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## **Leadership Maryland Now Accepting Applications for Class of 2017**

*Deadline to Apply is October 31, 2016*

**Annapolis, Md. (July 20, 2016)** – Leadership Maryland, the professional development program dedicated to building a better Maryland by harnessing the strength of its local business and community leaders, is now accepting applications for the Class of 2017. Leadership Maryland’s selection committee will choose 52 applicants to complete an eight-month hands-on learning program focused on the state’s most vital social, economic and environmental issues.

Applications are open to senior-level executives with significant achievements in either their careers and/or their communities. Ideal Leadership Maryland applicants will have a desire to learn more about Maryland’s most critical issues and a personal commitment to be a force for positive change in their organizations, their communities, and their state. The chosen class will reflect a cross-section of the state by including diversity of geographic location, profession, ethnicity and gender.

“Leadership Maryland offers an eye-opening, hands-on learning program that many of our alumni consider to be one of the most rewarding experiences of their careers,” said Renée Winsky, ’05, president and Chief Executive Officer, Leadership Maryland. “We are searching for the next cohort of our state’s most impassioned and motivated leaders. Our Class of 2017 will gain knowledge of Maryland’s challenges, insight into their own personal influence and leadership ability, and lifelong access to a powerhouse network of the state’s most influential leaders.”

To be considered for the Class of 2017, application packages must include:

- Completed application, available online only at [www.LeadershipMD.org](http://www.LeadershipMD.org);
- Paid application fee of \$250;
- Two references;
- One letter of recommendation;
- Authorizing official statement from applicant’s supervisor or CEO (unless applicant is self-employed or are their own supervisor);
- Professional color photo

Completed application packages and registration fee must be received by Leadership Maryland (134 Holiday Court, Suite 318, Annapolis, Md. 21401) by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2016**. Upon acceptance of the application, candidates will be contacted to schedule an interview with members of the Leadership Maryland selection committee. The selected Class of 2017 will be announced in early February 2017.

Full information regarding Leadership Maryland’s application instructions, selection process, tuition and financial assistance, 2017 program dates and locations, and attendance policy are available at [www.LeadershipMD.org](http://www.LeadershipMD.org). Anyone with questions may contact Leadership Maryland at 410-841-2101 or [Info@LeadershipMD.org](mailto:Info@LeadershipMD.org).

**About Leadership Maryland**

Leadership Maryland is a professional development program dedicated to building a better Maryland by harnessing the strength of its local business and community leaders. Each year, as many as 52 diverse and accomplished executives from Maryland's public and private sectors are selected to come together as a class for an eight-month hands-on learning program focused on the state's most vital social, economic and environmental issues. The first Leadership Maryland class graduated in 1993, and the organization's alumni network now consists of more than 1,000 leaders from all industries and regions of the state. To learn more, please call Leadership Maryland at 410-841-2101 or visit [www.LeadershipMD.org](http://www.LeadershipMD.org).

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