2024-25 Michigan Agri-Business Leadership Program (ABLP) Application

Program Summary
We look forward to welcoming the next class of our MABA Leadership Program! Now in its 17th year, this program is designed to help emerging leaders in Michigan’s agribusiness community learn about the work of your Association and become familiar with policy advocacy at the local, state and federal levels.

The program is well-suited for anyone desiring to broaden their skills and expertise and is interested in helping MABA advance Michigan agriculture in the years ahead. The class typically contains a mix of early- to mid-career professionals. Participants often bring strong skills in their respective fields, but many bring limited exposure to policy, advocacy and politics. The Leadership Program provides experiences in these areas.

The program is led by MABA President Chuck Lippstreu and MABA staff, with the participation of a wide range of community and industry leaders.

Applications
Applications are due to MABA staff by Close of Business on May 31, 2024. Applications will be reviewed by the MABA Board of Directors. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance on or before June 21, 2024. The application follows in this document. Applications may be submitted by mail at 2500 Kerry Street, Suite 102, Lansing, MI 48912, or by email to maba@miagbiz.org.

2024-25 Program Dates
The Agri-Business Leadership Program takes place across three, two-day sessions in Michigan and a four-day visit to Washington, DC. Here are the 2024-2025 dates and locations:

- **Session 1** July 23-24, 2024  
  Detroit, MI*
- **Session 2** November 5-6, 2024  
  Lansing, MI
- **Session 3** February 2-5, 2025  
  Washington, DC
- **Session 4** July 22-23, 2025  
  Grand Rapids, MI**

*Joint session with 2023-24 Leadership Group
**Joint session with 2025-26 Leadership Group

Program Requirements
Participants selected for the program:
1. Will be required to attend and participate in all sessions.
2. Must be employed by a MABA member company for the entire term of the program.
3. Will be asked to pay a $3,000 participation fee to offset program costs. Upon acceptance, an invoice will be sent to each participant and payment will be due prior to the first session in July.
4. Please note business attire is a requirement for certain ABLP sessions and meetings.
THIS APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT IN ITS ENTIRETY. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

Name (as on Driver’s License) __________________________________________________________ (Last)  (Middle Initial)  (First)

Home Address ________________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip _______________________________________________________________________

Cell Phone ___________________________ Email Address _____________________________________

Date of Birth __________________________

.............................................. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION ..............................................

Place of Employment ________________________________________________________________

Position ____________________________ How Long in Current Position ________________

Work Address _______________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip _______________________________________________________________________

Work Phone __________________________

Cell Phone __________________________ Work Email _______________________________________

.............................................. EDUCATION INFORMATION ..............................................

Please mark highest level of education completed:

( ) High school graduate ( ) College graduate ( ) Other ________________________________________

Degree/Diploma Received __________________________ Date __________________________

School/College or University ___________________________________________________________
…………………… COMMUNITY/LEADERSHIP INFORMATION …………………

List all leadership or committee positions you’ve held in the past five years (These may include, but are not limited to church, local government, civic groups, trade associations, political campaigns, etc.)

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Indicate examples where you fostered expansion, improvement, or changes in your organization:

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Give a brief description of yourself and tell why you would like to be selected for this leadership program. Please share the skills, talents and personality traits that best describe you:

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…………………………………….. REFERENCE INFORMATION …………………………………

Please ask two people (one other than an employer) who know of your abilities to write a brief letter of reference in support of this application. List your two references below and attach their letters to this application.

1. Name and Organization
   City and Phone or Email

2. Name and Organization
   City and Phone or Email

Applicant Signature __________________________ Date __________

By signing here, I agree to the requirements of the program as outlined on page 1 of this application.