



APPLICATION

DUE JANUARY 22, 2026



COURSE DESCRIPTION: The program is dedicated to providing positive change by creating a network of future leaders that will impact the community in which they reside. The more informed and involved our citizens of Garrett County are, the stronger we will become, and together we will create a better community.

Leadership Garrett County participants will help identify regional issues and gain a richer understanding of the leadership structure within our region.

The class members will gain the knowledge and motivation to effect positive change within our region. The class is designed for participation and dialogue to cover topics such as Education, Tourism, Health, Human Services, Manufacturing and Business, and Government and Economic Growth.

This program is a 5-month program which begins with an orientation in February and concludes in June with a project presentation, reflection paper and closing luncheon ceremony.

Class dates: 2/5,2/19,3/5,3/19,4/2,4/16,5/7,5/21,6/4 **Time:** 9-4 pm

TEACHING METHODS/ACTIVITIES: Discussion, Leadership Curriculum, Networking, Individual and group exercises, Oral presentation, Guest Speakers, Local Business Visits/Tours.

ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION: All students are expected to attend class and actively participate in discussions. Participation in classroom discussions is highly encouraged and an important part of the learning environment. Students are highly encouraged to share their thoughts, experiences, questions, and feelings on the variety of issues that will be addressed. Your personal experiences and contributions will be a large part of the classroom dynamic. You should, however, never feel the need to disclose any information that is overly personal or private.

Students should be prepared for each class session, arrive on time for class, conduct themselves in a professional manner, and most importantly show respect (however not always in agreement with) for their fellow classmates.

Attendance will be recorded at each class meeting. If you arrive late, it is your responsibility to make sure that you have been accounted for. Class attendance and participation are expected; therefore, attendance is crucial to the program's success. Missing more than one class will result in an ineligible status for a Leadership certificate. Arriving to class late and/or early will not be granted unless it is an emergency. Again, attendance is expected for the entire day of scheduled activities.

Appropriate professional conduct in the classroom includes: being prepared and on time for class; communicating effectively to both instructor and your classmates, and displaying respect for all participants.

Project: Work with your group to select a topic based on the Commissioners State of the County Address that is a challenge or area that needs improvement. Develop a solution/program to address the challenge or concern. You have the opportunity to build from the ground up. How will it be funded? What is your mission and vision statement? Describe your area of focus etc. Weave in the topics that you have learned in your Leadership course such as touring, tasks and class discussions. As a group, decide how you will present the solution to your fellow peers and key stakeholders. The group will be given one hour to share the project on the last day of class. Community stakeholders will attend the presentation. **This group initiative will require consistent collaboration, strong communication, and a significant investment of time from all members.** To ensure the success of your project, it is essential that each member actively contributes and remains engaged throughout the process. Your group should thoughtfully consider how you will manage responsibilities, including how you will communicate and coordinate efforts outside of class time. Establish clear expectations early on to ensure all contributions are meaningful, timely, and aligned with your shared goals.

The group presentation will be presented on the last day of class to community stakeholders- (6/4/2026)

**LEADERSHIP GARRETT COUNTY
2025-2026 APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ **Date:** _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Residency:

- ☐ Garrett County
- ☐ Out of County
- ☐ Out of State

Phone: _____ **Email** _____

Date of Birth:

Are you at least 60? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Undeclared

Ethnicity: Please check all that apply:

Are you Hispanic or Latino?

☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ White ☐ Asian

☐ Black/African American ☐ American Indian/Alaska Native

☐ Native Hawaiian/ Alaska Native

Military Service:

- Are you an active-duty service member? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- Are you a veteran? ☐ YES

☐ NO If yes, what branch?

How did you learn about Leadership Garrett County?

- ☐ Employer ☐ Leadership GC Alumni
☐ Newspaper ☐ Facebook
☐ Friends/Family ☐ Postcard

Employment History

Present Employer: _____ Work Phone: _____
 Work Address: _____ Email Address: _____
 Address: _____

Job Title: _____ Start Date: _____

Type of Organization:

- ☐ Business ☐ Community
☐ Education ☐ Government
☐ Health Care ☐ Non-Profit
☐ Religious ☐ Self Employed
☐ Agriculture ☐ Other _____

Roles and Responsibilities:
 (feel free to attach a resume) _____

Community Involvement

If not included on your resume, please include professional memberships and volunteer activities (past and present):

Organization Name	Date of Membership	Official Position(s) Held:

Financial Assistance

The cost of Leadership Garrett County is \$600.00.

- ☐ My employer will fund my enrollment in the program.
- ☐ I will be funding my enrollment in the program.

Questions

As part of the application process, please answer the following questions in a separate document:

1. What will you personally bring to the Leadership Garrett County program?
2. What do you hope to learn from participating in Leadership Garrett County, and how do you believe it will benefit you as an emerging leader?
3. What do you believe are two of the most pressing issues or challenges facing Garrett County?
4. What do you believe are two of the most significant opportunities available to Garrett County?

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that failure to provide accurate information, particularly regarding residency, may be just cause for disciplinary action and/or increase in tuition. I understand that it is my responsibility to notify Garrett College of any change in information contained in the application. In making this application, I accept and agree to abide by the policies, procedures, and regulations of Garrett College. I understand the purpose and goals of Leadership Garrett County program and that completion of this application does not ensure my acceptance into the class of 2026.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Checklist

- Mail your completed application for admission, responses to the questions referenced above, resume (if applicable), **to Leadership Garrett County, Garrett College, 687 Mosser, McHenry, Md 21541. Attn: Kim Govi, Coordinator of Professional Education. Form can also be emailed to kimberly.govi@garrettcollege.edu**
- You will be contacted by the program staff regarding your application. If you are not selected for this year's program, you are encouraged to apply again next year.
- Leadership Garrett County is scheduled for the following dates and times: 2/5, 2/19, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, 5/7, 5/21, 6/4; 9-4 pm. Participation in all sessions is mandatory to complete the program.
- Application due by: January 22, 2026