



2026-27 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 19th 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 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 no later than May 29, 2026. They will be reviewed, and selections made by the Association. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance on or before June 19, 2026. 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.

2026-27 Program Dates

The Agri-Business Leadership Program is now a four-session activity. This includes three, two-day sessions in Michigan and a four-day visit to Washington, DC. Here are the 2026-27 dates and locations:

<i>Session 1</i>	<i>July 21-22, 2026</i>	<i>Detroit, MI*</i>
<i>Session 2</i>	<i>November 3-4, 2026</i>	<i>Lansing, MI</i>
<i>Session 3</i>	<i>February 7-10, 2027</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>
<i>Session 4</i>	<i>July 20-21, 2027</i>	<i>Grand Rapids, MI**</i>

*Joint session with 2025-26 Leadership Group

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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 some of the program costs. Upon acceptance, an invoice will be sent to each participant, and payment will be due prior to the first session in July.

**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, etc.)

Position or Involvement

Years Held

List any awards and/or recognition received:

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

Do you desire a leadership role in your state association or other organizations? Yes _____ No _____

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:

..... **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.