who will be engaged in a campaign during the fellowship year. Additionally, as alumni, Fellows are expected to continue their involvement with MPLP activities and fundraising to ensure the success of the program for future classes.

I understand it is essential that I attend all MPLP sessions to graduate from the program. I realize that an unexcused absence from a session my result in discharge from the program.

I understand the purpose of the Michigan Political Leadership Program, and if selected, will devote the necessary time and energy to complete the program. I have the cooperation of my employer, whose signature below verifies his/her understanding of my attendance requirements.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Employer's signature _____ Date _____

Please forward your application to:

Michigan Political Leadership Program, ATTN: Recruitment and Selection Committee, Berkey Hall, 509 East Circle Drive, Room 321, East Lansing, MI 48824-1111 or to clearyl@msu.edu

GENERAL
INFORMATION

NAME:

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| Last | First | Initial |
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| Nickname | | |

HOME INFORMATION:

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| Street Address | | Apartment # | |
| _____ | | MI | _____ |
| City | County | State | Zip Code |
| _____ | | _____ | |
| Home Phone | | Home Email Address | |
| _____ | | _____ | |
| Facebook Page | | Other Social Media Identities | |

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:

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| _____ | | _____ | |
| Employer | | Job Title | |
| _____ | | _____ | |
| Employer Address | | Suite # | |
| _____ | | MI | _____ |
| City | County | State | Zip Code |
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| Business Phone | | Cell Phone | |
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| Business Fax | | Business Email Address | |

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| ___/___/___ | _____ | _____ |
| *Birth Date | *Race | Political Party Affiliation |

Do you expect to remain in Michigan for at least five years? Yes No Unsure

How long have you lived in Michigan? _____

How did you learn about MPLP?

**EDUCATION
AND TRAINING**

Please list specialized programs/training, business or trade schools, and college(s). Begin with most recent.

Name Date(s) Attended Certificate or Degree

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EMPLOYMENT

Please provide last three employers beginning with your most recent.

Employer Position/Title Period of Service
(mo/yr)

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(mo/yr)

**ORGANIZATION/
LEADERSHIP
ACTIVITIES**

1. Please list, in order of importance to you, your current participation in political, community, professional, social, religious and other activities.

| Organization | Official Position Held | Time Commitment Monthly |
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| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ |

Briefly state what you would consider to be your most important contribution to the above organizations.

1. Do you either hold elected office now or aspire to run for office? Hold elected office? _____ Aspire to run for office? _____
(Typically, MPLP does not accept applications from those who are running for office during their Fellowship year)

2. If you currently hold office, what position do you hold?

3. Please attach a statement of not more than two pages articulating your personal goals including the political activity you wish to pursue. Discuss highlights of recent leadership responsibilities and achievements: what was/were the greatest challenge(s) and what steps you took to overcome it/them. What outcomes do you hope for as a result of your participation in MPLP? (Please double space your remarks.)

**BIOGRAPHY/
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4. On another sheet, describe a public policy issue that you believe needs attention and why this policy issue is important.
5. Please attach a short biographical sketch limited to 100 words or less. The biographical sketch should include information related to employment, experiences, and accomplishments (Reference: <http://ippsr.msu.edu/political-leadership/michigan-political-leadership-program-mplp/current-fellows>)
6. Please provide two letters of recommendation from individuals who can evaluate your leadership potential.

| Name and Title | Organization | Phone |
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| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ |
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Letters of recommendation should describe why the applicant has potential as a future leader in Michigan or his/her potential to expand upon a current leadership position.

Letters should be sent under separate cover to: Michigan Political Leadership Program, ATTN: Recruitment and Selection Committee, Berkey Hall, 509 East Circle Drive, Room 321, East Lansing, MI 48824-1111 or to clearyl@msu.edu

REFERENCES